

In and Around the Peninsula

South Zion Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River branch took place at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov on Thursday, 18th March.

Mrs. I. Merkel (Chairman) welcomed Mrs. A. Lieberman, the guest speaker, and members. In her presidential address, the Chairman reported on the various functions held during the year, and thanked the Executive and Committee for their support, also the ladies who attended the various conferences held during the year.

Mrs. Z. Galloon (Hon. Treasurer) read the financial statement, and was pleased to report an increase on the previous year. The statement was unanimously adopted.

Reports were also given by Mrs. C. Mowsowitz (Keren Hayesod convener) and Mrs. A. J. Gans (Joint Wizo convener).

Mrs. Lieberman gave a very interesting address on the important work Wizo was doing in Palestine today.

The election then took place and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. I. Merkel; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. C. Resnekov; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Z. Galloon; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. Tocker; Asst. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Boyd; Keren Hayesod, Wizo convener, Mrs. C. Mowsowitz; Wizo conveners, Mrs. C. Resnekov and Mrs. A. J. Gans; Social Secretary, Mrs. M. N. Marks; Committee: Mesdames M. Munitz, R. Korodetz, Tworetzky, A. Davidowitz, L. Katz, R. Katz, M. Katz, M. Fligel, S. Raff, E. Kalmonowitz, A. Salman, A. Rubin, A. J. Basker, I. J. Katzeff, J. Zalk, S. M. Golshesky, A. L. Furman, M. Seidel, M. Munitz, E. Talmud, I. Gulis, V. Resnekov, S. Marks and Miss Bloom Lazarow.

Tea was served, after which Miss B. Lazarow proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lieberman, and thanked the hostess, Mrs. C. Resnekov.

Vilno and Province Society.

A Members' Social was held at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 29th March, when a large number of members and supporters were present. The Chairman, Mr. C. Barkusky, presided, and on opening the function gave a brief report of activities during the past few months, and stressed the fact that, in addition to parcels and other relief which are being sent regularly to refugees in Italy, Germany and France, the sum of £150 was sent to the Vilno Association in Palestine. Mr. Barkusky appealed to the members to assist the Committee and support the funds of the Society as hundreds of letters are being received asking for financial support, and each appeal is answered by the Society to the best of its ability.

Rev. S. Schwartz, of Claremont, delivered a most interesting address on life in Vilno before the great catastrophe of the last war. He mentioned the Jewish culture, art, the great philosophers and Rabbonim which Vilno had produced. He told of the great personalities who were famous throughout the world for their contributions to science, religion and other spheres of life. Vilno was a great social centre for many students, who found the famous Shtrassuner library as the great home for culture and learning. Rev. Schwartz expressed the hope that the few survivors who have miraculously escaped the tortures and miseries will be given all the moral and financial support by the Landsleit from other parts of the world, who will treasure the memories of Vilno—the Jerusalem of Lithuania.

The Chairman announced that among the audience were present Mr. and Mrs. Kaplinsky, who arrived in this country two months ago after

having escaped from the concentration camps and ghettos in Vilno. Mr. Kaplinsky then delivered a most dramatic account of the way the Jewish population suffered torture, hardships, starvation, and how most of them were brutally slaughtered and the remained put into gas chambers. Mr. Kaplinsky praised the heroic deeds of the few martyrs and heroes among the partisans who saved the lives of many who would otherwise have perished. The very few who survived and are living in want and poverty in the D.P. camps now have hope of establishing a new home in Eretz Israel. Mr. Kaplinsky appealed to all the Landsleit to help the remnant of Vilno Jewry to rehabilitate themselves and live decent lives.

Mrs. Kaplinsky then played a piano solo from the music that was composed in the Vilno ghetto by Hirsch Glick. Miss Rose Leibowitz also played a piano solo, and both were warmly applauded.

Mr. Novikov, in moving a vote of thanks to the Committee, praised the fine work of the Ladies' Committee, whose untiring efforts in raising large sums of money greatly helps the Society in fulfilling its aims and obligations. He also thanked the speakers for their noble thought and kindness to enlighten the members with some memories which otherwise were being easily forgotten, and hoped that the Society would benefit by their visit. Mr. Novikov appealed to the members to meet socially more often and exchange views in a more intimate manner, in order to grow the seeds of the Vilno of old and transplant the spirit of Vilno into other free countries. A tea shower, which was presented by Miss Kot and Mrs. Isaacson, was raffled during the tea interval and realised a fine sum of money, which will be utilised in sending knitted garments to Palestine.

