

In and Around the Peninsula

Forum Lunch.

Mrs. M. I. Rosin, of Salisbury, was the guest speaker at the Forum Luncheon on Thursday, 18th December, and spoke on "Education of the Modern Jewish Child." Mrs. Rosin said that the future of a people was dependent upon the enthusiasm of its youth and being aware of this we, as Jews, must give serious consideration to the upbringing of our youth. The child must be armed with the best possible weapons—knowledge. Jews to-day were enlightened and were no longer cringing persons afraid of everyone. Children should be taught to be proud of their Judaism, proud, but not arrogant. They had to learn to mix with understanding with their fellow citizens. Jews had always had a wealth of understanding of others and it was a tradition which should be continued. Being a Jew was one of the least difficult ways of being human. It was essential that the world should know what we as Jews have given the world. Hatred engendered greater hatred and understanding brought about deeper understanding.

Mr. M. Raphaely, who was in the chair, implemented the remarks of Mr. M. Honikman, who, in proposing the vote of thanks paid tribute to Mrs. Rosin for an exceedingly interesting address.

Woodstock and Salt River Talmud Torah School.

The Annual Chanukah Celebration and Prize Distribution took place in the Talmud Torah Hall on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. A. J. Basker presided and, in welcoming the distinguished guests and gathering, apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. I. Merkel, the Chairman of the Congregation.

The pupils of the Talmud Torah, under the direction of Mr. I. Gulis, rendered a variety programme in Hebrew, outstanding of which was a sketch entitled "Hannah and Her Seven Sons."

Mr. Gulis surveyed the school's activities during the past year and expressed his appreciation to all those who assisted him through his first trying period.

After refreshments were served Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, accompanied by Mrs. Shrock, addressed the parents and children. The Rabbi stressed the present epoch-making period through which Jews were passing and emphasised that Hebrew education will have to assume a more realistic character. The Festival of Chanukah was also a Festival of Jewish Education, and the kindling of the lights was symbolic of the kindling of Jewish learning and culture. Finally the Rabbi congratulated the teacher and those responsible for their arduous work.

Rev. S. Kassel, who was received with an ovation, addressed the gathering in Yiddish. He expressed disappointment at the apparent waning interest in Hebrew education and appealed for greater unity and co-operation between parents and teacher.

After the Secretary, Mr. A. Rubin, had announced the various prize winners, Mrs. Shrock distributed the prizes.

Mr. P. Marks, Chairman of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, moved a vote of thanks to all those who worked for the success of the evening, after which Rev. E. Baran led in the singing of the Hatikvah.

Zionist Socialist Youth.

Mr. A. M. Melamet was the guest speaker at a youth Oneg Shabbat held at the Zionist Hall on Friday, 12th December. There was an excellent

attendance and keen interest was shown in the subject, "Our Jewish Leadership," which the speaker had chosen. Mr. Melamet illustrated his thought-provoking talk with a number of references to the works of Plato, Aristotle, Borochoy, Marx and Tolstoy.

The audience listened with particular interest to the speaker's views on the part the youth can play in the composition of our present Jewish leadership. "Our work for Palestine," said Mr. Melamet, "begins in the Galuth, and we should see to it that the ideals of the Jewish people find expression in the actions of those that we choose to lead us."

Mr. Barney Singer, Chairman of the Zionist Socialist Youth, presided and congratulated the examinees on their success in the recent exams. He took the opportunity also of saying "good-bye" to Mokkie Friedman, one of the most active members among the youth, who was leaving for Johannesburg.

Mr. Mokkie Friedman then spoke on "Statehood—from the Zionist Socialist Youth Point of View."

During the evening there was spirited community singing led by Archie Bloch, while Okkie Rabinowitz and Robert Isaacson gave some of their inimitable impersonations.

Friends of Biro-Bidjan.

An information evening in the form of a Concert Social was held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Saturday, 13th December.

The Chairman, Mr. H. Turok, in his opening remarks stressed the importance of the mass immigration of Soviet Jewry to Biro-Bidjan, a territory 15,000 square miles capable of absorbing four million Jews. Biro-Bidjan to-day is a thriving country thanks to the early pioneers who built the important towns and villages and who started collective farms which to-day are famous all over the Soviet Union.

Mr. M. Raysman rendered readings of life in Biro-Bidjan and the highlight was his rendering of a beautiful cameo study "Biro-Bidjan—Pearl of the Far East."

