

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The cultural section of the Parow-Bellville branch, under the convener-ship of Mrs. J. L. Goodman, held a particularly enjoyable afternoon on Tuesday, 27th May. The Chairlady, Mrs. I. Kaplan, commenced the afternoon's programme by reading a couple of articles on Shavuoth; then a record was played, "Towards Zion," written by Fanny Raphael and rendered by Taube Kushlick. After tea the main programme of the afternoon was presented. This was a series of letters written by Mrs. J. L. Goodman, dealing with a topic close to the hearts of many a Jewish mother faced with the problem of parting with a child imbued with the spirit of Zionism, to the extent of leaving home to settle in Palestine. The letters were beautifully written and conveyed the message of the mother's sacrifice so clearly that it moved everyone present. To relieve the extreme tension an element of humour was introduced in the personality of a character who accompanied the daughter but who found herself totally unfitted for the life there. She created much laughter and proved a real antidote. So realistic was the atmosphere created that, of her own accord, Mrs. Lipschitz, a Palestinian, deeply moved, began singing Chalutzim songs, which were thoroughly enjoyed. The part of the mother was read by Mrs. Goodman herself; the daughter, Mrs. L. Dirmeik, and the daughter's companion, Mrs. J. Karpas. All three ladies read their parts ably and sympathetically. All too soon, so great was the enjoyment of the afternoon, the Chairlady terminated the meeting with hearty thanks to Mrs. Goodman for her excellent effort and thanked the two ladies taking part. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the hostess, Mrs. J. Karpas.

A cultural afternoon was held by the Kenilworth (Eleventh) Branch of the Bnoth Zion at the home of Mrs. H. Harris on Tuesday, 26th May. The Branch was addressed by Mr. S. Bel-fort who is closely associated with Dr. Colin Steyn. He gave a most instructive talk on the political situation in South Africa from the aspect of the Jew, explaining the attitude of the Nationalist, Dominion, Labour and United Parties.

A lively discussion followed, and questions were ably answered by the speaker.

In her vote of thanks Mrs. Berman expressed her appreciation for a most instructive talk and said how much it had been enjoyed by all. She also thanked Mrs. Harris, the hostess for the afternoon.

Weekly meetings of the Kenilworth (Eleventh) Branch are held every Wednesday morning at 10.30 a.m. The hostess for the month of June is Mrs. Lipschitz, Avondrust, Station Road, Claremont.

A well attended meeting of the Wizo Group of the Mowbray-Observatory Branch was held on Wednesday afternoon, 28th May, at the residence of Mrs. M. Stein, Mowbray.

Mr. Dov Senderowitz in a forceful and illuminating address traced the history of the Zionist Youth Movement in South Africa. He appealed to parents to co-operate with children who wish to settle in Palestine.

The practical work of the Wizo Group is being ably carried out by members, and a number of completed garments were handed in. The hostess donated a valuable article for Wizo funds.

The Chairlady, Mrs. C. Shapiro, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Senderowitz for his thought-provoking talk and to Mrs. Stein for her charming hospitality.

### Ort-Oze.

A meeting of ladies interested in the work of the Ort-Oze took place on Tuesday, 27th May, at the offices of the Union of Jewish Women. Mr. D. Stein of the United States of America gave an interesting account of his recent visit to Ort Institutions in Europe and his meeting with Ort leaders in many centres. Mr. M. Katovsky spoke on the work of the local Ort-Oze.

The meeting resolved to form itself into a Provisional Committee with the object of co-operating with the latter, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Yetta Landsman.

### Mizrachi Organisation of S.A.—Cape Town Branch.

Rabbi Dr. H. Freedman spent the festival of Shavuoth as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rubik, 5, Holmfirth Road, Sea Point.

