

## In and Around the Peninsula.

Readers are invited to send in suitable items of news for publication in this column. All communications should reach the Editor, P.O. Box 2000, Cape Town, not later than Wednesday morning. Secretaries of Societies are also invited to contribute news of the activities of their organisations.

### Palestine Jewish Relief Fund.

All sections of the local Jewish community were represented at a meeting held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night, when it was decided to open a fund for the relief of Jewish sufferers in Palestine to be called the Cape Palestine Jewish Relief Fund. At the meeting the following working Executive was elected: President, the Rev. A. P. Bender; Chairman, Mr. M. Alexander, K.C.; Vice-chairmen, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish and Mr. M. Rosen; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Kark; Hon. Secretaries, Mr. J. Herstein and Mr. M. Barnett.

### List of Donations.

At the meeting the following contributions were made: Messrs. Stoller & Selikowitz, £105; Messrs. Sacks, Futerer & Co., £105; Messrs. Harris Family, £105; anonymous, £105; Mr. P. Policansky, £52 10s.; Mr. J. Frank, £52 10s.; Dr. S. E. Kark, £31 10s.; Mr. S. Zackon, £26 5s.; Mr. M. Rosen, £26 5s.; Mr. Isidore Cohen, £22 1s.; Messrs. Salber Bros., £21; Messrs. J. and D. Zuckerman, £10 10s.; Mr. S. Gesundheit, £10 10s.; Messrs. I. L. Back and S. Gordon, £10 10s.; Mr. S. B. Hersman, £10 10s.; Councillor L. Gradner, £10 10s.; Councillor S. Bernstein, £10 10s.; Mr. M. Walt, £10 10s.; Mr. C. Coulter, M.L.A., £10 10s.; Mr. M. Reick, £10 10s.; Mr. M. Eilenberg, £10; Mr. S. Romain, £10; Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn, £6 6s.; Mr. H. Baker, £5 5s.; Mr. B. A. Grasnów, £5 5s.; Mr. N. Ipp, £5 5s.; Mr. I. Cohen, £5 5s.; Mr. J. Sarif, £5 5s.; Mr. H. Rosen, £5 5s.; Mrs. Bernstein, £5; Mr. Saber, £5; Rev. A. P. Bender, £5; Mr. B. Chideckel, £5.

Telegraphic appeals were made to the various communities in the Cape Province and an immediate satisfactory response is anticipated. The canvass in Cape Town is proceeding. Donations can be forwarded to Dr. Kark, P.O. Box 2389, Cape Town.

### Obituary.

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Mr. Louis Sarembock heard of his death, which occurred at a local nursing home on Monday night following a serious operation. He had been ailing for some considerable time and had contemplated a trip to Europe for the purpose of obtaining medical attention there. The deceased gentleman was a member of the Sarembock

family well known throughout the country as leading fruit farmers.

His farm, "Vredebest," Ceres, is famous for the excellent fruit grown there. With his brother, Mr. J. Sarembock, of "Klein Preuss," Ceres, himself one of the most progressive farmers in the country, the deceased took a great interest in all matters relating to the improvement of farming and the marketing of fruit in this country and overseas. He was a prominent member of the Ceres Jewish community and a liberal contributor to local charitable and other funds. He leaves a widow and four children, to whom I extend my sincere condolences.

### A Miniature Jewish Agency.

I have received a very interesting letter from a Worcester reader, in the course of which he expresses his congratulations on the change of ownership of the *Jewish Chronicle*, by which change it has become a communal paper. "The composition of the Board of Directors," he says, "reminds me of a miniature Jewish Agency." A sign of the times!

### A Barmitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Stoller's second son, Eric, attained his thirteenth birthday on Saturday last, when he read his portion of the Law and Maftir at the Gardens Synagogue. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. Stoller were "at home" at the Zionist Hall, and together with the Barmitzvah boy they received the congratulations of numerous friends. There were the usual felicitous speeches and the principal toast, that of the newly-initiated was given by Mr. Alfred Friedlander. Master Eric suitably responded. The health of the parents was proposed by Mr. I. J. Honikman and Mr. M. Rosen replied on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Stoller. To mark the event the parents inscribed the name of Master Eric in the Golden Book. During the evening dancing was indulged in and thoroughly enjoyed. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Honikman, Mrs. Aarons, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedlander, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bashew, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bashew, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner, Mr. and Mrs. P. Policansky, Mr. and Mrs. Zackon, Mr. Selekovitz, Mr. and Mrs. Margolis, Mr. and Mrs. I. Friendland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ross, Dr. and Mrs. H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Woolf, Mrs. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ginnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Levinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shacksnovis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hamburg, Miss M. Hamburg, Miss Ida Hamburg, Mr. and Mrs. N. Levin-kind, Miss R. Levinkind, Capt. and Mrs. Abrahams, Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Kark, Mr. M. Kark, Mr. and Mrs.