Rosie Leibowitz rendered piano solos and Alice Plax recited a poem in Yiddish.

Mr. R. Turok and Mrs. D. Wilkin staged a dialogue between a mother and daughter on the former's arrival in Biro-Bidjan. This dialogue was written by Mrs. R. Turok and was warmly received by the audience.

Mrs. Turok also recited poems stressing the fear and unhappiness of European Jewry during the period between the two wars, and poems from Biro-Bidjan—poems of joy, hope and security.

Mr. P. Barsky acted as compere and his Soviet Yiddish jokes kept the audience laughing many minutes. His reading of "Typical First Pioneers," by David Bergelson, was well received.

The women's group of the above Organisation have been assisting the Jewish War Appeal (Women's Campaign) in their drive for funds and clothing.

On Saturday evening, 6th December, a Bring and Buy Sale was held at the home of Mrs. S. Jacobson, 5, Hopeville Street, Gardens.

Supper was served on the lawns and an enjoyable evening of entertainment followed.

The Committee of the women's group wish to thank all those who contributed to the sale and who helped to make this function a success.

Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

At the opening of the recently held Garden Sale at the residence of Mrs. N. Lurie, Rubislaw, Forest Road, Oranjezicht, Prof. Rabbi Israel Abra-

hams spoke on the necessity of working to raise the standard of our local Jewish communal life, especially in regard to its spiritual and ethical criteria.

Overseas relief work must go on, but we must realise that a further responsibility rests on every South African Jew and Jewess. We must not evade our duty to our children, the Synagogue and Hebrew education, through apathy.

The convener, Mrs. Lurie, and the Guild Committee were to be congratulated on their effort that day, and on the keen interest they showed in the welfare of the Synagogue as well as other work for overseas relief.

Mrs. R. Kahn introduced the Rabbi, and Mrs. L. Gradner thanked him.

Mrs. I. Abrahams thanked all those who had supported the Sale, especially those who had attended that morning and shown their loyalty, active interest and sincere regard for the Synagogue and Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rabie have donated to the Guild a "Princess Elizabeth Coat." Books of tickets may be obtained by phoning 2-7934. The draw will take place early in March and the winner will be "tailored to fit" in time for Yomtov. The proceeds of the Sale and Competition will go to the Old Shul Furnishing Fund.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.

On Friday, 12th instant, the Kindergarten celebrated the end of term with a Chanukah Party and Concert which was attended by many parents and grandparents.

The concert was a great success and the little pupils did credit to Miss Berrett's hard work. Little Howard Mauerberger acted as "Abba" and conducted the service beautifully; all the children co-operated in a splendid manner.

Mrs. Shrock thanked Miss Berrett and her assistant, Miss Levy, for the excellent work they have done and the pupils presented Miss Berrett with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Zionist Socialist Party.

Mr. M. Ben Arie's talk on "The Responsibilities arising out of Statehood" made the last study circle meeting of the series arranged by the Cape Town branch and held on Thursday, 18th December, one of the most interesting yet held. The meeting was very well attended and held at the house of Mrs. Ch. Schneider, "Espero," Rugley Road, Cape Town. Mr. I. Bitnun, Chairman of the branch, presided.

Mr. Ben Arie showed a clear understanding of the problems that will face the new Jewish State. He discussed the form of government pointing out that hitherto there had been a compromise between labour and capital which had been harmonious as long as there had been pressure from without.

He then touched on questions such as State, education and the attitude towards the Arabs. "We shall have to create the real understanding between Jews and Arabs that we have been hoping to achieve all these years," he said.

A keen discussion followed on the talk and Mr. Kossowsky, a visitor from Palestine, gave some interesting views. He explained that once the Jewish State had been established in fact Jews in the Galuth would no longer be Zionists but Jewish citizens of a State and that they would have to work out what part the Galuth will play in the up-building of that State.

Northern Districts Branch of Union of Jewish Women.

Stellengift, the beautiful farm of Mr. and Mrs. Tebby Sacks, of Klappmuts, lent itself ideally to a most successful and enjoyable Braai-veis and Dance held on Saturday night, 29th

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Social & Personal.

The marriage of Pearlle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nurick, of Uppington, to Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Chazan, of Johannesburg, will take place at the Wynberg Synagogue on Friday, 26th December, at 10.30 a.m.

