

In and Around the Peninsula

Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

The March meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., in the Congregation's Board Room. There was an excellent attendance.

Mrs. I. Abrahams presided and extended a warm welcome to all present.

The gathering then rose in memory of Mrs. Rachel Leah Kassel, the wife of Rev. S. Kassel, assistant Minister to the Congregation.

Prof. I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the Congregation, led the members in prayer.

Reports were given of the following:—

Red Cross Memorial Children's Hospital.—Mrs. B. Shwer said that a stall, convened by the Oranjezicht Group (Union of Jewish Women) and the Ladies' Guild would be held on Tuesday, 1st April, outside the Booth, Upper Orange Street.

Overseas Parcels (U.J.W.).—Lists of suitable articles for these parcels were handed out, and the Guild unanimously decided to make up parcels and work for this urgent need of our mothers and babies in occupied zones.

Children and Youth Aliyah.—Mrs. I. Abrahams outlined the work of the Youth Aliyah Organisation and appealed for the utmost support for the coming Women's Campaign.

U.J.W. Triennial Conference.—Members of the Guild participated in the recent Conference. Mrs. I. Abrahams, Mrs. B. Shwer and Mrs. F. Weinreich had acted as proxies for certain branches unable to send delegates. The Guild had served morning and afternoon teas during one day of the Conference Week. The deliberations at the Conference were of a markedly high standard. All those who attended the sessions had been impressed by the vast undertaking of the Headquarters organisation and the most successful culmination of the work the members had put in during the period under review. Pride in the achievements of the Union of Jewish Women was the outstanding thought at the conclusion of the week.

Knitted and Sewn Children's Garments.—A fine parcel of beautifully-made work was handed in to the conveners. It was gratifying to note that fingers had been busy for our needy children even during the recess period.

After the tea interval, an interesting talk on "Memories of the Old Shool" was given by Mrs. Rose V. Kahn, who is a member of the Guild Committee and convener of the Furnishing Fund. She traced the history of the first Synagogue of South Africa and recalled how the Rev. East, her father, had officiated there. The work of practical endeavour in restoring the Old Shool to its former beauty and adding facilities, such as a kitchen and built-in cupboards so that the Shool may also be used as a lecture hall and place of meeting for our Youth, was of great importance. She hoped that the Great Synagogue Building Committee and the Ladies' Guild would find a worthy response to their appeal. A number of spontaneous donations were handed to Mrs. Kahn at the conclusion of her address.

Mrs. M. Atkins proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker for her eloquent talk.

At the next monthly meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 1st April, the Rabbi will commence a series of lectures on "Jewish Customs: Their Origin and Significance."

Mrs. Abrahams, the President, appealed to all ladies of the Congregation who had not yet enrolled themselves as members of the Guild, to do so as soon as possible. The subscription is a nominal one of 5/- per annum only.

Union of Jewish Women.

The first Members' Meeting of the new session was held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 11th March, at which Mrs. D. Harris, Joint-Chairman, presided.

Mrs. Harris, in her opening remarks, expressed the pride of Union members at the dignified manner in which the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor A. Bloomberg M.P., and Mrs. Bloomberg, had carried out their duties during the Royal visit. She reported that visits had been paid to Parow/Bellville Ladies' Society and the Ocean View Drive Group, where successful meetings had been arranged. It was announced that a Card Kitty Drive would be held in the near future for Union funds.

On the 1st April, Street Markets will be held in the following suburbs for the purpose of raising funds to endow a bed in the Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital: Camps Bay, next to the Rotunda Hotel; Sea Point, outside M.K. Bazaars; Adderley Street, outside Paramounts; Oranjezicht, outside Booth Memorial Hospital; Rondebosch, outside Pearce's; Wynberg, outside Duncan Taylor.

