

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Cape Town Maccabee Association.

A reorganisation meeting will take place at the Zionist Minor Hall on Sunday night, November 9th, at 8 p.m. The Honorary President, Mr. Advocate M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., will give an address. This meeting has the support and patronage of His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Gradner) and the Mayoress (Mrs. Gradner). Members and intending members are requested to attend.

The weekly club nights will be held in future at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall on Saturday and Sunday respectively. All members are requested to support these evenings.

A picnic will be held during the summer season every Sunday. The meeting place will always be at the Zionist Hall at 8.30 a.m. For further particulars members should attend the Saturday club nights or apply to the Secretary (Mr. I. Freeman), 22, Maynard Street, Cape Town, or 'phone 5636.

A social and dance will be held at "Shalvah" (Jewish Girls' Hostel), Forest Road, Oranjezicht, on the 4th November, at 8 p.m.

A dance will be held on Sunday, the 12th November, at Miss Tankle's Studio, Regal Cycle Buildings, Long Street (opposite Hotel Metropole).

An invitation sports dance will take place on Sunday, the 19th November, at the Zionist Minor Hall at 8 p.m.

Those desiring to join the tennis section are asked to communicate with the Secretary forthwith, as same is now in full swing.

Oneg Shabbos.

A large gathering attended the last Oneg Shabbos which was held at the Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon. Mr. B. Padowich was in the chair.

An interesting address on "The Position in Palestine To-day" was delivered by Mr. M. Joffe who has only recently returned from Palestine where he spent a few weeks. The speaker dwelt not so much on the great progress which was noticeable on all sides and of which the public was well informed by the press, but on the difficulties with which the present boom in Palestine had been accompanied. He gave instances illustrating how the present legislation or rather how the lack of proper legislation hampered the acquisition of new land for settlers.

The speaker then dwelt on the acute labour shortage which was felt very keenly on all sides, and particularly in agriculture. As regards the labour conflicts he expressed the opinion that he was not prepared to blame any one party, but the conflict assumed a serious aspect and it was necessary to bring about peace and unity among the workmen—between the Histadruth and the Revisionists.

During the afternoon a humorous reading was given by Mr. Asher.

Last Rainbow Fete Function.

The last function in aid of the Rainbow Fete, which took the form of a dance at the Hotel Bordeaux, Sea Point, last Saturday night, was a very successful affair. There was a large gathering present and all arrangements were satisfactorily carried out.

During the evening an interlude was given by the Misses Nancy and Watson Morris whose performance was much appreciated by all.

All the stallholders combined in the arrangements for the dance.

Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

"Chassidism" was the subject of a lecture by Mr. M. Natas delivered to the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle last Monday evening.

The lecturer gave a brief survey of the causes that led to Chassidism. The economic position of the Jews of Eastern Europe was very unsatisfactory at the time Yisroel Baal Shem Tov appeared and spiritually they lived in the hard and dry atmosphere of Talmudism. The masses, who were ignorant, were looked down upon as *ameiratsim*. Into such an atmosphere the Baal Shem appeared and brought a vast change into the drab lives of the people. With his teachings he gave them a new joy of life and a deeper understanding of religion.

At the beginning of his appearance the Baal Shem Tov met with great opposition from the Rabbis as well as from the *Maskilim*, and the feud between the Misnagdim and the Chassidim continued for very many years, the former seeing in this movement a step for retrogression. It was considered so until Peretz, Berditchevsky and Horodetzky in their interpretations of chassidic life gave it a new and nobler meaning.

The lecture evoked a good deal of discussion.

Mr. B. L. Rubik, a few weeks previously, lectured to the Circle at the residence of Dr. Resnekov on the Eighteenth Zionist Congress. He gave an interesting and instructive survey of the state of Jewish life up to Herzl's publication of the "Judenstat." Herzl, in introducing political Zionism and in creating the Congress, he said, had given the Jewish question and its solution a world importance. The Balfour Declaration was an outcome of the movement he created and directed.

Mr. Rubik, in the course of his lecture, dwelt on some of the mistakes made in our political work. He deplored the bitter party quarrels and their influence on our work both within and without Eretz Israel.

A very lively discussion ensued, many of those present taking part.

Jewish National Fund Council.

A very representative gathering of Zionist societies in the Peninsula attended the meeting of the Jewish National Fund Council in the Zionist Hall on Thursday evening last.