The marriage of Sylvia, second eldest daughter of Mrs. I. and the late Mr. Selig Sirkin, of Keetmanshoop, S.-W.A., to Benjamin, eldest son of Mrs. D. and the late Mr. Solomon Rabinowitz, of Sea Point, will be solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Sunday, 28th December, at 12 noon.

The marriage of Maureen, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. Blecher, Pretoria, to Aubrey, second son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bloch, of Caledon, will be solemnised at the Adath Israel Synagogue, Pretoria, on Sunday, 4th January, 1948, at 3.30 p.m.

The marriage of Fanny, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Abrahamson, of Kimberley, to Benjamin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Uranovsky, of Sea Point, will take place at the Memorial Road Synagogue, Kimberley, on Sunday, 28th December, at 7.30 p.m.

The engagement is announced between Bertha Briana, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Katz, of Muizenberg, and Norman (Nochie), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moch, of Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie have arrived from Johannesburg and are spending a few weeks at Sea Point.

Mr. Herzl Genussow, son of Mrs. M. L. Genussow and the late Mr. Genussow, of Tel Aviv, is on a visit to Cape Town and is staying at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel.

Mrs. L. Mirvish returned last week by air from a visit to Palestine.

Kluk — Ellman.

The marriage was solemnised at the Sea Point Synagogue on Thursday afternoon, 18th December, of Miriam, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. Ellman and Ephraim, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. M. Kluk. Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock officiated assisted by Cantors Katzin and Pakter.

Mr. C. K. Friedlander was the bestman and the poleholders were the bridegroom's two brothers together with Dr. A. Palley and Dr. U. Birnbaum. Mrs. H. Dubowsky, sister of the bride, was Matron of Honour and the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewin was flower girl.

A reception was held subsequently at the Rotunda, Camps Bay. Rabbi Israel Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. S. M. Levin announced that the Western Province Zionist Council (of which Mr. Kluk is Vice-Chairman) was inscribing the names of the young couple in the Golden Book, while Mr. I. Bitnun, in the name of the Zionist Socialist Party (of which Mr. Kluk is Chairman), announced an inscription of 18 trees. The bridegroom suitably responded. The toast of the unterfuhrers was proposed by Rabbi Shrock and responded to by Captain Ellman. Mr. C. K. Friedlander gave a toast to the Matron of Honour.

BOARD - RESIDENCE OFFERED.

Private Jewish family; double accommodation; from 8th January, 1948. Apply "Bronwen," Killarney Road, Muizenberg.

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November, by the Parow-Bellville and Goodwood Union of Jewish Women.

A crowd of well over 400, including members from Cape Town, Paarl, Stellenbosch, Wellington and other surrounding areas, were attracted to this lovely farm for this rarely-held entertainment.

Guests on arrival gathered around the glowing embers, fascinated by the sizzling of the appetising meat being grilled. After an extremely satisfying meal the crowd gathered in the huge barn, so appropriate for this occasion, and danced till the early hours of the morning to the strains of a coon band.

A handsome sum of money was raised, the bulk of which was donated to the S.A. Jewish Appeal.

Ponevez Society Concert.

The Pavilion Hall at Muizenberg was well filled on Dingaans Day, 16th December, when an appreciative audience were presented with an excellent programme.

The Ponevez Society made a strenuous effort to raise funds for helping surviving Landsleit in Eastern Europe, and took great care to give their supporters a really good concert.

Hedy Haas as usual a favourite with any Jewish audience received a great ovation, and her rendering of the Partisan Song from the Vilna Ghetto brought tears to many eyes in the audience, and so well did they applaud that Hedy Haas repeated the song in English. Mrs. Rae Charlaff delighted the audience with her singing and Miss Leonie Globus, of the the Vilensky School of Dancing, gave a good performance. Cantor A. Rudy, with his excellent voice lived up to his reputation and in response to encores gave more items than any other artists. As of old, when a Chazan sings to his people in the true language of his race, all modern crooners pale in the distance. Mr. Walter Morgan beside presenting his Piano Accordion item, also accompanied all the other artists and greatly assisted in the success of the evening.

No Concert is really complete without a Yiddish play, and Mr. B. Padovich with his production of "Olem Haba," by Sholem Aleichem completely stole the evening. The cast were Messrs. R. Turock, Messrs. B. Rod, N. Wolach, I. Levin, I. Gordon and S. Schneider, all of whom were good, but Mr. Wolach as "Mr. Kvatchke" was really outstanding. A performance by the people for the people needs more than a printed programme, it needs a comper, and that role was excellently filled by Mr. Abe Shraga, who helped to bring some laughter to the tear-filled eyes of the audience.