Claremont Talmudical Society.

A Siyum of the Tractate "Bobe Metziah" was held by the above Society on Thursday, 25th March, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont.

There was an exceptionally large gathering and the guests included Professor Rabbi I. Abrahams, Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, Rabbi M. Morgenstern and representatives of most Talmudical Societies in the Peninsula.

The tables were well laden and tastefully decorated and the evening commenced with the conclusion of the last Mishnah of "Bobe Metziah." Rabbi Marcus delivered the Hadron in a most profound and able manner.

Cantor Baran delivered a song in Yiddish, which was most amusing and well received.

The Chairman, Mr. B. Margolis, welcomed the guests and gave a brief resumé of the history of the Claremont Talmudical Society, tracing its early struggles and expressing pride in the achievement of its present strength and importance in the life of the Claremont community.

Mr. S. Scher, Chairman of the Claremont Congregation, thanked the distinguished visitors for honouring the gathering with their presence, on behalf of the Congregation, and congratulated the Talmudical Society on reaching its present proud position in the Claremont community.

Professor Rabbi Abrahams delivered an outstanding Drush, drawing an analogy from the Mishnah of Tano Achnoi with the past and present struggles for the survival of Israel, and expressing his confidence in the eternity of the Spirit of Israel.

Rabbi Dr. Shrock dealt with the deliberations of the Mishnah Shtei Ginos, and stressed the supreme importance of the Rabbis' and teachers' responsi-

bility of educating the youth in the great treasures of Hebrew learning.

Rabbi Morgenstern delivered a most learned Dvaar Halochoh.

All three Rabbis congratulated Rabbi Marcus on his brilliant discourse on the Tractate.

Mr. R. Newstead, Life President of the Claremont Congregation, moved a vote of thanks to the Rabbis for the great honour they had paid the Talmudical Society by attending and enriching the evening with their learned discourses, which had proved most enlightening and were highly appreciated by all present.

The Claremont Ladies' Society was also thanked for doing the catering in its usual willing and able manner, as were all responsible for making the evening an undoubted success.

M.D.A. Concert.

By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Kosover a concert was arranged in the Hotel Imperial, Muizenberg, on Sunday, 21st March. The concert was arranged by Mesdames J. Rubin, Levin and Simon, and those who took part were Mr. and Mrs. J. Rubin, Cantor Goldwasser and Mesdames Lewin, Goldman and Simon.

A cloth donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kosover was auctioned by Mr. R. Fishman and was bought in by Messrs. Bleiden and G. Sackstein, who kindly returned the cloth to be re-auctioned, for which an amount of £40 11s. was realised. The Chairman of the function was Mrs. Barney Meyerowitz, who was assisted by Mesdames Sackstein, Falkenstein, S. Emdin and Bellon.

Mr. S. Rubin proposed a vote of thanks to the artists and Mrs. B. Meyerowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Kosover, for their kind hospitality and refreshments, to Mrs. R. Fishman for acting as auctioneer, and to the ladies who so ably assisted in making the evening such a financial success. As a result of this effort an amount of £100 has been received by the local Treasurer of the M.D.A., who wishes to express his thanks to the residents of the Hotel Imperial for their wonderful gesture.

Isabel Bonner, of Muizenberg, instead of celebrating her twelfth birthday with a party, has donated £3 3s. to the Magen David Adom.

S.A. Jewish Appeal—Women's Campaign.

All the Peninsula Groups of the S.A. Jewish Appeal have been most

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Social & Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Alexander, of Alexandria, Egypt, have arrived in Cape Town on a short visit and are staying at the Queen's Hotel, Sea Point.

Mr. Alexander, an advocate, is the brother of the late Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P. He and Mrs. Alexander will be remembered by South African servicemen whom they entertained in their home at Alexandria during the war. Mrs. Alexander also converted her family home into a convalescent home for the troops.

