

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

A very enjoyable social under the auspices of the Sea Point branch took place on Sunday evening, 29th December, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rubik, Avenue le Sueur, Sea Point. Mrs. M. Aronson welcomed the large gathering and the representatives of the Hapoel Hamizrachi camp. She expressed her pleasure at a pleasing feature of the evening—the fact that there were representatives from Central, Oranjezicht, Woodstock, Muizenberg and Claremont branches. Mrs. S. Zlotnik and Mrs. Kaplan brought greetings from the Johannesburg Women's Mizrahi, and said how pleased they were at the progress of the Cape Mizrahi. Mr. Solly Aber, Rosh Machaneh of the camp, spoke on the aims and objects of the Hapoel Hamizrachi movement. Mr. M. Berzack, who recently arrived back from Eretz Israel, gave a very interesting talk on his visit, and particularly referred to the great industrial progress which had taken place in all spheres. During the course of the evening the visiting campers delighted the audience with songs and community singing. Mrs. E. Maissel, speaking on behalf of the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi, gave an eloquent talk on the need for strengthening the work. A hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and hostess, Mrs. Rubik, concluded a pleasant evening.

A very pleasant function took place at the Minor Zionist Hall on December 30th when a supper was given by the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi to the campers of the Hapoel Hamizrachi Torah Va-avodah Camp. The campers had spent a very happy day sight-seeing in Cape Town. Mrs. E. Maissel was in the chair, and expressed the joy of the members of the Women's Mizrahi in being able to serve the Youth in this way. Mrs. E. W. Kirzner welcomed all present and gave a few words of encouragement to the Youth. Rabbi (Dr.) M. Chigier addressed the gathering and urged the women to take steps in forming a strong and successful Men's Mizrahi Organisation. The Rosh Machaneh of the camp, Mr. Solly Aber, on behalf of the campers, thanked the ladies very warmly and sincerely for their kind and generous hospitality, which they all appreciated and enjoyed.

### Scopus Club.

Despite the rainy weather the Scopus Club held a successful Brains' Trust and Quiz Evening at the Talmud Torah Hall on 22nd December.

The members of the Brains Trust were Miss E. Stern, Miss E. Bernstein, Mr. A. Sebba and Mr. A. Sive, with Mr. Alec Traub acting as Question Master. Members of the audience were invited to participate in the discussion and many interesting views were put forward by them. Among the questions most widely discussed were the following: "When one thinks does one do so in words or in pictures?", "By reading local papers can one secure a reasonably informed view of international affairs?", and "Is there any psychological or mental quality which is more prominent in one sex than in the other?" Mr. Traub was a very able Question Master, his choice of questions was most popular, and the members of the Brains' Team presented varied and informed points of view.

After refreshments had been served Mr. Harry Cohen conducted a novel Quiz contest. There were no chosen teams; the questions were simply put to members of the audience at random and anyone who was unable to give the correct answer was asked to step up to the platform in order to pay a forfeit. Although the forfeits were rather embarrassing for the unfortu-

nate people paying the price of their ignorance, they took them in good spirit and certainly afforded the members of the audience a great deal of amusement. This novel Quiz contest proved to be most popular, but Mr. Cohen has given his assurance that in future members will be warned beforehand if the Quiz is to take this rather unusual form.

Mr. Cohen thanked all those who had helped to make the evening a success, and announced that the next Club function will take place sometime in January. Members will be notified in due course.

### Histadruth Ivrit, Cape Town.

On Tuesday, December 17th, Mr. L. Goodman, Principal, Hebrew School, Port Elizabeth, delivered a lecture on "Modern Hebrew Poetry and its Creators." The lecture was very interesting and informative and provoked a long discussion, in which a number of members participated. Mr. Z. Avin was in the chair.

On Thursday, January 2nd, an At Home was held in the Zionist Hall in honour of visiting Hebrew-speaking people in the Peninsula. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from all over the Union.

Dr. A. Birnbaum was in the chair and welcomed all present. Mr. Z. Avin extended greetings on behalf of Cape Town branch of the Histadruth Ivrit and Mr. J. Rutstein, Hon. Secretary of the Central Committee, spoke on behalf of the Histadruth Ivrit of South Africa. Mr. J. Mizrachy, Chairman of Port Elizabeth branch, proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of the pleasant function. Mr. L. Goodman, of Port Elizabeth, read an interesting Chanukah story written by himself.

Miss Ray Kantor, Mrs. Orlin, of Johannesburg, Rabbi Kramer, of Bulawayo, and Mr. Herzl Konvisser rendered some songs, and Mr. Edelman violin solos. There was also community singing, which added to the success of the evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

### Zionist Socialist Party.

A social for visitors in the form of a Chaverim Evening took place at the Zionist Hall on Monday night, 30th December. A representative gathering of Zionist Socialist members from all over the Union enjoyed a programme of cultural entertainment in the holiday spirit.

Mr. E. Kluk, Chairman of the Western Province Zionist Socialist Council, welcomed the visitors. Mr. Ch. Achron, from Johannesburg, formerly of Cape Town, discussed the activities of the Party in Johannesburg and put forward suggestions for cultural work in the Cape.

After a humorous reading by Mr. Geo. Laden, who captivated the audience in his inimitable way, the chaverim settled down to community singing. Miss Sheila Goldin sang a popular Hebrew song, "Shalom."

