

## In and Around the Peninsula

### J.W.A. Meeting at Mowbray.

A meeting to launch the J.W.A. Campaign in the Mowbray-Observatory areas was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hodes, Rhodes Ave., Mowbray, on Wednesday evening, December 18th.

Dr. Charles Shapiro was in the chair, and during the first part of the evening the film "Battle for Survival" was screened, after which the Chairman introduced the speaker, Mr. M. H. Goldschmidt, Chairman of the Cape Committee.

Mr. Goldschmidt said that they had seen on the film the figure 5,700,000 Jews, and the question was asked "Did they die in vain?" It was difficult to visualise what a figure like six million people meant, but he pointed out to the audience that in effect nearly three times the white population of South Africa had been wiped out.

The speaker then went on to give figures of survivors in the various parts of Europe and the desperate plight of these, with particular reference to the D.P.'s in camps. He pointed out that not only were they being helped physically but the J.D.C.-J.W.A. were doing their utmost to assist them to resume a normal working life.

Mr. Goldschmidt paid particular reference to children—"treasures of Jewry"—of whom there were 40,000 waiting to be helped.

In the concluding part of the film, Mr. Goldschmidt said, the speaker asked the audience whether anyone had made a real sacrifice for this cause, and the same applied out here. There must be a new approach to our giving and to-day might be our last chance lest it be said that we became the accomplices of Hitler in the destruction of European Jewry.

### Bnoth Zion Association (Sea Point Branch).

Owing to inclement weather, a function that was to be in the form of a garden party, resolved itself into a very sociable and pleasant drawing-room meeting, which took place at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. H. Myers, on the High Level Road, Sea Point, on Wednesday, 11th inst.

Mrs. J. Henek presided. She said that the purpose of a garden tea was to link up Zionist activity with natural surroundings and thus be in conformity with the life of Eretz Israel. She welcomed the speaker, Mrs. Mary Segal.

Mrs. Segal said she would avoid giving a formal address, but rather chose to chat with her friends freely. She dealt with a variety of aspects of Jewish life in Europe and in America. She found among the younger people a superficial outlook on things Jewish and an apparent lack of understanding of their ancestral heritage. She drew the distinction between "fair-weather" Zionists and convinced Zionists who never despaired, but understood that only through their own efforts would they succeed.

Mrs. M. Robinson thanked Mrs. Segal for her address, and also Mrs. H. Myers for her hospitality.

### Wynberg Talmud Torah.

A most enjoyable morning was spent by a large gathering who attended the Annual Prize Distribution to the pupils of the above Talmud Torah, which was held at the Wynberg Com-

munal Hall, Piers Road, Wynberg, on Sunday, 15th December.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. I. Zinman, who was indisposed, Mr. S. M. Kaplan, Treasurer of the Wynberg Hebrew Congregation, presided.

During the course of his short address Mr. A. M. Matz, Chairman of the Congregation, welcomed Mr. Lederman, who will next term take up his new position as Principal of the Wynberg Talmud Torah.

The pupils then entertained their parents with recitations and songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Rabinowitz.

A short address was given by Rev. Ch. Gordon. In his remarks he asked the parents to encourage their children to attend Cheder, and he thanked Mr. H. Konvisser for so ably preparing the pupils for the concert.

Mr. D. Kavalsky in a few remarks welcomed Mr. Lederman, and appealed to parents to co-operate with the Principal and teachers by sending their children to Cheder, as he was sure that in this way the Talmud Torah would be a great success.

Mrs. I. Zinman presented the prizes.

Mr. Lederman thanked the speakers for the welcome extended to him, and assured parents that if the pupils only attended Cheder regularly he would do his best.

Mr. Konvisser proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and to Miss Rabinowitz. Refreshments were then served.

### Friends of Biro-Bidjan, Cape Town.

The above organisation recently held a "Brains Trust" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bloch, in Up. Orange Street. The large gathering displayed a warm interest in the various questions put to the "Brains," who ably handled such intricate Jewish problems as "The chances of a Jewish national concentration in Europe," "The significance of the Republican victory and American Jewry," "The British foreign policy and the Jews," "The importance of the Ort-Oze in South Africa," etc.

Mr. I. Schwalbe was in the chair and Messrs Averbuch, Barski, Lipschitz, Rubinstein, Traub and Turok took part in the discussion. The meeting was conducted in Yiddish.

## New Dance Club.

A new Dance Club, the Caversham, has been opened at Main Road, Heathfield, between Wynberg and Muizenberg. Dances are held every Saturday night for members only. Membership fee, 10/6 per annum. All information will be gladly given by the Secretary, Mr. Alec Berman, 413, Groote Kerk Bldgs., Adderley Street, Cape Town. Phone 3-1309.