An Oneg Shabbat, under the auspices of the Sea Point branch of the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi, took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rubik on Friday, 23rd May, when Mr. M. Berzack, Chairman of the Cape Men's Mizrahi, presided over a large gathering. Rabbi Freedman gave a most interesting and highly learned talk on the Festival of Shavuoth, illustrating this with a number of Agadoth from the Talmud referring to this festival. Mr. B. L. Rubik also spoke on the significance of Shavuoth and the great importance of having such learned Rabbis as guests and thus strengthening Judaism in this country. Mr. M. L. Aronson expressed the appreciation of all present for the eloquent and stimulating address delivered by the Rabbi. Cantor M. Katzin rendered several traditional songs, a literary reading, and led the gathering in community singing. Mrs. M. Aronson proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess and Cantor Katzin.

On Shabbat morning after the service a Brocha took place in honour of Rabbi Freedman at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bloch, at Hall Road, Sea Point. Mr. M. Aronson presided over a very large gathering of members of the Sea Point Congregation. Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock and Mr. Vilensky, President of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, extended welcomes to the Rabbi. Dr. A. Birnbaum associated himself with the welcome extended to the guest, and said that the Mizrahi is of great benefit to the educational system and cultural life in Eretz Israel, and could be so here. Mr. S. D. Bloch extended greetings to the Rabbi on behalf of the Bloch family, and Rabbi Dr. Freedman suitably responded, expressing his thanks and appreciation for the cordial welcome received from the Sea Point Community.

Rabbi Dr. H. Freedman was the guest preacher at the Sunday evening service of the Green and Sea Point Synagogue.

A farewell to Rabbi Dr. H. Freedman was given by the combined Cape Mizrahi Organisation at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 26th May. Mr. M. Berzack, Chairman of the Cape Men's Mizrahi, was in the chair. In his opening remarks he referred to the very lamentable death in the prime of his life of Rabbi I. M. Gervis and asked all present to rise in tribute to his memory. Mr. Berzack also thanked Rabbi Freedman for his indefatigable efforts in the Peninsula for the benefit and strengthening of the Mizrahi Organisation. Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner spoke eloquently of the charm and great scholarship of the distinguished Rabbi. Others who spoke were: Rabbi M. Morgenstern,

Rev. S. Schwartz, Mr. J. O. Markovitz, Mrs. E. Maissel, Mr. M. Aronson, Mr. I. Shuel and Mr. D. Fagoy, on behalf of Hapoel Hamizrachi.

Rabbi Freedman, in a very inspiring address, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Cape Peninsula Jewish community for the fine hospitality shown to him during his stay, which was most pleasant. He found the Community full of vitality and deeply interested in Judaism and Zionism and the Yishuv. He expressed the hope that his efforts on behalf of the Mizrahi would not be in vain, and that the local Mizrahi would play its full part in furthering Judaism and Zionist work here. Mr. Herzl Kon-wiser delighted the audience with Yiddish melodies. Mrs. P. Marks, Vice-Chairlady of the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi, expressed the thanks of all present to Rabbi Freedman for the inspiration given to all, and to Mrs. M. Levin and the ladies of the Gardens branch, who were responsible for the catering for this function.

### Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

Miss F. Rabinowitz was the speaker at the recent Annual General Meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sebba, and gave a vivid account of the impressions her recent visit to Eretz Israel had left with her. The first feeling she had was that of being at home, and she went on to give illustrations of this. A great joy was the trips through the country, which were wonderfully organised in a scientific, not a tourist, fashion. South Africans everywhere had a very good name, but people were beginning to ask: "Where are South African chalutzim?"

The speaker went on to describe how badly Palestine suffered through being a country without a Government, citing as examples the shocking postal and railway services, and finally spoke on the marvellous life being led in the kibbutzim.

After an animated discussion Mr. W. Sebba, the Chairman, opened the business of the Annual General Meeting by presenting his report for the past year. He stated that meetings had been varied in nature but that attendances had not been satisfactory. J.N.F. clearances were attended to regularly but more couples would be needed to enlarge the areas. A successful dance had been organised in aid of the levy for the Massadah Hebrew University Fund. Speaking on future policy, the Chairman said that it would be essential for the incoming Committee to increase the membership, and in conclusion he thanked the members of his Committee and all those who had granted the use of their homes for meetings.

