

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The Bnoth Zion Executive were At Home to members and friends on 15th June to mark the celebration of Shavuoth. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good attendance. Mrs. Mary Segal, who presided, said that there was no longer any need for Zionist propaganda. The State of Israel made an eloquent appeal to world Jewry for their maximum support. Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames M. Zuckerman, I. Abrahams, R. Movsovic and H. Harris.

Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock said that on *Isru-Chag* it was still opportune to celebrate Shavuoth. This was a festival when Jews gathered in Jerusalem. To-day also our thoughts were concentrated there. The first fruits of the harvest were always brought to Jerusalem on the Day of Ha-Bikkurim. In recent years the agricultural character of the festival was restored. In the Diaspora the greatest significance of Shavuoth was as Zman Matan Torah—the 10 commandments—the Bible and Jewish teaching goes back to Sinai. Shavuoth is also the Festival of Weeks, and Pentecost, meaning fifty in Greek, after the counting of the Omer. It is *Atzeret*, the concluding festival which demonstrates that freedom goes hand in hand with religion. The journey from Egypt to Canaan was via Sinai, and this fact has dominated Jewish life.

The State of Israel is now "Ben Kayom," having passed the thirty critical days since birth, and giving full promise to live. The State of Israel would give the Jewish people renewed religious freedom. Our ancient religion has been given a new lease of life, and would flourish anew in its ancient soil, and Jews all the world over would receive new inspiration.

Rabbi Shrock expressed the hope that the course from bondage to freedom will lead Jewry again to Sinai. Jewry will continue to live as a "God-intoxicated" people. The State of Israel shall be based on Jewish teachings. The Torah and Israel shall form one whole. Justice for all, freedom, truth and brotherhood form the basis for the Proclamation of the State of Israel. "The Torah shall again go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem," concluded the Rabbi.

Mrs. Gertrude Haas gave a number of interesting poetic renderings applicable to the Festival.

Mrs. Segal thanked Rabbi Shrock for his address, Mrs. Haas for her verses and the Green Point branch for acting as hostess that afternoon.

There was a very well attended Members' Meeting of the Sea Point-Bantry Bay branch, held on 7th June at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sack, 17, Victoria Road, Sea Point.

On opening the meeting the Chairman, Mrs. M. Epstein, referred to the fact that this was the first meeting of the branch since the declaration of the State of Israel. She welcomed all present and members of the Central Executive, Mesdames M. Segal, H. Lieberman and P. Rubin. She referred to the activities of this branch and said the Wizo Campaign so far was proving very satisfactory. Reference was made to the Shavuot Evening Market, which was held on 10th June, and to the various efforts. She felt confident that everyone would re-dedicate themselves to the State of Israel and intensify their efforts to a very great extent.

Mrs. M. Segal reviewed the present position in the Yishuv and felt that, as Jewry the world over stood behind the Yishuv, all would be well. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Segal for her words of encouragement, wished her "Bon Voyage," and hoped it would

be possible for her to visit the State of Israel.

The Misses Dorfman and Kupfer, Gold Medalists at the recent Eisteddfod, played two piano duets very charmingly.

The Chairman introduced Adv. David Cohen, the guest speaker, whose subject was "Our Obligations to the Jewish State."

He outlined his ideas of Jewry's obligations to Medinat Israel and referred to the Jewish National Fund. The Galuth would benefit from the establishment of the State as the status of Jewry throughout the world would be raised. It was thus the duty of the Galuth to help to the utmost. He was confident that Jewry would be rejuvenated, as a new life and outlook would radiate from the State reborn. He was convinced that Medinat Israel would not fail world Jewry and hoped that the Galuth would not fail Israel.

The Chairman thanked the speaker on behalf of all present for a very interesting talk.

A well attended members' meeting of the Fresnaye branch was held at the residence of Mrs. S. Saxe, 62, Kloof Road, Sea Point, on Wednesday, 9th June.

Mrs. Fig presided and welcomed all present.

The meeting opened with a prayer dedicated to the State of Israel, impressively read by Miss Freda Druker.

The Chairman referred to the Proclamation of the Jewish State, the most momentous chapter in our history, and said that we with determination must intensify our work.