## Lionel Bowman.

Lionel Bowman, the well-known Cape Town pianist, who went to England a few months ago to gain further experience, appeared on the same platform with Beniamino Gigli, the famous Italian tenor, in Bristol recently. Mr. Bowman played two groups of solos.

He is the only artist who has been accorded this honour besides Gigli's daughter, Rina, also a singer.

### Basle.

The Mizrahi delegation which arrived from Poland presented Rav Fishman with a certificate of inscription in the Golden Book in the name of the remnants of the movement in Poland.

## Important New Jewish Magazine.

An American Jewish magazine that is making many friends for itself in South Africa is "Commentary," which is published monthly by the American Jewish Committee. It incorporates the former "Contemporary Jewish Record."

The articles in "Commentary" are of an unusually high standard, and the publication bears comparison with anything similar produced in any language. It aims to meet the need for a journal of significant thought and opinion on Jewish affairs and contemporary world issues, and by making its pages hospitable to diverse points of view and belief, it hopes to encourage original, creative endeavour in the various fields of culture. Its general programme is to enlighten and clarify public opinion on problems of Jewish concern, to fight bigotry and protect human rights, and to promote Jewish cultural interest and creative achievement in America.

South African readers, particularly those who are more serious-minded, will find "Commentary" well worth the subscription of 25/- per annum. Among its contributing editors are Prof. Salo Baron and Prof. Sidney Hook. Its Social Science section is far in advance of anything else easily available to social scientists interested in Jewish affairs and, all in all, the publication can warmly be recommended. In the November number which has just been received there is an article by Dr. Abram Kardiner of Columbia University on "A Psychiatrist Looks" at

Human Aggression," which maintains the high level reached by similar articles in previous editions. Other articles in the November number are "A Palestinian Warns Against Small States," "How Fight Rabble-Rousers?" (a discussion), and "Opera: Music for the Masses."

Further information may be obtained from Mr. A. M. Melamet, c/o S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 413, Security Building, Exchange Place, Cape Town, or P.O. Box 2009, Cape Town.

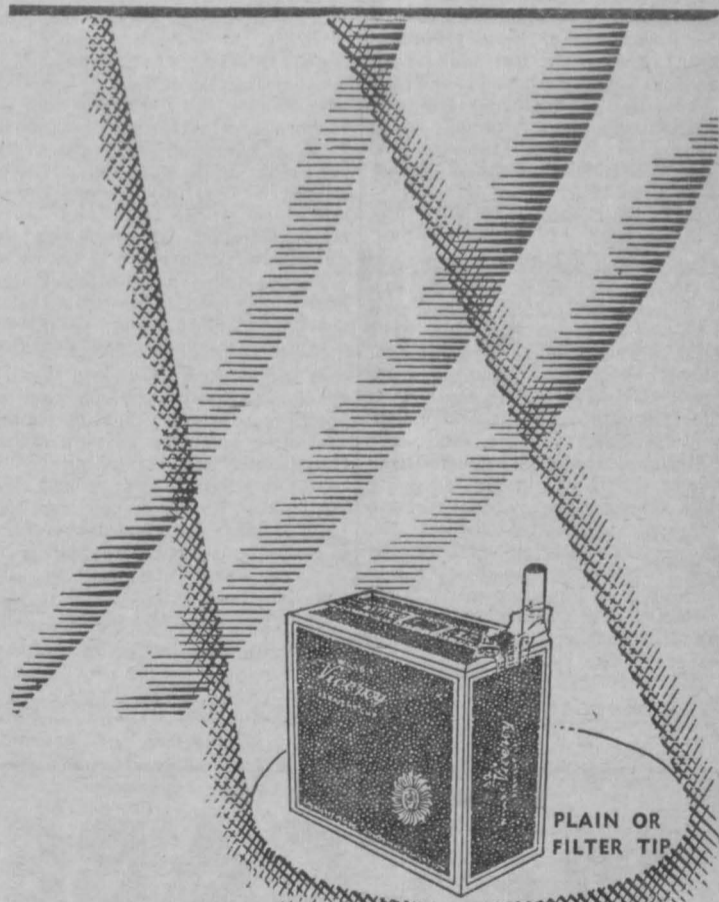
## The Shell Calender for 1947.

### "BRIDGES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA."

After an interval of some years, a new Shell Calendar is again available.

The subject chosen for 1947 is that of "Bridges," and a series of 12 very pleasing photographs has been reproduced in photogravure. The idea behind the selection of the bridges has been to use not only the most famous and impressive ones, but also to include smaller but none the less representative types of structure.

For this reason, in addition to the famous bridges at the Victoria Falls, on the Lower Zambesi at Maturara, and on the Sabie, there are also pictures of a simple wooden bridge near Howick, Natal, a bridge across the Berg River in the Cape, etc., and, by way of contrast, a very effective photograph of the Pont at Port St. Johns.



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