

In and Around the Peninsula.

Mrs. Gluckman and the Bnoth Zion.

The Bnoth Zion Association were "At Home" on Tuesday, 15th inst., at "Arnville," Oranjezicht, the residence of Mrs. B. Berold when members and friends had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. K. Gluckman (member of the S.A. Zionist Federation) and Mrs. L. Braudo (wife of the President of the Federation). There was a large attendance and a very pleasant afternoon was spent in discussing matters Zionist and ways and means of strengthening the women's movement. Mrs. J. Herstein presided, and she extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors.

Mrs. Gluckman emphasised that the chief interest of the Zionist Movement seemed to be centred on women's work. The Jewish mother had the difficult task of passing on the legacy of Israel to her children, who were often tempted by the glamour of the unknown, alien environment.

The Zionist Movement was quick to accept women on equal terms with men in all its activities, and to-day women were holding important positions in Eretz Israel.

Mrs. Gluckman then outlined the scope and activities of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist Society. She had reason to be proud of her organisation and said that the men were not nearly as active as the women of that city. Their society had been inaugurated some seventeen years ago by Mrs. Landau. It had progressed steadily and to-day it was doing most of the national work in Johannesburg. Branches were formed in almost every suburb and the support of all the women was enlisted. Mrs. Gluckman advocated for the formation of women's branches in Cape Town.

The Johannesburg women Zionists were also forming Children's Zionist Groups and these were functioning admirably. But in all their activities they were under the disadvantage of not having a Zionist Hall.

Discussion was led by Mrs. P. Clouts. Hearty votes of thanks to the speaker and to Mrs. Berold, the hostess, were moved from the chair and carried with acclamation.

Maccabean Guild Concert.

The sixth popular concert of the Maccabean Guild Orchestra took place at the Zionist Hall on Monday, 14th inst. The orchestra played very well indeed, and presented the following items: "Selection of Hebrew Melodies," by Phillipson; Intermezzo from "Cavelliera Rusticana," Mascagni; "Valse des Fleurs," by Tchaikowsky.

Miss S. Katz delighted the audience with her singing and Mr. E. Eberlin gave a fine rendering of "Mazur" by Mlynarski, and another violin solo as an encore. Mr. Harry Garfinkel's songs were very much appreciated.

After the interval, when refreshments were served, Mr. C. Israel staged the popular farce "Packing Up." Mr. I. M. Grusd as Mr. Chugwater was most entertaining. Miss Carlson played Mrs. Chugwater and Mr. N. Lazarow was the porter.

The concert was altogether a highly entertaining one. Though the audience was a little bigger on this occasion, still the Maccabean Guild Orchestra deserves far greater support than it is receiving.

Federation of Polish Jews.

A Chanukah Festival was held last Saturday evening at the Parliament Cafe and was well attended. The programme was in the hands of Mr. Sher, choirmaster of the Roeland Street Synagogue. Mr. A. Jacobs, President of the Federation, presided and very ably explained the meaning of Chanukah.

A silk handkerchief, put up for American Auction during the evening, realised a sum of £4. The evening was a great success and was concluded with Hatikvah and God Save the King.

Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Talmud Torah.

The Annual General Meeting of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Talmud Torah School was held at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Sunday, 6th December, at 10.30 a.m.

In his presidential report Mr. I. H. Guinsberg pointed out that a day lost to a child never comes back, and that it is most important to instil love, respect, and pride in Judaism in our children. He further said that Talmud Torah work should be above personalities, politics and all pettiness whatsoever.

In his report Mr. J. Lehrman, the Principal, said that there were at present forty-five children attending classes.

The following Committee were elected to hold office for the ensuing year: President, I. H. Guinsberg, Esq.; Vice-President, P. B. Philips, Esq.; Hon. Secretary, H. M. Wolfsohn, Esq.; Treasurer, L. Seftel, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. B. Wisenberg, H. L. Stern, G. Joffe, and Satusky.

It was unanimously decided that the Executive of the Hebrew Congregation and Mr. S. Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Chevra Gamora, should be asked to act as quarterly examiners of the children.

Oneg Shabbos.

An address on "Chanukah" was delivered last Saturday afternoon by Dr. C. Kaufman at the Oneg Shabbos. Dr. Kaufman gave a brief survey of the history of the Hasmonaim and assessed their place in Jewish life.

