

## In and Around the Peninsula

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

The fourth annual general meeting of the Vredehoek branch took place on Thursday, October 14, at 2.30 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. H. Reingold, "Newlands," Vredehoek Avenue, Cape Town.

Mrs. B. Broide was in the chair and extended a hearty welcome to members and Mesdames E. W. Kirzner, P. Marks, N. Aronson and L. Berzack.

Mrs. Broide's report on the manifold activities of the Vredehoek branch for the past year was received with much applause.

The treasurer, Mrs. E. Miller, read her financial report for the year, which was greatly to the credit of the Vredehoek branch.

Mrs. P. Marks, vice-chairlady of the organisation, presented a certificate for a tree to Mrs. S. Abrams, planted on the occasion of the birth of her daughter.

Mrs. Marks reported on her recent visit to Israel and on the wonderful achievements of the organisation in that country.

Mrs. N. Aronson, chairlady of the Sea Point branch, congratulated Vredehoek on their past activities and wished them every success for the future.

Mrs. L. Berzack, who assisted in the inauguration on the Vredehoek branch, also congratulated the members of the branch on their past work and expressed her pleasure at the fact that they were going from strength to strength.

The election then took place with the following results: Mrs. H. Broide, chairlady; Mesdames J. Brom and L. Lifson, vice-chairladies; Mrs. E. Miller, treasurer; Mrs. H. Geft, secretary; Mrs. H. Reingold, assistant secretary; committee members, Mesdames R. Mofowitz, H. Lifshitz, C. Miller, M. Shorkend and S. Raysman.

The competition for a pair of stockings, kindly donated by the hostess, was won by Mrs. R. Teper.

An outstanding Bring-and-Buy Sale under the auspices of the Woodstock branch took place on Wednesday, October 20, at the residence of Mrs. Ch. Lipschitz, 154 Rochester Road, Observatory, in aid of the Israeli United Appeal. The cake, donated by Mrs. R. Katz, was won by Mrs. Hodes of Mowbray.

Mrs. Z. Gans, chairlady of the branch, thanked Mrs. Lipschitz for her generous hospitality and the ladies for participating.

### Combined Mizrahi Organisations.

A Simchath Beth Hashoeva function took place on Wednesday evening, 20th inst., under the auspices of the above organisation.

Mr. M. L. Aronson presided over a large attendance. He welcomed all present and also extended a welcome to Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, who was the guest speaker, and to Mrs. P. Marks, who recently returned from a trip to Israel and the United States.

Mrs. Marks gave a very eloquent talk on the position in Israel of the Mizrahi colonies, which she visited, and she made a fervent appeal to all present to support the Mizrahi colonies, which have suffered great losses, particularly Kfar Etzion.

Rabbi Dr. Shrock gave a very learned address on the significance of Simchath Beth Hashoeva and the Festival of Succoth. He said that in the Galuth one loses the real joy of the festivals. It was only in Israel that one would regain the real joy and recapture the spirit that prevailed in the olden days, when the ceremony of the libat' on of water took place during the Succoth Festival.

Rabbi M. Morgenstern expressed the thanks of all present to Rabbi Shrock for his very inspiring address and to Mrs. Marks for the report and greetings which she brought from the Mizrahi leadership in Israel.

During the evening Miss Lilli Anderson and Master Kugel ren-

dered very melodious traditional songs which were very much appreciated.

Mr. M. Berzack thanked the artists and the Vredehoek branch of the Mizrahi, particularly Mrs. Lewin, who were responsible for the refreshments.

### Function at Woodstock.

The Woodstock-Salt River Hebrew Congregation and local Jewish societies held a Simchath Beth Hashoevah and a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks on their return from an extensive trip overseas on Thursday, October 21.

Mr. I. Merkel, the chairman of the congregation, welcomed the guests, Rabbi Prof. Israel Abrahams, Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, Mr. Iser Goldberg, Rev and Mrs. S. Kassel and members of the community. He outlined the work done for the community by Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks; although now resident in another suburb, Mr. and Mrs. Marks still associated themselves with every sphere of communal activity in the area.

Dr. A. J. Gans associated himself with the remarks of the chairman. He said that the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Marks was due to the teachings of Mr. Marks' late parents, who had left an indelible mark on the community.

Mr. Iser Goldberg referred to the increase of Jewish cultural life in South American countries, where small populations had two daily Jewish newspapers and in some countries as many as four. He also stressed the work and importance of the Jewish Encyclopaedia now being compiled.

Mrs. I. Merkel welcomed the guests on behalf of the Bnoth Zion Association and Jewish Ladies' Society, and asked Rabbi Abrahams to present tree certificates.

Rabbi Abrahams, in addressing the gathering, referred to the good work of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks not only for Woodstock but for Jewry throughout the Peninsula. He further referred to the Feast of Tabernacles being celebrated by Jewry. He said the Succah was symbolic of Jewish life and of the Jewish nation throughout the ages. He referred to the part being played by our youth of the Galuth in building a new and virile nation on the soil of Israel and on the foundations laid by our forefathers. With the blessings of the Almighty the desert of to-day would bloom through the toil and strength of the sons and daughters of Israel. He presented the following tree certificates: To Masters Isaac Marks, Isaac Gans, Morris Basker, Alec Katzeff and Moshe Galoon on the occasion of their Barmitzvah, and to Mrs. M. N. Marks, Mrs. Korodetz, Mrs. J. Baskin and Edie Marks in appreciation of work done.

Mr. Marks replied and thanked Rabbi Abrahams, the chairman, Dr. Gans, and the members present for the kind words expressed and the warm welcome extended to his wife and himself. It had always been, and would be, a pleasure for Mrs. Marks and himself to associate themselves with all spheres of communal activity. Mrs. Marks also suitably replied.

Miss Rae Kantor rendered three songs to the delight of all present.

Mr. I. Gulis, the Hebrew teacher moved a hearty vote of thanks to Rabbi Abrahams for his instructive and inspiring address, to Mr. Goldberg, Dr. Gans, the ladies for providing the refreshments, and Miss Rae Kantor. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

### Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

A successful Succoth Evening took place at the Succah of the Vredehoek Shul on Tuesday, October 19.

Cantor Immerman gave a comprehensive talk on the significance of Succoth. After this Mrs. Freda Raphael conducted a Yom Tov quiz. The leaders of the two teams were Mr. F. Sacks and Mr. S. Verblun.

The members then adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sebba for tea.

## Social & Personal.

Vera Benenson, the well-known pianist, who has been on an extended visit to South Africa, is leaving Cape Town in November on a concert tour of Australia and New Zealand, which will start on her arrival in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kassar (née Charlotte Surovsky) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.



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