Mrs. Epstein in a short talk on the division of the Sea Point branch, said she felt confident of the outcome and wished the branch every success. Mrs. A. Lieberman and Mrs. L. Segal were the guest speakers. Mrs. Lieberman's subject was "The Rebirth of our Nation." She developed the conception of Nationalism in its application to the State of Israel. She spoke on the three basic requirements of national life, a common land, common language and common culture. Mrs. Lieberman showed how throughout the long period of the Galuth the Jews had always maintained their connection with the land of Palestine; they had preserved the Hebrew language in their prayers and had in their Jewish life maintained a system of laws and customs that were expressive of their national culture. To-day the State of Israel was affording world Jewry the opportunity of becoming a normal nation, the land of Israel was being secured; not only was Hebrew becoming popularised, but world Jewry was beginning to speak a common language of understanding and from Israel has come the renaissance of Hebrew culture. After tea Miss Druker read two poems, and Miss Norma Saxe rendered several piano solos. These were warmly applauded.

Mrs. Segal then addressed the meeting on "Current Events." She outlined briefly the salient events of present day Jewish affairs. The fact that we have a State and are a people, enhances our status in the eyes of the world. All Jewry is concerned in the fighting in Israel; we in the Diaspora should give of our best. She concluded with the hope that we may soon have Shalom in the State of Israel.

Mrs. Arens proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, artists and the hostess for a most enjoyable afternoon.

A very interesting Wizo afternoon was held by the Vredehoek branch at the home of Mrs. Brenner, 13a, Rugley Road, Vredehoek, on Thursday, 17th June. It was a well at-

tended gathering and Mrs. Ada Shapiro gave a very instructive address about the activities of Wizo.

In the competition held by the Wynberg branch for the Pullover donated by Mrs. Woolf, Fire Station, Wynberg, in aid of J.N.F. Funds, the lucky winner was Mr. Bernstein, phone No. 2-7977.

A very successful Card Evening was held by the Woodstock-Salt River branch on Sunday, 6th June, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Katzeff, Milner Road, Woodstock, for Wizo funds. A competition was held, and Mrs. I. Merkel presented the winner, Mrs. B. Katzeff, of Sea Point, with a bottle of liqueur. A substantial sum was raised.

### Union of Jewish Women.

On Wednesday afternoon, 16th June, the Executive and members of the Cape Town branch of the Union of Jewish Women were At Home to the President, Central Executive and Branch Committees of the Bnoth Zion Association. The object of this special occasion—at this time of the Declaration of the State of Israel—was to pay tribute to the work of the Bnoth Zion Association.

A large gathering was present at the reception, and seated at the top table were the President of the Bnoth Zion Association, Mrs. Mary Segal, and members of her Executive, and Chairmen or representatives of the 16 Bnoth Zion branches: Mrs. M. Zuckerman, Hon. Life President of the Bnoth Zion; Mrs. I. Abrahams, Hon. Vice-President of the U.J.W.; Mrs. Sara Sloman, Provincial Vice-President of the U.J.W.; representatives from the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrachi and the United Zionist Revisionist Party-Western Province Women's League and members of the Executive of the Union of Jewish Women. The dignified and moving programme began with the reading by Miss Hinda Honikman of the Proclamation of the State of Israel.

Mrs. D. Harris, Chairman of the Union of Jewish Women, in acclaiming the faith that had sustained women Zionists in their work, said that the Jewish people had always firmly believed that they would return to the land of Israel. This dream had now become a reality. By the inscription of the Bnoth Zion Association in the Golden Book the Union of Jewish Women paid tribute to them and their predecessors for the 50 years of unstinted service and devotion to the cause of Zionism. She also referred to the sister organisations of the Bnoth Zion, namely, the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrachi Association and the United Zionist Revisionist Party-Western Province Women's League.

Mrs. Segal, the President, responded on behalf of the Bnoth Zion Association and thanked the Union of Jewish Women warmly for arranging this reception and for the honour which had been paid them by the inscription of their name in the Golden Book. She said that the Proclamation would stand as a symbol for all humanity, and Israel would be the homeland for all Jews. The Jews had shown the world what they intended to do; the State of Israel would be for all who wanted to go there; to-day, to-morrow, the day after and for all time.

