

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### The Young Israel Camp.

The Seventh Annual Young Israel Camp, organised by the Judean Central Council of the Cape Province, is now in full swing in the Park, Strand.

The Camp commenced on Friday, 1st January, 1932, when every train arriving at the Strand brought more and more campers. At 3 p.m. Camp was officially opened by Dr. B. Isaacson, Camp Hon. Medical Officer, in the presence of a number of visitors and campers. Mr. H. Zuckerman, President of the Council, introduced Dr. Isaacson, and Messrs Cohen and Nell, heads of the Camp, also spoke.

In the evening and on Saturday morning campers attended Synagogue service, with the result that the Synagogue was crowded to overflowing.

On Saturday night the Strand Young Israel Society entertained campers to an official welcome in the Van der Stel Hall. Mr. M. Lay, Chairman of the Society, welcomed the campers on behalf of the Jewish community, and introduced the Mayor, Mr. Roux. The Mayor extended a hearty welcome to campers on behalf of the Town Council, and expressed his gratification that the campers had chosen the Strand as the site for their camp. Mr. Zuckerman replied suitably on behalf of the campers, after which dancing was indulged in till midnight.

On Sunday morning Rev. A. P. Bender motored out to the Strand to inspect the camp. He conducted a thorough inspection, speaking to campers informally. He expressed his absolute satisfaction with the camp, and stated that the organisation could hardly be better.

On Sunday afternoon a steady stream of visitors visited camp, among whom was Mr. M. Haskel, a member of the Senior Zionist Federation.

On Sunday night a Propaganda Meeting was held in the Van der Stel Hall. Dr. B. Isaacson was in the chair and the speakers were Messrs. Herzl Zuckerman and Sol Cohen. The meeting was a great success and the audience was much interested. A number of questions were later put to the speakers and satisfactorily answered. Campers danced after the conclusion of the meeting.

On Monday night the Junior campers gave an "At Home" to their friends and Strand visitors. An interesting Fancy Dress Parade took place and items were supplied in plenty. Mr. S. F. Wyner, Senior Executive member of the Junior Camp, acted as host.

On Tuesday night the Seniors held a dance in the Van der Stel Hall, and a large crowd turned up, making the dance one of the most successful yet held at Camp.

On the same night the Junior Campers held an Inter-Tent Oratorical contest at Camp, and among a number of good speakers,

Mr. A. Miller, of Cape Town Young Judeans, was adjudged the best speaker.

Wednesday night was a free night for the seniors and an early night for the juniors.

A course of instruction classes has been commenced, and is proving a great success.

### Cape Town Committee of the Board of Deputies.

The Cape Town Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, as appointed at the Congress of the Board held last weekend at Bloemfontein, now consists of seven members instead of three as previously. The three former members, Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish and Mr. I. Ochberg remain, and the additional members are Mr. W. Harris, Mr. M. Rosen, Mr. M. Gurland and Mr. A. M. Jackson.

### Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P.

Mr. Morris Alexander has this week been the recipient of many congratulations from both Jews and Gentiles throughout South Africa, on his having been returned unopposed as South African Party Member for Woodstock. Jewry of South Africa will join with us in felicitating him on this happy occasion.



Mr. Morris Alexander.

### A Service of Intercession.

A Service of Intercession, in harmony with all religious denominations in the Peninsula, is being held in the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Sunday evening, at 6.30 p.m.

### A Special Conversazione.

The special conversazione which was held last Wednesday night for the benefit of visitors at present in the Peninsula was in every way an enjoyable function. There was a very large gathering present and the atmosphere was as informal and pleasant as could have been desired. From all accounts the visitors—and these were by no means few—were very much impressed by the proceedings, whilst those who regularly attend these functions found this one particularly interesting because of the presence in their midst of so many new persons.

Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., acted as host and at the outset extended a very cordial welcome to all present. He dwelt on the excellent work done at the conversaciones and

suggested that other centres would do well to follow the example of Cape Town in the holding of them.