Mr. J. Gitlin, who presided, summarised the activities of the Council, and during the course of his remarks stated that although fair work had been done, there was plenty of room for improvement. The youth had rightly begun to take a very keen interest in National Fund work, and it was hoped that the next financial report would show a decided improvement. The meeting, which had specially been called for amending the constitution and consolidating the position of the Jewish National Fund throughout the Peninsula, elected the following members as office-bearers for the next twelve months:—Mr. J. Gitlin (Chairman), Dr. H. Altschul and Mr. E. Charloff (Vice-Chairmen), Mr. Theo. H. Snitcher (Hon. Secretary to Council), Miss J. Kaufman (Hon. General Secretary), Messrs. J. Avin, J. Weinreich, J. Sarif, D. Fleischman, Mrs. S. Gordon, and Miss D. Radowsky as Committee members.

Before the meeting concluded, the Chairman complimented Dr. Altschul and Mr. Charloff on the excellent work done by them and specially appealed to all members to make the forthcoming Dunam Drive a success.

Zionist Revisionist Association.

The Minor Hall of the Zionist Hall was filled to capacity on Wednesday night last when the above Association gave its first "Social Function" in the form of a *Conversazione*.

A good and entertaining programme was arranged by the responsible committee, and arrangements are in hand to give at least one function a month on similar lines. Mr. H. Zuckerman gave an address on the Zionist Congress. The artists who contributed towards making the evening a success were Miss Ruth Cohen (pianoforte solo), Mr. S. Eberlin (violin solo), Miss May Gorfinkel (recitation).

The next "Social Function" will be announced through the columns of the "Jewish Chronicle."

On the 12 instant Dr. H. Altschul will deliver an address on "Jabotinsky."

Bnoth Zion Association.

The committee of the Bnoth Zion Association will be at home to members in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon, 7th inst., at 3 p.m. An address will be delivered by Mr. A. M. Abrahams, Hon. Life President of the Zionist Federation, and during the afternoon musical items were rendered.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The monthly gathering of the Hebrew Teachers' Association will be held on Sunday, 5th November, at 4 o'clock, in the Talmud Torah Hall.

Mr. M. Natas will speak on "Games and their Educational Value."

Teachers and sympathisers are invited to attend.

Concert and Dance.

A Concert and Dance which promises to be very enjoyable is being held in the Zionist Hall (Main Hall) on Saturday evening, 4th inst. An attractive programme has been arranged and a happy evening is assured.

Jewish Girl Guides' Success.

The heartiest congratulations are extended to the 11th Cape Town (Jewish) Girl Guides on their winning the Cape Town District Competition. The Company is now competing for the Shield in the Division Competition.

Local Branch of Jewish Relief Organisations.

The first committee meeting of the newly-formed Cape Town Branch of the Ladies' Branch of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations was held at the house of Mrs. Freedman, 19, Alexandra Avenue, Oranjezicht, last week.

Mrs. Joseph Goodman, whose visit to South Africa resulted in the formation of the committee, spoke and announced that the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. M. Alexander and the Rev. Bender had promised to become patrons.

The committee consists of Mrs. S. Freedman (Treasurer), Mrs. M. Fig, Mrs. L. Segal, Mrs. P. Press and Miss E. Gutman and Miss Z. Diamond, Joint Secretaries. The Treasurer announced that £25 had already been collected from members.

The committee will be grateful if all who can help will get in touch with Mrs. Freedman at 11, Alexandra Avenue.

Mrs. Raphaely Entertains the Guides.

Some seventy Guiders and Guides of various Jewish companies spent a delightful day last Sunday at the residence at Claremont of Mrs. L. Raphaely who had arranged a special entertainment for them. There were a few guests besides the Guides and Guiders present, among them being the Mayor and Mayoress of Cape Town, Councillor and Mrs. L. Gradner, who fully entered into the fun of the proceedings.

Outside on the lawn games engaged the attention of the large gathering for several hours and the winning teams were presented by the Mayoress, on behalf of Mrs. Raphaely, with extremely handsome gifts. Scoutmaster Max Raphaely and Miss Ruth Raphaely helped in the arrangement of the games which were highly successful. During the afternoon a very attractive dance item was given by Miss Erica Czolleca and a song by Miss H. Hamburger. A notable item was the singing of several songs by the Mayoress.

During the day a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Gradner who, in responding, spoke very highly of the Jewish Girl Guides and expressed her thanks to them for helping to make Mayoral Sunday the success it was.

The gathering dispersed after Mrs. D. Lazar, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Girl Guides of the Western Province, voiced the appreciation of all of Mrs. Raphaely's hospitality and consideration, and her remarks had been endorsed by Miss F. Charnass, District Captain for the Cape Town Area.