During the afternoon Mrs. L. Anderson sang a group of Hebrew and Yiddish songs and Miss Honikmar read selected verses from the Prophets containing some of the utterances which kept Zion and Jerusalem alive in the minds of the Jewish people for a thousand years.

### Palestine Special Emergency Fund.

The Palestine Special Emergency Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £10 from Mrs. Herman, 20, Bedford Street, Cape Town, and £75 from Mesdames Diamond and Schneider, being the proceeds of special functions organised by them.

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## Social & Personal.

The marriage of Ruth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Katz, of Kenilworth, to Gerald Bernard, son of Mrs. Y. Landsman and the late Mr. J. Landsman, of George, will take place at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Sunday, 27th June, at 2.30 p.m.

Dr. Gerald Comay, M.R.C.P., who has been engaged in further post-graduate studies in diseases of children, returned from overseas in the Athlone Castle yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Segal left last Friday in the Capetown Castle on a visit overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Cohen, of Woodland Heights, Wynberg, left last Friday in the Capetown Castle on a visit to England and the United States.

Mrs. Enid Alexander left by air on Wednesday for East London, where she will unveil the bust of her late husband, Mr. Morris Alexander, M.P., by the South African sculptor, Moses Kottler, at the opening on 27th June of the Alexander Country Club. The memorial has been erected by the Jewish community of East London.

Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, Chief Minister of the United Jewish Reform Congregation, has left for England, the Continent and Palestine to attend a number of Conferences. He will return to Johannesburg in August.

Mr. Z. Infeld, secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, is on a short visit to Cape Town.

Mr. Leon Feldberg, Editor of the "S.A. Jewish Times," and Mrs. Feldberg have returned to Johannesburg from a two months' visit to the United States, in the course of which Mr. Feldberg attended the American Newspaper Publishers' Convention and "covered" the special sessions of the United Nations Organisation on Palestine for the "Jewish Times."



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### Cape Jewish Aged Home.

Recently Mr. A. Bloch, of Wynberg, presented the Home with a "Sefer Torah." In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. H. Rosen, Mr. L. Gradner, Snr. Vice-Chairman, presided at the "Siyum" which took place in the Home's dining hall at which about 150 people were present. He thanked Mr. Bloch for his generous gift and also expressed the Committee's appreciation for arranging this function at the Home which gave so much pleasure to the old folk. Mr. Gradner said that this gift, which was made in memory of the late Mrs. A. Bloch (wife of Mr. A. Bloch) and Mrs. R. Praed (late daughter of Mr. A. Bloch), would remain a lasting memorial to their memory. In addition to presenting the "Sefer Torah" Mr. Bloch had made a donation of £100.

Mr. A. M. Matz, Chairman of the Wynberg Hebrew Congregation, and Rev. Gordon, Minister of that Congregation also spoke and referred to the great interest Mr. Bloch always took in Synagogue and charitable work.

The "Siyum" was followed by a service in the Home's Synagogue where Prof. Rabbi I. Abrahams delivered an address. Rabbi Abrahams in an interesting and beautiful sermon emphasised that as long as the Jewish people could assemble to rejoice on the receiving of a "Sefer Torah" there could be no doubt that the people of Israel would be a driving force for righteousness and justice in the world.

### The New Hebrew Congregation Ladies' Guild.

The fortnightly meeting took place on Monday, 21st June, in the Synagogue Hall. Mrs. E. W. Kirzner presided. Reports on the Magen David Adom Bazaar were given by Mrs. N. Kagan. Mrs. H. Lonstein acted as hostess. It was decided to endeavour to raise funds for an ambulance.

The Guild wishes to record its appreciation to Mesdames N. Kagan, T. Shapiro, Z. Kruss, J. Cohen and H. Lonstein for their services in connection with the Magen David Adom.

The competition of the afternoon was won by Mrs. Bender. Mrs. Jankelowitz will act as hostess of the meeting on 5th July. A Bring and Buy sale will be held at the residence of Mrs. Lanzkowsky, 4, Oranje Mansions, Sir George Grey Street, on Thursday, 8th July.