Mr. S. Verblun presented the Treasurer's report, stating that most subscriptions had been paid and that the finances were in good order. Mr. J. H. Hanson seconded the adoption of the reports, speaking chiefly on the J.N.F. work, and this was carried unanimously after discussion and suggestions from the members present.

Elections then took place, resulting as follows: Mr. W. Sebba, Hon. Chairman; Mr. C. Honikman, Hon. Vice-Chairman; Mr. S. Verblun, Hon. Treasurer; Miss V. Bailen and Mrs. R. Sebba, Joint Hon. Secretaries; Mrs. J. Dickman, Miss F. Rabinowitz, Miss M. Rosen, Messrs. J. Hansoy and R. Simon, additional Committee members.

### Zionist Socialist Youth.

A meeting of the Observatory Mowbray group, Chanita Aleph, was held on Monday, 19th May, at the house of Mrs. B. Cohen. The meeting was very well attended, and the convener of the group, Mr. Max Peisach, introduced a discussion on "Social Democracy."

Miss Sarah Beimel gave a talk on "The Introduction to Scientific Socialism" on Monday, 26th May, at Mrs.

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## Social & Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Braudo, the veteran South African Zionists, who are now resident in Palestine, arrived in Johannesburg last week on a short visit.

Mr. Max Sonnenberg, M.P., and Mrs. Sonnenberg left in the "Cape-town Castle" last Friday for England and will be away about four months.

Mr. J. J. Wilk, accompanied by his daughter Buddy and son Simeon, will leave in the "Athlone Castle" on 13th June on an extensive visit to England, the Continent, the United States and Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolfie Horvitch and daughter Lydia are leaving in the "Athlone Castle" on 13th June on a visit to England and Palestine, and take this opportunity of bidding all their friends good-bye.

The engagement is announced of Naomi, eldest daughter of Prof. L. I. Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg, and Mrs. Rabinowitz, and Isaac (Itsik), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Goodman, of Luton Road, Cape Town.

The marriage of Helen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Katz, of Muizenberg, to Cecil, third son of Rabbi and Mrs. S. H. Lison, of Ponevez, Lithuania, will take place at the Wynberg Synagogue on Sunday, 8th June, at 12 noon.

The marriage of Greta, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Goodman, of Kloof Nek, to Dannie, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. Ipp, of Cape Town, took place at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Tuesday, 3rd June.

The marriage of Clare, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Friedland, and Nathan, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Wollach, took place at the Vredehoek Synagogue, Cape Town, on Sunday, 1st June.

Mrs. C. Salber arrived in Johannesburg by air on Tuesday evening after a prolonged visit to Palestine. She is expected in Cape Town by the weekend.

The engagement is announced of Lily, daughter of Cantor and Mrs. L. M. Goldwasser of Muizenberg to Hymie, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Mindel of Kensington, Johannesburg.

### BETH HAMEDRASH HACHODOSH.

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SATURDAY, 7th JUNE,  
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### MASSADAH ASSOCIATION OF SEA POINT.

An Evening of Recorded Music and an Informal Dance  
will take place at the residence of  
MR. & MRS. H. ISRAELSTAM,  
"Zharadel," Hove Road, Camps Bay,  
on  
MONDAY, 9th JUNE.

Those requiring transport are asked to meet at the Sea Point Town Hall at 8 p.m.



## Siyum at Worcester.

One of the most interesting and enjoyable functions which has taken place for a long time at Worcester was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday afternoon, 25th May, the first day of Shavuoth, when the local "Chevrah Ein Jacov" held a "Siyum" to celebrate, after ten years, the completion of the "Ein Jacov."