Among the Guiders present were Miss Zelda Friedlander and Miss G. Lewin (11th Cape Town), Miss Segal and Miss Dora Kluk (10th Cape Town), Miss Pearl Ginsburg, Miss Slovin and Miss Kaplan (2nd Woodstock).

A Wedding Last Week.

The marriage was solemnised at the Gardens Synagogue on Tuesday morning, 24th October, of Polly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rogalsky, Cape Town, and Maurice, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perl, Cradock.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. P. Bender assisted by Rev. A. Levy, of Port Elizabeth, and Rev. S. Kibel. It was followed by a reception in the Zionist Hall which was attended by a large gathering of friends and well-wishers. A number of toasts were proposed and honoured, Mr. I. J. Sennett, a relative of the bridegroom's, presiding.

Toasts were proposed by Rev. Bender, Rev. Levy and Dr. P. Perl. The bridegroom responded to the toast of the bride and bridegroom, the Mayor, Mr. Gradner, on behalf of the unterfuhrers, and Dr. J. Rogalsky on behalf of the bridesmaids.

Meeting on the Zionist Congress.

A meeting on the Eighteenth Zionist Congress was held at the Zionist Hall on Monday evening 23rd October under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party.

Mr. Ch. Achron gave an informative report on the results of the Congress. He pointed out that Congress adopted resolutions on a number of important matters and it was therefore wrong to call it a failure. It had fulfilled its mission by giving a dignified and adequate answer to the catastrophe of German Jewry, and by adopting resolutions which would enable the Executive to restore the much needed discipline within the Zionist movement. The Executive which was elected at this Congress should be able to work efficiently because there would not be any of the dissensions which had hampered the activities of previous executives.

Mr. M. Sprinzson spoke about the partisan spirit which prevailed at the Congress and stated that the disruptive tendencies of Revisionism and its obstructionist tactics had rendered the formation of a coalition impossible. The test of sincerity for those who professed to desire unity in Zionism came on the last day of the Congress when the Labour Party suggested the formation of Zionist federations in all countries on the same style as that which existed in South Africa. All the parties at Congress besides Labour were against such federations. The strenuous efforts of the Labour Party to sway Congress in favour of federation were without avail.

Mr. B. Padowich dealt with various aspects of the Congress. He pointed out that though the new Executive did not contain any illustrious names, it consisted of tried men whose earnest attitude towards Zionism was sufficient guarantee for the safety of our movement. It was a matter of gratification to most Zionists that Dr. Weizmann has been drawn into active work again in connection with the activities of the Jewish Agency for helping Germany Jewry.

Wynberg Jewish Circle.

"The Attitude adopted towards the Jew in Literature" was the subject of an interesting paper delivered by Mrs. M. Epstein to the members of the Wynberg Jewish Circle on Monday evening, 23rd inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen.

The lecturer described the varying attitudes adopted towards the Jews during

the course of the centuries as shown by the books and plays written during each century, and quoted from such well-known works as "Ivanhoe," "The Jew," "The Merchant of Venice," "Oliver Twist," "Jew Suss," "The Defeated" and many others.

Miss R. Cohen was in the chair, and Mr. B. Phillips passed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and to the host and hostess.

The next function will take place on Monday, 6th November, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rifkill, Main Road, Wynberg.

In Brief.

The committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the sum of £100 as a bequest from the Executors of the late Jacob Senior.

The committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage records very gratefully the magnificent gift by Countess Labia of a full-size Magnet Electric Refrigerator at a cost of £120. This gift was presented through the medium of Messrs. Morris Alexander and J. Kadish.

The next Zionist Conversazione will take place on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., in the Zionist Hall.

The engagement is announced between Pauline, younger daughter of Mrs. S. Cosay and the late Mr. J. Cosay, of Muizenberg, and Joseph, eldest son of Mrs. S. Abramowitz and the late Mr. M. Abramowitz, of Oranjezicht, Cape Town.

Mrs. Rose Kottler returned to Cape Town on Tuesday from a visit to Natal.

Cantor M. Kaminsky has been appointed Cantor of the Kimberley Hebrew Congregation and left on Tuesday to take up his duties.

Adv. Julius Lewin leaves to-day by the "Winchester Castle" on a visit overseas.

The engagement is announced of Cecile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rieck, to Dr. Sol. M. Cohen, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Cohen.

Association to Relieve Poor Children in the Jewish Schools of Poland.

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DEATH.

COHEN.—Leah, passed away on Thursday, 26th October, 1933. Mother of Mrs. B. Sacks, Bellville, Mrs. W. Kretzmer, Kroonstad, and Mrs. H. Kay, Benoni. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing children and grandchildren.