Miss Ruth Cohen then gave a pianoforte solo. The Jewish news was read as usual, and a song by Miss Sylvia Kirsch which followed won general appreciation. The first half of the programme was brought to a close after Dr. Julius Herman, M.A., Ph.D., had read a paper on "The Jew's Two Faces," the full text of which appeared in our last issue.

The second half of the programme was opened with the singing of a number of Yiddish songs by Rev. Backon, of Benoni. Rev. Backon has a very beautiful voice and a fine sense of interpretation, and he was encored again and again. Mr. M. Natas next gave a humorous recitation, after which discussion on Dr. Herman's paper ensued. Those who took part in the discussion were Dr. J. Mibashan, Mr. B. Padowich, Mr. B. Mirvish, Mrs. Lili Frishman and Dr. I. Sachs. Dr. Herman replied to the various points raised.

The function was brought to a close with the singing of Hatikvah.

### Children's Fancy Dress Party.

The third of the series of Children's Fancy Dress Parties, held by the Bnoth Zion Association, took place at the Marine Hotel, Muizenberg, on Tuesday afternoon last. The party was a very successful one, a large number of children attending, for whom a delightful afternoon was provided. The costumes were original and attractive, and prizes were distributed during the course of the afternoon.

The organisers of the function are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts, and particularly so Mrs. Mof-sowie, who was at the head of affairs. The Bnoth Zoin have also asked us, on their behalf, to express their deep appreciation to the proprietor of the Marine Hotel for his kindness in allowing them the use of the hotel for the function and his valuable assistance throughout.

### Exhibition of Hebrew and Yiddish Books.

Those who have attended the exhibition of Hebrew and Yiddish Books which is being held in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Brith Ivrit, have all been deeply impressed by what they have seen. There are some five thousand volumes on exhibit and among them practically every Hebrew and Yiddish publishing house, as well as practically every Hebrew and Yiddish writer, is represented. Ancient holy writings, religious, philosophic and poetical works of the Middle Ages, ultra-modern and secular books—all these are on view and for sale.

The books are very beautifully got up and are in every way most presentable. The David Frishman collection, which is a special feature of the exhibition, is an exceedingly fine one whilst the new Hebrew edition of Graetz's history, in six volumes, translated by S. L. Zitron and published by the Central Publishing Company of Warsaw, would be an acquisition to any Jewish home.

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There are numerous other outstanding volumes, and Cape Town Jewry would be well advised to pay a visit to this remarkable exhibition. The exhibition will be open until Wednesday next. On Friday it will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and from Monday to Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### Young Israel Week at Muizenberg.

The Young Israel Week held at Muizenberg under the auspices of the Judean Central Council of the Cape Province, commenced on Sunday, 3rd January, with tennis at Lakeside. The Week was officially opened, however, at an "At Home" at the Belgrave Hotel on Sunday evening, at which gathering all visiting and local Young Israel members were present. Mr. E. Miller, who was in the chair, explained the purpose of the week. Miss H. Suchedowitz, vice-chairlady of the Judean Central Council, officially declared the week open, and hoped that the programme arranged, consisting of social and cultural functions, would be of benefit to the participants.

Mr. N. Emdin, President of the Muizenberg Hebrew Congregation, welcomed the visitors on behalf of Muizenberg Jewry. Mr. M. Horwitz, President of the S.A.Y.I. Federation, in a short address, gave an outline of the Young Israel Organisation. He was followed by Mr. Adv. Dave Cohen, who spoke eloquently on the need of the Y.I. Organisation, and the necessity for every young Jew and Jewess to participate in its work. Mr. Cohen pointed out numerous difficulties that Jews in South Africa were up against, in particular the Quota Act, and appealed for more work and more support. Musical items were rendered by Mr. and Miss Eberlin, and dancing continued until a late hour.

On Monday afternoon, a swimming gala was held at Kalk Bay pool, and in the evening a camp fire concert was held on the beach at Muizenberg. This concert was attended by about fifty Young Israel members. On Tuesday evening an interesting debate on the subject "That emancipation has had a detrimental effect on the Jewish national character," was held at the Synagogue. Mr. E. Miller moved and was opposed by Mr. S. Levin. A number of the audience participated in the discussion and the motion was lost when put to the vote.