The Hall was crowded with members of the Community who sat down to a well-laden table. Rev. E. Stein opened the proceedings by welcoming all the guests and extending an invitation to interested parties to join the "Chevrah Ein Jacov," the membership of which had grown considerably of late. He also mentioned that he would explain certain portions to complete the "Ein Jacov" which would be the second of its kind during the 20 years of the existence of the Group. He then proceeded with the reading and the explanations which proved very instructive and interesting to the members present. Thereupon Mr. Joseph Rabinowitz, the Chairman of the Group, extended a very hearty welcome to everyone present and explained the importance of the work which the Group was doing. He stressed the fact that Worcester, with its large and growing Community, was comprised of different sections interested in different aspects of Jewish life but that each section was making its contribution to Jewish communal life in Worcester and in that respect the "Chevrah Ein Jacov" played a very important part in Jewish Communal life in Worcester. He specially mentioned the name of the late Mr. M. Broudie who, he said, was largely responsible for the Group having been brought into existence.

He also extended a very warm welcome to Cantor H. Immerman who was present at the function, having come to Worcester at the invitation of the Congregation to officiate during the Shavuoth services.

Cantor Immerman, in a moving address, proposed a toast to Rev. Stein who had been his mentor during his sojourn at the Worcester School for Blind twenty-five years ago. It was a most pleasant coincidence that after all these years he should come to Worcester and be asked to toast the health of the man who had been his inspiration in his youth.

Speeches were also made by the Chairman of the Congregation, Mr. Jack Friedman, the ex-Chairman, Mr. Wolf Heller, the Hebrew Teacher, Mr. A. Epstein and Mr. L. Sacks, a foundation member of the "Ein Jacov" Group.

The pleasant proceedings were considerably livened by Community singing led by Cantor Immerman, who also rendered several songs in Hebrew and Yiddish. Yiddish songs were also rendered by Messrs. H. Berger and T. Heller.

After the proceedings had been completed, the audience adjourned to the shul where the Shavuoth Services were continued.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH ALIYAH.

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#### CONSECRATION.

BOROK.—The consecration of the tombstone in memory of the late Samuel Borok will take place on Sunday, 8th June, at 10.15 a.m. at the Pinelands Road Cemetery. Relatives and friends kindly invited to attend.

## PALESTINE COMMENTARY.

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country and could carry its will through by democratic means. But whatever the future holds, the Palestine Arab leaders have made sure that they will be able to speak for a unanimous front by eliminating all those who might oppose them.

### ARAB HIGHER EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY MEETING.

This then is the background of the present situation. Dr. Khalidi has to-day announced the calling of an emergency meeting of the Arab Higher Executive, but he refuses to comment on the situation pending the return of the delegates who attended the Flushing Meadows debates. This emergency meeting will have to take decisions, but it is unlikely that the real decisions taken will be advised to the world. Britain announced months ago that a purely Arab State in Palestine was an impossibility, and the United States obviously will support this view. The agreement of the Soviet Union now being joined against them, the Mufti and Jamal Husseini must realise that their ambitious dreams, no matter what decision is finally taken, are worthless, and it is not a wild speculation to imagine that they will try something drastic to upset the present opinion that has grown against them. They cannot do so politically, for in this way they have obviously less power and less pull than the Arab League and the Arab States, which together failed. What is left then except the gamble of revolt? In the past it paid them very well—among other benefits it produced the 1939 White Paper and the 1940 Land Transfer Regulations. If there is nothing left why should they not try it again? The chances of success are small, but the risk to those who will incite such a revolt are also small—they will not carry rifles or risk their homes and property. At the very worst they may face another luxurious exile in Northern Rhodesia or other similar territory. The present situation, however, gives them nothing, and anything short of the full granting of their demands will not supply that which they now lack, a crown to their personal ambitions. And what of the Arab masses in the country, will they support such a suicidal adventure? The masses will not like it, but they have no means to oppose it; the gangs of 1936/1939 are still in existence and would undoubtedly obey the call, so would large numbers from the Nejada and Futuwa; so would professional brigands from Transjordan and Syria. And these would be sufficient to ensure that the balance of the Arab population observed a sympathetic passivity. There will be no immediate move, for it is a tremendous decision for Jamal Husseini and his master the Mufti to take, but the next weeks will show what the Palestine Arab intends to do with the machine he has prepared. The Yishuv is naturally well aware of the situation and if it has to defend itself it can well do so. The situation is different to-day from what it was before the war.