Since the cessation of hostilities Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have taken an active interest in the care of war graves in the desert, including the Springbok cemetery at El Alamein.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rothschild and daughter will leave on a visit to the United States in the Robin Gray, which is due to sail on or about 9th April.

The marriage took place at the Muizenberg Synagogue on 6th April, of Aubrey, only son of Mr. and the late Mrs. S. Green, of Oudtshoorn, to Cynthia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Schrire, of Cromer Road, Muizenberg.

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active during the past year with individual efforts but on Thursday, 1st April, the Sea Point-Camps Bay groups, numbering 13, combined in the running of a most successful Early Morning Market which took place in the Temple Israel Communal Hall, at Green Point.

Much credit is due to the conveners of this very fine combined effort, Mesdames R. Cohen, M. Sagov and I. Silverman. All the stalls were extremely well stocked with home-made cakes, flowers, groceries, delicatessen, hand-made articles, etc., which says much for the enthusiasm of the many workers.

The Organisation is also most grateful to the Committee of the Reform Congregation who gave the use of the hall free of charge and to the members of the Sisterhood who served teas.

Purim Evening at Muizenberg.

A very successful Purim evening was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, under the auspices of the Combined Muizenberg Zionist Societies on Thursday, 25th March. Mr. J. Weinreich presided over a large gathering.

The guest speaker was Rabbi W. Hirsch, of Pretoria. In an eloquent address he drew a parallel between the time of Mordecai and Esther and the modern assimilation movement in Europe. His very constructive discourse was attentively listened to by all those present.

During the evening Cantor Goldwasser entertained the gathering with some fine songs.

Miss Naomi Berelowitz gave a piano solo and Mrs. Weinreich gave a stirring account of her experiences during her recent visit to Palestine. She made an appeal for the Magen David Adom.

The audience was also entertained by Mrs. Rubin, a visitor from Johannesburg, with fine recitations in Yiddish.

Mr. J. Weinreich thanked all those who helped to make the evening a success, and especially Mrs. F. Block and the other ladies who helped with the serving of refreshments.

Barmitzvah Celebration.

Sidney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kagan, conducted the service on Friday evening, 19th March, at the Goodwood Shul; on Saturday morning he read a Portion of the Law and Maftir.

At the Brocha, at his home, 127, Main Road, Goodwood, Mr. S. Wolman presided. Rev. B. Dorogov proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah and also paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. I. Kagan who were one of the founders of the Congregation here. The Barmitzvah responded. An uncle of Sidney, Mr. Marcus, of Johannesburg, also spoke.

A reception was held on Sunday night at the Major Zionist Hall and was attended by a very large gathering over which Dr. M. P. Friedman presided.

The Chairman in opening the evening regretted very much the unavoidable absence of Rev. and Mrs. Dorogov.

Mr. Immerman proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah who responded in Hebrew and English.

Dr. C. Resnekov, Chairman of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, after delivering a very interesting address presented the Barmitzvah with a first-class certificate. Mr. Benjamin proposed the toast of the parents. Mr. Marcus, the uncle of the Barmitzvah, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Kagan,

thanked the speakers. To mark the occasion the parents inscribed the Barmitzvah in the Sefer Habarmitzvah.

Vredehoek Massadah Association.

The first meeting of the session was held in conjunction with the Vredehoek Jewish Cultural Circle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Arelisky, at which Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sachar showed the films they had taken whilst on a recent visit to Palestine. During the evening Mr. Leon Segal addressed the record gathering in the interests of the Emergency Fund.

The second meeting was held at the home of Mrs. I. Goldberg, where members were canvassed for the Emergency Fund and a considerable sum was raised. After tea, Mr. J. Hanson spoke on the "Aspects of the Work of the Jewish Board of Deputies."

On 14th March a Scavenger Hunt was held, in which five cars filled with members participated. This enjoyable hunt ended on the beach at Camps Bay, where the accumulated food was eaten, interspersed with the singing of Hebrew songs.

On 30th March Mr. S. M. Levin addressed a large gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rabinowitz. Mr. Levin analysed the present position in Palestine and appealed for all possible assistance for the Yishuv.

During the evening Miss F. Rabinowitz provided a gramophone recital of Hebrew records.

