

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The Zionist Conversazione.

Dr. S. E. Kark presided over a large gathering at the Zionist Conversazione on Tuesday night when Miss Marcia Gitlin spoke on her impressions of Palestine, from a visit to which she has just returned.

Miss Gitlin drew attention to the enormous amount of activity which was going on in Palestine. Even though she could not judge the progress which had been made recently, since this had been her first visit, she could not but *feel* the progress which was being made in everything she saw.

Palestine was growing rapidly, and it seemed that the people of Palestine were caught up in this act of growing and were growing along with it. They were intensely alive and aware of things. Their lives were simple, but they seemed to be utterly content.

The thing that impressed her most about Palestine and the thing that she found most wonderful there, said Miss Gitlin, was the Jewishness of the country. One was simply a Jew without any effort whatsoever. This spirit of Jewishness insinuated itself into one and gave one a feeling of complete freedom.

But Palestine also had its problems—serious problems—besides those that usually reached us in the Diaspora. Jewry there was composed of so many different elements, all having their own standards, their own ideas, their own language, etc., that the work of assimilation was no easy one. Palestine was still a *Kibutz Goliath* but this was far from a satisfactory feature—nothing definite could emerge till the work of “melting” had concluded.

A discussion followed Miss Gitlin's talk in which Mr. S. Futeran, Dr. L. Herman, Mr. Kotlowitz, Mr. D. Getz and Mr. M. Ben-Arie participated.

During the course of the evening a welcome was extended to Mr. Shmueli, who recently returned to South Africa from a visit to Palestine, and who suitably responded. A pianoforte solo by Miss S. Myers, the reading of an original sketch by Mr. G. Laden, and the reading of the news of the week, completed the programme.

South Peninsula Jewish Club.

Adv. H. Snitcher was the speaker at the last cultural evening on June 23rd. In a very interesting address on “A Criticism of Modern Theories in Zionism,” the lecturer laid particular emphasis on the fact that the Zionist Congresses were always held outside Palestine. He also criticised the weak-kneed attitude of the Students' Jewish Association of the local University, who, when having a lecture under their auspices on Hitlerism, were afraid to advertise it openly, but advertised it merely as a “Lecture on Matters of Urgent Public Importance” or words to that effect. Adv. M. Barnett was in the chair.

During the course of the evening a tri-

bute was paid to the late Dr. Arlosoroff. Sympathetic reference was also made to the death of Mr. H. Guinsberg. The gathering rose as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The next cultural evening will take place on June 30th in the Talmud Torah (Minor) Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg, when Adv. A. Shacksnovis will speak on “Israel Zangwill.”

The committee are organising a picnic to Cecilia Plantations, near Constantia Nek, on July 2nd, and a Patchwork Variety Show to be followed by a dance (in aid of hall funds).

Oneg Shabbos.

Mr. Wolozinsky was the Chairman at the Oneg Shabbos last Saturday afternoon.

Adv. Shacksnovis, the speaker of the afternoon, delivered a lecture on “Zangwill.” The creations of Zangwill were very important, argued the lecturer, because in his books of Jewish interest he brought to light the innermost life of the Jew. They helped the English-speaking public to understand the Jew.

Zangwill was a great man and a great leader of men, but he was very often misunderstood. To those who did not trouble to study him he seemed to hold conflicting views: he was a pacifist, yet during the War he recruited soldiers for the Allied Forces, and, at the same time, when German prisoners of war passed his house he made it his business to greet them.

Zangwill was a man of humane principles, and he possessed the courage of his convictions. His death was a loss not only to Jewry, but to the whole world.

“Der Yiddisher Kening Lear.”

The Paarl Dramatic Society scored a distinct success last Sunday night when, in the Cape Town Zionist Hall, they gave a performance of “Der Yiddisher Kening Lear.” The production was in the very capable hands of Mr. M. Lazar who is to be congratulated on the result. The cast, all of whom did very creditably, consisted of the following: Mr. J. Berman, Miss S. Rabino-witz, Miss Sarah Katz, Miss Leah Geffen, Miss Millie Klitzner, Mr. J. Bach, Mr. Ph. Katz, Mr. Lewensohn, Mr. S. Swiel. Mr. Ch. Jacobson acted as prompter and Miss J. Shneider as pianist.

A large audience assembled to watch the performance and the Palestine Workers' Fund (Kapai), in aid of which it was given, should benefit considerably as a result.

Funeral of Mr. Guinsberg.

On Wednesday, June 21st, at 3 p.m., the funeral took place of the late Mr. Isaac Harold Guinsberg, the virtual leading spirit of the Munzenberg-Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation for twenty-five years. Not only the majority of Munzenberg's population, Jew and Gentile, but also representatives from all parts of the Peninsula, were

present to pay homage to the memory of the deceased.

The coffin was first taken to the local synagogue where Rabbi Gervis gave an address, eulogising the unselfish labours of Mr. Guinsberg. Cantor Katzin then rendered an impressive intonation of the “Haskorah.”

On its way to the local cemetery, the cortege halted for a moment outside the recently erected Talmud Torah Hall, in the establishment of which Mr. Guinsberg had played such a prominent part. Rev. I. Frank officiated. Rev. Isaacs, who referred to “a great leader in Israel” and Rev. Frank, who paid tribute to Mr. Guinsberg's interest in the youth, addressed those present at the graveside.

Muizenberg Jewry mourns the loss of an energetic leader whose place it will be difficult to fill.

Orphanage Lecture.

The fifth of the series of lectures at the Cape Jewish Orphanage will take place on Saturday evening, 1st inst. The lecturer will be Dr. H. Lawrence, who will speak on “The Social Life of Insects and Termites.”

Cape Town Young Judeans.

On Saturday, 1st July, the above Society will hold its Bi-Annual General Elections at 8 p.m. in the Old Shul. All members are urged to be present.

Cape Town Hebrew Circle.

On Thursday, 6th July, under the auspices of the Cape Town Hebrew Circle (Talmude Ezra), Mr. M. Natas will deliver a lecture in Hebrew on M. Z. Feierberg, the well-known Hebrew author, in the Minor Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m. All welcome.

In Brief.

A Card Party held at the residence of Mrs. S. Goldstein, “Rustenberg,” Belmont Avenue, Oranjezicht, organised by Mrs. E. Lewis, in aid of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, realised the sum of £20 8s.

A similar function held by Mrs. A. M. Jackson for the Board realised the sum of £ 6 1s. 6d.

The Barmitzvah was celebrated last Saturday of Sydney, third son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Walt, of Oranjezicht, who read a portion of the Law at the Roeland Street Synagogue.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Walt are well-known personalities in the community, the former being associated with a number of institutions, and more particularly with the Roeland Street Synagogue, of which he is the very energetic Assistant Treasurer. It is not surprising, therefore, that a large gathering attended the “Brocha” which was held in the Synagogue Hall after the service, and the “At Home” held at the residence of the parents on Sunday.

At the “Brocha” toasts were proposed by Adv. M. Alexander, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish, Rabbi I. M. Gervis and Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn. At the “At Home,” Mr. Alexander presided and congratulatory speeches were delivered on behalf of many local institutions. Cantor Katzen and Mr. Boris Rome contributed to the festivities by their vocal items.