Mrs. Harris further mentioned a short talk which had been given by Mr. Arthur Markowitz, Secretary of the S.A. Ort-Oze in Johannesburg, to members of the Executive Committee, in which he had referred to the "Foster-Parent-Scheme." This scheme had been started to bring children in Europe into personal contact with the outside world, and it was hoped that members would undertake to write to them. Further particulars will be available at the Union of Jewish Women offices in the near future.

Tribute was paid to Mrs. N. Grill and her helpers for having raised the splendid sum of £100 through the sale of Xmas stamps, this amount heading the list of sales. This Group will be on duty once again at the Post Office on Mondays, 17th and 24th March, selling stamps for the Cripple Care funds, and Mrs. Grill is kindly running the Grape Day Stall.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee that a donation of £10 10s. be sent to the Citizenship Institute was passed unanimously, and the question of a donation to the Boy Scouts Association was left to the discretion of the Committee.

The Financial Statement was presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. I. Fine.

Delegates to the recent Triennial Conference of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa presented very lucid reports. Mrs. Mirvish, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Movsovic from the meeting, gave a brief outline of the proceedings; Mrs. D. Harris dealt with resolutions; Mrs. Fine with the Treasurer's report; Mrs. Blumberg gave her impressions of Conference and Mrs. Bane a report of the Triennial Convention of the National Council of Jewish Women of America, which she had attended.

Mr. B. M. K. Roscoe gave a most interesting and lucid talk on the "National War Memorial Health Foundation." He said that it was purely an idea which had been propagated by soldiers as a practical and lasting scheme for the uplifting of the Bantu and Coloured races. They aim to establish Peoples Centres where most needed for the promotion of health, social well being and community living amongst the different sections of the people, Bantu, Coloured and Indian and later, poor Europeans. The sum of £20,000 had been raised amongst the men in the Army during the last war and it was hoped to set

up Regional Councils in the nine largest areas.

Mrs. Rose Hurwitz proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and wished the Organisation every success.

Barmitzvah Celebration.

The Barmitzvah of Abraham Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker of Pinelands was celebrated at the Hostel of the Cape Board of Jewish Education on Saturday, 8th inst.

Dr. C. Resnekov, Chairman of the Board, presided and congratulated the parents. In presenting the Barmitzvah with the Board's Certificate of Merit, Dr. Resnekov stressed the importance of a truly Jewish upbringing, not only in the Talmud Torah, but more especially in the home. In this respect, the Hostel was serving a vital need.

Rabbi M. Morgenstern and Mr. Z. Avin also spoke and conveyed their congratulations to the parents and also to the principal and matron of the Hostel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobrov.

The Barmitzvah suitably responded.

Purim Celebration at Temple Israel.

Over 200 children and their parents crowded the Temple Israel Meeting House, Portswood and Main Roads, Green Point, on Sunday morning, 2nd March, to take part in the first annual Purim festivities of the Temple Israel Hebrew School. Mr. Richard Myers, the Hon. Secretary of the Congregation, welcomed the guests. Rabbi David Sherman spoke on the significance of Purim. Then there followed an animated Megillah reading, presented by the children of the two upper classes under the direction of Mrs. D. Sherman. The following participated in this play: Leonard Glass, Joan Maister, Elaine Cohen, Renee Raff, Dennis Maister, Gerald Mosselson, Valerie Liberman, Judy Silverman, Marion Walder, Ivan Sapire, Cecil Josephson, Peter de Jong, Michael Goldman, Leonard Isenstein and Benita Rest.

Everyone joined heartily in the singing of Purim songs under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Cohen, with Mrs. E. Liberman at the organ.

Homontashen and other refreshments were served by the "Sisterhood."

The "Sisterhood" Purim dance was held on Thursday evening, 6th March, in the Temple Israel Meeting House.

A record attendance crowded the meeting house of Temple Israel, Portswood and Main Roads, Green Point, on Thursday evening, 6th inst., for an unusual Purim celebration.

The Purim Party arranged under the auspices of the "Sisterhood" featured a Megillah Reading by Mrs. Mark Dunn.