There was a large gathering present, over

whom Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn presided. A short discussion followed the lecture. During the course of the afternoon a humorous story from one of Tunkler's works was read by Mr. G. Laden.

At Parow.

On Sunday, the second day of Chanukah, the children of the Parow Talmud Torah were examined in the various subjects taught them during the past year by Rabbi B. Lipshitz. The members of the Congregation who were present expressed their pleasure and satisfaction at the immense progress achieved by the children and thanked the Rabbi for the success attained.

That same evening a Chanukah concert was held in the Talmud Torah Hall in aid of the Parow Hebrew Helping Hand Society. During the first part of the programme one of the children of the Hebrew school lit the Chanukah candles after which songs were sung. Rabbit Lipschitz gave an interesting lecture on "The Jewish Tradition and Chanukah." There were further songs and recitations by the children and the concert concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Mrs. Gluckman at the Maccabean Guild Luncheon.

"The Jewish Problem and its Solution" was the subject of an address delivered by Mrs. K. Gluckman at the Maccabean Guild Luncheon at the Carlton Hotel yesterday.

To-day, Mrs. Gluckman argued, there was a great danger that our youth might assimilate. Conditions in the Jewish world were so bad, there was so much persecution and torture, that youth, which liked to seek its own solution to its problems often came to the conclusion that assimilation was the only solution in this case. They were often led to such convictions because of their ignorance of Jewish history and traditions.

Mrs. Gluckman went on to show that assimilation was no solution to the Jewish problem "just as suicide is no solution to the problem of the individual." The only solution, she urged, was Zionism which, in building up a national home for the Jewish people and in reviving Jewish culture and traditions, called for the respect of the whole civilised world.

Miss M. Gitlin presided and a vote of thanks was accorded the speaker by Mr. M. Horwitz.

The Work of Wolf Kibel.

The work of Mr. Wolf Kibel has been the subject of discussion in artistic circles this week. His exhibition of pictures which was opened by the Lady de Villiers last Monday morning at Martin Melck House was very well attended.

Mr. Kibel is a modernist of great promise. A deep emotionalism characterises his pictures. His compositions are original in design and treatment. His touch is sure and confident even when it is experimental. Mr. Kibel works in a variety of mediums—oil, water-colour, pastel and crayon, and in all he is equally successful.

Mr. Kibel's pictures have already found their way into several Jewish homes in Cape Town. In this exhibition were pictures that many should love to possess.

Children's Fancy Dress Party.

The second Children's Fancy Dress Party held under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association at Crosby Hall, Sea Point, on Monday afternoon, was not the success which the first was. The attendance was a poor one, a circumstance which rendered disappointing not only the financial results but the social as well.

The costumes, however, were very pretty and original and certainly did help to liven up matters. Mr. M. S. Freedman's piano-forte solos were very bright, whilst the dance items by pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School were most entertaining.

Another of these parties is being held at Muizenberg on Tuesday, 29th inst. Details will be published later.

Shekolim.

Shekol Day in the Peninsula took place on Sunday last. Those who have not yet been canvassed may obtain their shekolim at the Zionist Office, 147a, Plein Street, Cape Town.

Young Israel Camp.

The Annual Camp, organised by the Judean Central Council, is being held in the Park, Strand, from the 1st to 14th January, 1932. Applications have been pouring in, but there are still a few vacancies for campers, and applications are invited.

On Sunday, the 3rd, and Sunday, 10th January, 1932, the public is cordially invited to inspect the camp.

Social Items.

Mrs. Bertha Solomon arrived from Johannesburg this week and is staying with her mother, Mrs. I. Schwartz.

The Barmitzvah was celebrated on Saturday, 5th inst., of David Vivian, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Walt, of Cape Town, who read a portion of the Law at the Roeland Street Synagogue. In honour of the occasion Mr. Walt made contributions towards practically all local Jewish charitable institutions and donated £20 towards the Jewish National Fund.

Master Nathan Spektor, son of Cantor and Mrs. F. Spektor, read a portion of the Law at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Saturday morning last.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jawitz, of Moravia Rail, on the birth of a son. Mr. Jawitz has in celebration of the event donated to various Jewish institutions.

Mrs. M. Kentridge is spending a holiday at Muizenberg and is staying at the Grand Hotel.