M. Pevsner, Mrs. I. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Chaimowitz, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pinn, Mr. and Mrs. B. Pinn, Miss Bernice Simon (Pretoria), Mr. H. Hanson, Miss M. Tyfield, Miss P. Tyfield and fiancée, Mr. Lewis Tyfield, Mr. and Mrs. B. Phillips, Miss J. Phillips, Mr. E. Honikman and fiancée.

### Hamlet at the C.T. High School.

An almost professional finish characterised the production of Hamlet by the pupils of the Cape Town High School. Miss Cecile de Banke is to be congratulated on having instilled into her youthful performers such a true appreciation of the meaning of the play and such a keen sense of dramatic values. It is a great pity that Miss de Banke is leaving this country at the end of the year. It will be difficult to find a successor to carry on her excellent work. The earnest and thoughtful acting of Hamlet by J. Rutherford was something quite unusual and far above the possibilities of the ordinary schoolboy. Ella Lukoff, who took the part of the Player Queen, made a very pleasing study of the miming and looked demure and pretty. M. Zacks made a hearty Claudius King of Denmark. M. Folk played a realistically shaky Polonius. Sylvia Vilensky declaimed her prologue in a clear ringing voice. M. Pam assisted the first grave digger, P. Jessop, in providing an extremely amusing interlude. The whole production was an excellent example of what can be done on a small stage with adequate curtaining and lighting. The latter was in the hands of a past pupil, who still shows an interest in his old school. The orchestra, under the baton of Miss Hogsett and Miss R. Lerner, would be a credit to any amateur company. Miss C. Rakoff was the able little stage manageress. The thanks of the school go to Messrs. Ashbeys, who loaned all the stage properties.

### Sarah Gertrude Millin.

Sarah Gertrude Millin, the well-known Jewish South African writer, left in the Carnarvon Castle last Friday on a six months' trip to America. She will tour the States, giving a series of five lectures on her work and on her ideas on love, marriage, the natives, the colour problem and South African questions generally. One of her lectures will be distinctly cynical. She intends to be back in February.

Prior to her departure Miss Millin stated that she did not intend using again for some time the colour question or the unsuccessful artist motif in her novels. She has already planned her next books, but would not indicate what the subject was as she was not certain whether it would materialise.

She has been asked to write the life of Cecil Rhodes, but has not yet definitely decided to undertake the work as it entails a great deal of time, labour and research.

Her latest novel is "The Fiddler," which was issued a few weeks ago.

### "A Prince in Israel."

A recent copy of the "Jewish Journal" of San Francisco contains

an interesting reference to Mr. Albert M. Bender, who is a brother of our esteemed Chief Minister, Rev. A. P. Bender. Under the above caption, the writer, Rabbi Louis I. Newman, who by the way is a distinguished American Rabbi and a great Zionist, says:—

Albert M. Bender is one of the best known of San Francisco's citizens. His reputation has been gained because of the unique and extraordinary qualities of the man. He is a bookman "in excelsis"; he is a patron of the arts; he is an advocate of every good and worthwhile cause. His generosity is unstinting. He is great-hearted to a fault. Every effort in the realm of music, painting, sculpture, the production of beautiful books, the development of the theatre and allied interests has numbered him among its most devoted supporters.

The community may know of his kindly and thoughtful acts which from time to time come to their notice, but quietly and unostentatiously he performs a thousand good deeds unknown to anyone else except himself and their recipients. Albert Bender's activities are on a broad and cosmopolitan scale. Poets, educators, novelists, playwrights and creative artists of all denominations and territories rejoice to number him among their friends. To the Jewish community, it is gratifying to know that he is deeply and loyally concerned with the upbuilding of Jewish art and literary life in this country.

Peter Krasnow and Boris Duetsch, among a multitude of others, can testify to his appreciation and helpfulness in promoting attention to their work. Few communities in the world possess so phenomenal a personality as Albert Bender. His scintillating conversation and his gay laughter, his thoughtfulness and humane understanding, his untiring zeal for things of beauty and the spirit, make him in truth a "Prince in Israel" in whose presence among us we can take pride and delight.

### From Tel-Aviv.

The Kadimah Association has received the following cable from the Histadruth Haovdim, Tel-Aviv:

"Kibalnu miwrakchem. Hajishum haiwri amad amidat kawod wejosif laamod bifuei tokfaw. Hapraticim wadai higiuchem. Hagbiru peulah mdinit umaasit."

The Association intends to call upon all its members to contribute the earnings of one day to the Relief Fund.

### Our Hands Are Clear.

In this week's Sedra, Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, verses 1, 2, 7 and 8, we read: "If one be found slain in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and be not known who hath slain him: Then the elders and the judges shall come forth. And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. Be merciful, O Lord, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed."