

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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ווירדעווק עוועניו קייפטן
YOUTH ONEG SHABBAT
MR. SAM RUBINSTEIN
will deliver an address on
SATURDAY, 7th JUNE,
in the
VREDEHOEK SYNAGOGUE
All welcome.

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.