American auction of a stinkwood table, kindly donated by Messrs. J. Kessel and Co., of Selkirk Street, Cape Town, was won by Mr. Isaac Stein, a Ponevezer Landsman of Johannesburg. A stage party was held after the Show, when Artists and Committee were treated to a Buffet Supper after which a flash-light photograph was taken.

The Chairman, Mr. I. Bitnun, thanked the following Committee Members: Messrs. I. Kolevsohn, W. Witten, S. Silverman, and F. G. Richfield. Mrs. F. Kolevsohn, and Mrs. I. Kurgan and Mr. G. Alkin were specially thanked for their good services.

Friends who have not as yet posted in their cheques for tickets, are requested to do so immediately. Sympathisers who missed the Concert can still post in donations to help our surviving Landsleit.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.

Mrs. Amiel, wife of the late Rabbi M. A. Amiel, of Tel Aviv, was the guest of the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation, at the end of the year social, under the auspices of the Sea Point branch, on Monday, 15th December, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Max Berzack, 10, Avenue St. Charles, Sea Point.

Mrs. N. Aronson, Chairlady of the Sea Point branch, presided. She welcomed Mrs. Amiel and the large gathering which included many members from the other branches. Mrs. Aronson spoke of the gratifying work of her branch.

Mrs. Amiel brought greetings from Eretz Israel and spoke of the importance of the Mizrahi at this stage of our history.

Mrs. E. Maissel, Chairlady of the Organisation, congratulated Mrs. Aronson on her re-election as Chairlady and the Sea Point branch on its very successful year. She urged the members not to be satisfied with the work done, but to strain every effort to increase the amount done by their branch. She stated, that in welcoming the U.N.O. decision we must expect that we would be called upon to make sacrifices, and appealed to those present to do everything in their power to assist and strengthen the hands of those who are in Eretz Israel, in the front line of the fight for our nation.

Mr. Berzack, Chairman of the Cape Mizrahi Organisation, gave an outline of the prospect of the Beth Mizrahi which was urgently needed in this city. Besides offices there would be a clubroom, restaurant and a library, which would be named after the late Rabbi Mirvish. Mr. M. Aronson also welcomed Mrs. Amiel. Mrs. P. Marks, Vice-Chairlady of the Organisation, proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess and speakers for a most entertaining evening.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer of the above Home gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £100 from the estate of the late Mr. W. Gruss.

Jerusalem.

The laying of a 12 in. water pipe-line to Mishmar Hayarden and other settlements in Upper Galilee from the Jordan River has been begun by Mekorot Ltd.

SILVER WEDDING.

MARKS-BETTMAN. — Philip to Leah, married by the late Rev. A. P. Bender at the Gardens Synagogue, Cape Town, on 22nd December, 1922. At home, 27, Avenue Le Sueur, Sea Point, Sunday, 4th January, 1948, 5 to 7 p.m.

BIRTHS.

BEDIL.—To Willie and Anne (nee Perkin) a son on the 22nd December, at the Frangwen Maternity Home, Johannesburg.

BROWN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, of Breda Flats, Gardens, at Delherbe Nursing Home, on Sunday, 21st instant, a son. Both well.

שבת

Sabbath (14th Teveth) commences at 7.40 p.m. on 26th December and ends at 8.18 p.m. on 27th December. Portion of Law: Vayechi, Genesis chps. 47 to 50. Haftorah: Vayikrova Yomei, 1 Kings, chp. 2.

W.P. ZIONIST COUNCIL.

Next Holiday Function:

ONEG SHABBAT

on

FRIDAY, 26th DECEMBER

at 8.30 p.m.

at the

TALMUD TORAH HALL,
Wherry Road, Muizenberg.

MR. DAVID DAINOW

will speak on

"Reactions of a Newcomer to Eretz Israel."

All welcome.

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LEIT.

RABBI EPHRAIM OSHRY
of Kupiskis,

will give a detailed account of the
tragic happenings in Kupiskis at
the

ZIONIST HALL

on

SUNDAY, 28th DEC.

at 8 p.m.

Please make every effort to
attend.

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Great Synagogue, Government Ave.

RABBI H. WITKIND

(Dean of the Yeshiva Centre in
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Subject:

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