Vredehoek Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

At a Card Function recently organised by Mrs. Sonny Sacks and Mrs. F. Salber, a very substantial amount was raised for Magen David Adom funds.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrachi (Omen) Organisation.

The March monthly meeting of the Oranjezicht-Tamboers Kloof branch was held on Tuesday, 30th March, at the residence of Mrs. A. Marcus, Kenwyn Court. The Chairlady, Mrs. F. Levine, after welcoming all present, again appealed to members to unite their efforts to help our brethren in distress. "A Precious Cargo" was the title of an interesting article read by Mrs. B. Benson. Miss Rita Cohen, who recently returned from Eretz Israel, spoke on "Aliyah During the War." She said that this great work was carried on by the Haganah, who in spite of the lack of trained personnel and ships, was successful in bringing over the refugees from Europe. In spite of the fact, too, that they were hindered when the British started sending ships to Cyprus, they carried on and inspired those who had lost complete faith. The morale of those in distress was built up by the organising of political youth movements which prepared them for the time when they would be sent to Eretz Israel. This talk was enjoyed by all. Mrs. I. Sudat proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and the hostess.

Histadruth Ivrit.

On Thursday evening, 25th March, the Histadruth's celebration of Purim took the form of a musical evening. Mr. Z. Avin presided.

Mr. H. Rivlin entertained the audience with some of the latest Hebrew records kindly loaned by Mr. Sachar. There was community singing, and then Mr. Z. Avin read a humorous commentary on the Megillah, which was highly appreciated, as was also Mrs. Freda Rubinstein's reading of some of Bialik's poems.

Songs were rendered by Rev. Heller of Worcester, Master Ronnie Heller, and the Hebrew-speaking youth group.

HEBREW TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.

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who control the destiny of our youth. The education of our children can be left in the hands of qualified Hebrew teachers, under the direction of the minister. In this respect we have passed a resolution calling for traditional Jewish education to be given in all Hebrew schools. I would suggest that a Sub-Committee eventually be elected of ministers and teachers, to co-ordinate our common aims. I would further suggest that the pension scheme you are to work out be done in co-operation with the teachers."

Rabbi Dr. Chigier said that the minister should not interfere in the educational matters of the teacher. "I feel that our educational work lies in the direction of Judaism in every sphere of work."

Rabbi S. Rosenzweig said that there was a common basis on which teacher and minister could work.

Rev. A. Lew stressed that in his opinion there could not be a division of the minister and the teacher. "I feel that Hebrew education is very important to the minister. The minister must play an important part in education."

Rabbi A. H. Lapin said that it was necessary to have children educated in traditional Judaism. "I feel that we can work together with the teachers. We can co-operate in many

fields, but we must not interfere with their system of instruction."

Mr. Y. Marshak said that the common exchange of ideas would eventually lead to unity.

Rev. Altshuler said that the problem of small communities was very different from those of large towns.

Rev. B. Kur said that the difference between minister and teacher was being magnified. "We have some basis for unity with the teacher, let us take it."

Mr. Levite stressed the duties that ministers and teachers have to face and although they appreciate the differences, each one must still know his duties and responsibilities towards Hebrew education.

Replying to the discussion Dr. Rabinowitz stressed that the exchange of views between the teachers and ministers was a necessary step towards unity. "The teacher is a member of a professional trade. There is a division between teacher and minister. As far as the pension scheme is concerned, there is no reason why the teacher cannot join in with us."

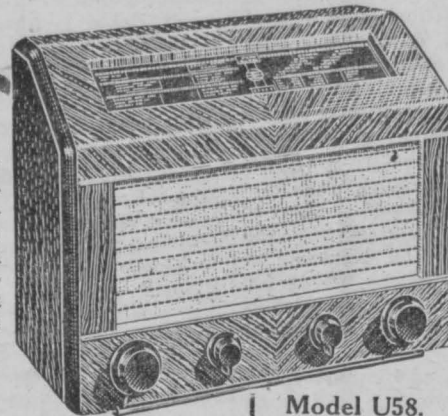
Mr. J. Rubik said that it was necessary to have some co-operation. He felt that the problem of small communities was the responsibility of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education. "We both stand for a traditional education for our children; let us resolve our problems and unite for the common good."

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