The highlight of the evening came with the election and crowning of Queen Esther. Dr. J. H. L. Shapiro, acting as King Ahasuerus, selected his queen by a system of lots. Mrs. V. Landau was chosen Queen Esther and crowned with appropriate ceremonies including an address from her loyal subjects read by Mrs. E. Sperber.

The evening included a fine programme of community singing under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Cohen with Mrs. E. Liberman at the piano. Refreshments and dancing followed.

Dr. Kramer, President of the Congregation, welcomed the guests and presented a handsome canteen of cutlery to Rabbi and Mrs. Sherman as a gift from the congregation on their recent marriage.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

A very successful general meeting of the Vredehoek branch was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Lazarus on Tuesday, 4th March. Mrs. H. Broide, in opening the meeting, appealed to members to attend meetings more regularly. Mrs. S. Lifson read an

article on the life of the late Henrietta Szold.

Mrs. Mary Segal, the guest speaker, addressed the gathering on the importance of Youth Aliyah, and members promised their whole-hearted co-operation in the campaign.

A stinkwood reading-lamp, kindly donated by Mrs. J. Brom, was won by Mrs. Hammer, Gordon Street, Cape Town, and a cruet set kindly donated by the hostess was won by Mrs. M. Shorkend.

Mrs. E. W. Kirzner, Honorary President, stressed the urgency and need of the Mizrahi ideology.

Members were reminded of the Second Annual Cabaret Ball on Saturday, 29th March. Tickets are obtainable from all committee members and from the office, 73, St. George's Street. For table reservations phone Mrs. J. Brom (2-4449). Mrs. P. Jacobson proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and hostess.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A "Chaverim Evening," under the auspices of the Cape Town branch, called for the purpose of giving members details of a study circle to be held by the branch, took place at the Zionist Hall on 4th March and was well attended by members of the branch and visitors from other branches. Mr. L. Karabelnik gave an outline of the lectures, and many present showed a keen interest in the proposed study course, which will be held fortnightly on Friday nights at the houses of members of the branch.

A fine musical programme was provided by Mr. B. Freedberg, playing the piano, and Mr. A. Bank, on the piano accordion. Mr. L. Karabelnik gave several lively sketches in Yiddish.

Mr. Z. Kagan, who has returned from a visit to Palestine, gave his impressions on life in the cities and in the Kibbutzim.

Mr. B. Padowich, Vice-Chairman of the Cape Town branch, was in the chair and introduced a friendly and informal spirit.

Booth Zion Association.

The monthly cultural meeting of the "Eleventh" branch was held at the home of Mrs. M. Hammerschlag on Monday, 3rd March. Mrs. H. Harris, the Chairlady, welcomed Major A. Z. Berman, the speaker of the afternoon, and Miss Rutowitz.

Major Berman gave an interesting address on "Nazis I Have Met" and Miss Rutowitz contributed several delightful songs.

Mrs. D. Marcus proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and the hostess.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew School.

Instead of the weekly Oneg Shabbat conducted by the older and past pupils of the school under the guidance of the Principal, Mr. J. Blesovsky, a special Oneg Purim was held on 8th March in the school hall.

Rosalind Levy, acting as Queen Esther, and Harry Victor as Mordechai, conducted the Oneg Purim. Cantor Katzin and two of the pupils gave musical items, four of the pupils acted in a short Purim play, and Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock gave a short address. After the refreshments provided by Mr. and Mrs. Vilensky and Mr. A. Sacks, a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss T. Maller.

A most enjoyable morning concluded with communal singing and Palestinian dances.

Kowno Hebrew Friendly Society.

The annual Purim Function and Dance was held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on Sunday, 9th March. The President, Mr. L. Langman presided over a very large gathering of members and their families, and welcomed all the guests as well as delegates from other friendly societies. Mr. Langman briefly outlined the activities of the society and was pleased to inform the guests that the society had made steady progress and that the membership was increasing rapidly. The success of the society was largely