The rest of the programme of the Young Israel Week included a picnic to Clovelly and bioscope entertainment at Muizenberg. On Friday evening all members participating in the week will attend Synagogue service, after which there will be a Study Circle meeting.

The Week concludes with a Grand Dance at the Marine Hotel, Muizenberg, on Saturday night, and a visit to the Young Israel Camp at the Strand on Sunday.

### Social Items.

The marriage will take place on Tuesday, 12th January, 1932, at 7 p.m. at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, of Minnie, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Dembovsky, to Harry, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Fine, both of Cape Town.

Dr. Sol Cohen, M.A. (Cape Town), F.R.C.S. (England), arrived from England on Monday by the "Balmoral Castle." Dr. Cohen, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. M.

J. Cohen, of Muizenberg, has been overseas for six years where he has been studying at Guy's and various other hospitals in London.

The engagement is announced of Jane, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Abrahamson, of Kloof Road, Sea Point, and Joshua, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen, of Wynberg.

Mr. A. M. Jackson returned on Wednesday from Bloemfontein where he attended the Board of Deputies Congress, representing the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. J. Gitlin and Mr. D. Getz returned from Bloemfontein on Wednesday. There also returned Mr. I. Mordukhowitz who attended the Board of Deputies Congress as delegate for the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. Wolf Hillman, of Johannesburg, is at present in the Peninsula and is staying at the King's Hotel, Kalk Bay.

## The Jew-Baiting Sport.

### CONSTANTINOPLE UNIVERSITY JOINS.

Constantinople.

Excesses due to an outbreak of Xenophobia are taking place at the Medical Faculty of the University of Stamboul, and numbers of Jewish students have been beaten.

A novel strike declared by the Professors for one day as a protest against the anti-Jewish student movement and violence has been without avail. The anti-Jewish agitation is being continued.

Bela Angel, a Jewish girl who is a third-year medical student, has been beaten by Turkish students, and warned that if she did not give up her studies at the University they would beat her so that she would not be able to leave her bed again.

## Modifying the Staatenlose Problem.

Bucharest.

The Minister of Justice, M. Harmangiu, has unexpectedly introduced a Bill in the Chamber modifying the existing regulations in respect to the acquisition of Roumanian citizenship. The Bill, which consists of only one clause, provided that all persons who were outside the country at the time of the promulgation of the Nationality Law of 1924, and were for that reason unable to be included in the register of citizens, although they were in possession of the necessary legal requirements, will now have the right to acquire citizenship by lodging applications.

The Government Bill is not considered in Jewish quarters to be satisfactory. The Jewish Deputies complain that it does not put right the injustices committed by the Nationality Law of 1924, and at best provides only a partial solution of the Staatenlose problem, which will modify the position of the Staatenlose of Roumanian nationality living in the new provinces, but will not help the great mass of Jewish Staatenlose in the country.

## Obituary

### MR. B. KAPLAN.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death, which took place yesterday morning after a long illness, of Mr. B. Kaplan, of 217, Upper Butienkant Street, Cape Town.

Mr. Kaplan was a highly respected member of the community. He belonged to the more orthodox section of the community, and was deeply attached to Jewish traditions. He was a member of practically all Jewish institutions in Cape Town, to all of which he subscribed generously. His loss will be deeply felt by all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Kaplan leaves a wife and six children to whom the deepest sympathy is extended in their bereavement.

### NOTICE. RELATIVE SOUGHT.

Mr. Samuel Niss, of 6037b, Park Avenue, Montreal, Canada, would be very grateful to receive information with regard to the whereabouts of his brother, GERSHON HILLEL NISS. Mr. Niss last heard from his brother in 1923 when his address Mr. Gershon Niss has two children, Lena and Harry. was c/o Pretorias, Ltd., Troyville, Johannesburg.

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