### Barmitzvah Celebration.

Nathan, second eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. Gordon, of 8, Bedford Street, Observatory, celebrated his Barmitzvah on 18th June; he conducted the Friday evening service at the Woodstock Synagogue, and on Shabbos Morning he read the Portion of the Law and sang the Hafto-

rah at the Observatory-Mowbray Shul.

After the service a Brocho was held at his mother's home; a luncheon followed and Mr. J. Danilewitz, Chairman of the Observatory-Mowbray Congregation, presided.

Appropriate toasts were proposed by the following: Rabbi B. Isaacson, Mr. I. Merkel Chairman of the Woodstock-Salt River Congregation, who congratulated the Barmitzvah on behalf of the Woodstock Talmud Torah for the fine way in which he conducted the religious service, Rev. L. Baron, who also rendered a song, and Mr. I. Gulis, the teacher of the Barmitzvah, who presented him with a first-class certificate, on behalf of the Cape Board of Jewish Education. The Barmitzvah suitably replied.

The name of the Barmitzvah is being inscribed in the Sefer Barmitzvah by his mother.

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi (Omen) Organisation.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. T. Reingold, of "Herzlia," Montrose Road, Claremont, a large sum was raised on Monday evening, 21st June, in aid of Mizrahi funds, at her residence. It is hoped that those who participated will assist on many future occasions.

### Dr. B. M. Mandelbrote.

Dr. B. M. Mandelbrote, S.A.C.S. Rhodes Scholar for 1946, has been awarded the B.Sc. degree for medical research by the University of Oxford for his thesis, "Studies in Copper Metabolism in Demyelinating and other Chronic Diseases of the Central Nervous System." The Rhodes Trustees have renewed his scholarship for a third year and he will be proceeding to the Post-Graduate Medical School at Hammersmith, London.

Dr. Mandelbrote is the son of Prof. H. J. Mandelbrote, Professor of History at the University of Cape Town, and Mrs. Mandelbrote.

### ADDRESS WANTED.

Rosa Farber, now in Germany, wishes to contact Anni Lewin (maiden name), married name unknown, who was born in Riga, Latvia, on 6th July, 1913, and who left Riga in 1938, now believed to be in Johannesburg, South Africa. When last heard of Anni Lewin had two children. Please contact Mr. S. Hammerschlag, 50, Protea Street, Kensington, Johannesburg.

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### Rabbi Michael Kossowsky.

The University of Cape Town has conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on Rabbi Michael Kossowsky, B.A. Hons (of Johannesburg). The title of his Thesis is: "An account of some of the Social Institutions of an Average Jewish Community in Babylon, in the Amoraic Period."

The Examiners were Chief Rabbi Prof. Israel Abrahams and Prof. A. van Selms of Pretoria University.

New York.

Air service between Haifa and Cyprus and Haifa and Europe have been resumed. The K.L.M. air route from Holland to Israel was restored under an Israel Government licence. Air mail service between Israel and the Soviet Union was due to be resumed.

### CAPE JEWISH ORPHANAGE

### ANNUAL MEETING

Subscribers and Donors are hereby notified that the 36th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Joseph Kadish Hall of Oranjia, Montrose Avenue on

SUNDAY, 27th JUNE

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The following rules must be strictly adhered to:—

1. Write the letter in the usual way and put it in an envelope with the address of the person to whom the letter is sent in Palestine. Seal this letter.
2. Put this letter in a second envelope, addressed to **Postal Communications, Zionist Federation, Box 18, Johannesburg.** Stamp this outer envelope in the usual way.
3. Do not affix stamps to your letters addressed to Palestine.
4. Send 1/-, either in stamps or postal order, with each letter weighing up to half an ounce.
5. Do not use stamped air-letter cards.
6. No money orders, postal orders or any dutiable articles are allowed to be sent.

It is emphasised that no responsibility for the safe delivery of these letters can be accepted by the Zionist Federation, which, however, will do everything in its power to ensure regular communication. At the same time steps are being taken to maintain incoming letters from Palestine to the Union.

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