Among those present were Mr. Ch. Sacks, Mr. Hechter, Mr. B. Wyscheik, Mr. M. Lazar, Mrs. C. Pincus and Mrs. Rabkin, from Johannesburg, Mr. Goodman from Port Elizabeth, and Mr. P. Davidowitz from Bloemfontein.

### Concert in Aid of Moatzat Hapoalot.

A successful concert arranged by the Zionist Socialist Party in aid of Moatzat Hapoalot was held on Saturday night, 28th December, at the Muizenberg Pavilion.

The programme was varied and entertaining. Hedy Haas, the distinguished Continental diseuse, delighted the audience with a unique rendering of traditional Yiddish songs and humorous sketches. Kristian Halvorsen, well known on the South African stage, gave his usual excellent performance, including in his repertoire

an aria from the opera "La Boheme." "Der Landsman," the Yiddish play produced by Mr. B. Padowich, owed its success to the fine acting of a well-chosen cast; Mr. M. Kretzmer as Naftoli, Mrs. B. Lidsky as Chiene Malke, his wife, and Mr. B. Padowich as Anton Krivorilkin, especially distinguished themselves. Others who took part in the play were Bessie Cohen, Mandy Herman, Michele Padowich, Myra Leibowitz and D. Feinstein.

The "Hazomir" Zionist Socialist choir, conducted by Mr. W. Sher and accompanied by Prof. H. Plaut on the piano, was in good form and introduced a fine spirit. One of its members, Mr. A. Horner, gave a very good solo performance.

The programme was concluded by an arresting tableau, "A day in Palestine," arranged by Miss Jennifer Craig from the School of Charm. Assisted ably by her pupils, Miss Craig succeeded, through the medium of dance drama, to express the essence of Palestinian life.

The organisers of the concert are to be congratulated on a splendid effort and the Moatzat Hapoalot, the Women Workers' Council in Palestine, who are building reception homes for refugee children, will benefit considerably.

### Green and Sea Point Chevra Lomdei Torah.

On Sunday evening, December 22nd, an interesting function was held in the Synagogue Hall when a Siyyum (Completion) of Seder Nezikin (4th order of the Talmud) was celebrated in good old style.

Cantor M. Katzin, Vice-Chairman, presided on behalf of Mr. M. Sacks, Gabbai of the Chevrah.

The President of the Congregation, Mr. Phillip Wilensky, brought greetings from the Congregation.

Mr. M. Helfand, who regularly conducts the Talmud lesson, then expounded the concluding section of Tractate Horayoth in most interesting fashion.

Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock made some apposite comments on the passage just interpreted and added some suitable observations.

Others who addressed the gathering were Mr. M. L. Aronson, Rev. Hoffman, Mr. Shuel (representing the New Synagogue Chevrah Gemorrah), Mr. B. L. Rubik and Mr. Kuperman.

Mr. H. Daitsh proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, and to the ladies who provided the refreshments.

During the evening Cantor M. Katzin delighted the gathering with several Hebrew songs.

### S.A. Jewish War Appeal—Women's Campaign.

The Committee of the Women's Campaign, South African Jewish War Appeal, acknowledge with grateful thanks an amount of £3 3s. raised by Mr. A. Salkow, of Wellington Avenue, Wynberg, as a result of a competition for a model of a jeep made by him. Winner of this competition was Master Lawrence Posniak.

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## BIRTH.

SHRAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Shrand (née Sybil Kramer) at Murray Street, Worcester, on December 30th, 1946, a son; both well.

## J.N.F. Holiday Fair at Muizenberg.

The Annual Bnoth Zion Holiday Fair for the J.N.F. took place in the Muizenberg Pavilion on Tuesday, 7th January. The opening ceremony was performed at 10 a.m. by Mrs. Mary Segal. Mrs. Julia Dombey, Chairlady of the Muizenberg Bnoth Zion, introduced Mrs. Segal and extended a welcome to all those present. She also read messages of greetings received.

Mrs. Segal, in opening the Fair, said that their work for the J.N.F. had never been as important as at the present moment. She condemned the irresponsibility of those who did not work for Zionism but talked about a "fight to the finish." These people could talk like that because the responsibility of Zionist work did not fall on their shoulders. Anyone who had been to Palestine would not talk in that strain.

There had never been another example of devotion to the soil as great as the colonisation activity in Palestine. They did not work for self-gain, but for security and peace of mind for their people. Labour had almost been made a religion there. All the institutions of importance were on J.N.F. land. People in South Africa said that the Union could not accept more immigrants because of housing difficulties. The Palestine Jews did not consider their own welfare when they asked for as many immigrants as possible to enter. In 7 years of war, 100,000 Jews were absorbed into Palestine. She urged the women to carry on with their efforts for the J.N.F., so that eventually all those who wished to enter Palestine would be able to do so.

## Social & Personal.

Mrs. Joan Comay, with her children, Jill and Peter, is leaving during the week-end to join her husband, Mr. M. S. Comay, who is the representative of the S.A. Zionist Federation in Palestine.

Mrs. Tisa Charchat and daughters Miriam and Osnas takes this opportunity of bidding all relatives and friends goodbye on their departure to Palestine.

The engagement is announced of Mathilde Walli (Tillie), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Katz, of 14, Mountain Road, Claremont, Cape, to Eric Katz, of Bulawayo, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Katz, of Sall Ray Mansions, Sea Point.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Shrand (née Sybil Kramer), of Worcester, are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Herzfeld (née Miriam Samson) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Gelb (née Beryl Wolman) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spektor (née Sally Mauerberger) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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