Nobody who knows Palestine and the whole background of the Arab world discounts the possibilities I have outlined. Until this week there was little need for the Arabs to think in such terms, for the power of the Arab States was apparently on the upgrade and their hopes were high. Gromyko's speech, while not giving the Jews victory, nevertheless faced the Arabs of Palestine with defeat, and these possibilities immediately become something more than mere theorising.

Gromyko's speech was undoubtedly the most important pronouncement on the Palestine issue and on the status of the Jewish people that has been heard of for many a day, and perhaps the most apposite comment on it is that of the wag who suggests that we should now change the expression "Mazaltov" to "Molotov."

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Cohen's house. A very lively discussion followed.

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

Rabbi Dr. H. Freedman was the guest speaker at an afternoon meeting of the Sea Point branch at the residence of Mrs. B. L. Rubik, Avenue Le Sueur, Sea Point, on Tuesday, 20th May. Mrs. M. L. Aronson, Chairlady of the branch, presided and in welcoming the Rabbi, said that his stay at the Cape has been a source of inspiration and fresh impetus to all to carry on with the work for the cause. Rabbi Freedman gave a most informative talk on many aspects of the Mizrahi work, which was most illuminating. Many questions were put to the speaker and the lucid replies given clarified many problems. Mrs. E. W. Kirzner, Hon. President of the Association, thanked the Rabbi for his interesting address. A vote of thanks to the hostess concluded the meeting.

### Barmitzvah at Sea Point.

Brian Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, of Avenue St. Charles, Sea Point, celebrated his Barmitzvah on Saturday, 31st May, at the Sea Point Synagogue. At the Brocha held after the service there was a large crowd of relatives and friends. Mr. A. Sacks presided and the toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock.

It was announced that the parents are inscribing their son's name in the Golden Book, and in addition Mr. and Mrs. Louis Block, of Muizenberg, who are the boy's Godparents, undertook to inscribe his name in the Sefer Barmitzvah.

### Kenilworth Massadah Association.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. Bernberg, Southfield Road, Plumstead, on 22nd May. A play-reading was held, with most of the members present taking part. The budding actors

and actresses entered into the spirit of the evening admirably with much vigour and enthusiasm. The play itself, "Passport for Adams," was both instructive and amusing. It was originally produced over the radio in the U.S.A. and starred Robert Young. A vote of thanks was moved to the host and hostess.

## Sennet — Kerbel.

The marriage of Edna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Sennett, of Worcester, to Herbert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Kerbel, of East London, was solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Sunday evening, 1st June. Rabbi Israel Abrahams, assisted by Cantor R. Rome and Rev. S. Kassel, officiated.

The bestman was Dr. Julian Sennett and the bridesmaids Misses B. Berman, S. Schach, R. Shapiro and N. Kerbel. Little Althea Brown of Worcester was flower-girl and the poleholders were Dr. Percy Sennett, Messrs. Abe Rogaly, Gerald Schach and Harry Kerbel.

There were a large number of guests at the reception, held at the Zionist Hall. Mr. Jack Friedman, of Worcester, presided. Major A. Z. Berman proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, referring particularly to the latter's military career. The bridegroom suitably responded. The toast of the Unterfuhrers was proposed by Mr. E. Traub, who mentioned in particular the services rendered to the Worcester Community by the Sennett family. Mr. I. J. Sennett responded.

It was announced by the chairman that the names of the young couple were being inscribed in the Golden Book by the parents of the bride.

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