The Barmitzvah takes place on Saturday, 19 inst., of Arthur, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burman, of 31, Camp Street, Cape Town, who will read Maftir at the Great Synagogue, Gardens.

At the Special Chanukah Service held in the Roeland Street Synagogue last week a collection was made for the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch leaves during the week-end on his return to Johannesburg.

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Activities at Paarl.

OPENING OF PAARL JEWISH LIBRARY.

(From a Correspondent.)

A large gathering assembled on Sunday, 13th instant, in the Talmud Torah Hall to participate in the opening of the newly founded Jewish Library.

Mr. S. Rabinowitz was in the chair, and after welcoming the audience, spoke of the necessity of a Jewish library for such a large community as that at Paarl.

On behalf of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation, Mr. B. Volks, the President, next spoke.

Mr. M. Joffe, the Chairman of the Cape Town Zionist Hall Library, who came specially to Paarl to convey the greetings of the Cape Town Zionist Library, dwelt on the importance of having a large number of readers. In his opinion the number and selection of books were not the chief difficulties of a library. The chief difficulty lay in obtaining a large number of readers without whom no library could justify its existence.

Mr. B. Berelowitz spoke on behalf of the Paarl Lemaan Zion Society, Mr. A. Volks, Jnr., on behalf of the Maccabean Society, and Mr. M. Lazar on behalf of the Hechover.

After the greetings from the various societies, the first opening of the book-case which was filled with new books and placed on the stage, was sold by American auction, the auctioneer being Mr. I. Berman.

Messrs. Dubovsky, Lichtenstein and Berelowitz made the final bid of £5 5s., and they honoured the chairman of the evening by asking him to open the book-case, which he did, amidst loud applause from the audience.

There was also a musical programme. Mr. Rabinowitz, of Cape Town, rendered several piano solos, and Miss Rabinowitz (Cape Town) sang a number of songs in Hebrew and Yiddish and was encoored several times. Mr. Lichtenstein, accompanied by Mr. Dubovsky, gave a few enjoyable mandolin solos, whilst Mr. Moische Natas, of Cape Town, gave a number of humorous readings which won a great deal of appreciation.

The singing of Hatikvah brought the evening to a close.

After the function the artists and Committee were entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Schapiro, where a crowd of about fifty people assembled.

The chief founders of the Library are as follows: Messrs. H. Radin, Bach Bros., Levenson, Swiel, Heiman, B. Schapiro, S. Rabinowitz and M. Lazar. The Paarl Jewish Community is very grateful to the above-mentioned gentlemen.

Socialist Zionists and Kadimah Association.

AMALGAMATION EFFECTED.

(Communicated).

After long years of activity in their separate spheres, the different parties in the Zionist Labour Movement are at length uniting the whole world over. The great creative work which is being carried out in Eretz Israel has brought about a greater understanding between the Poale Zion and the Zeire Zion. The Workers' Parties of Eretz Israel were the first to be influenced, and in the United States of America and Latvia the Workers' Parties have already united.

With the founding of the League for a Working Palestine in Cape Town, negotiations started for the amalgamation of the two societies, the Socialist Zionist Society and the Kadimah Association.

On Monday, 14th December, a meeting was held in the Zionist Hall, at which the final amalgamation took place. The name of the new organization is the Zionist Socialist Party (Poale Zion-Zeire Zion). This amalgamation, it is felt, will be the first of a series of amalgamations of Zionist Socialist groups in South Africa.

The new Committee consists of Messrs. Z. Avin, Ch. Achron, M. Ben-Arie, P. Barski, E. Charloff, M. Melamed, D. Fleischman, Ch. Kovarsky and G. Telem.

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Mr. L. Braudo arrives during the week-end to join Mrs. Braudo at Muizenberg.

Mr. N. Stoller, of Kimberley, arrived in Cape Town on Friday and is staying at Muizenberg.

Advocate Dave Cohen, of Kimberley, is spending a holiday with his parents at Muizenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Janower, of Johannesburg, are expected in Cape Town during the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Asherson are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

The name of Mr. M. Koorland was inadvertently omitted last week from the report of the Chanukah evening given by the Cape Town Hebrew-Speaking Circle. Mr. Koorland gave a pianoforte solo.

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