

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### Oneg Shabbos.

The last function of the Oneg Shabbos of the season was held last Saturday, and was attended by a record audience. Mr. I. Fine presided. Rabbi Gervis delivered a lecture on "The Rambam and his Generation."

The period of the Rambam had been a difficult one for Jewry. Scattered all over the world Jews were under the powerful influence of assimilation. Various customs were introduced in Jewish life at that time, the origin of which was clearly non-Jewish. In order to counteract these influences Maimonides set himself the task of purifying Judaism, of clearing up definitely of what was Jewish and what was foreign to Judaism.

In all the works of Maimonides there was clearly discernable a definite philosophical system and a distinct attempt to explain Judaism in harmony with that philosophy. The commentaries of Maimonides dealt boldly with many problems which perplexed the minds of Jewry of that epoch, as for instance, the conceptions of God, Creation and Resurrection. Maimonides met with opposition in orthodox quarters where it was considered that such subjects were too sacred to become subjects of ordinary discussion. This difference of approach to crucial problems of Judaism was distinctly noticeable in their treatment of important biblical events and personalities.

Maimonides developed a theory explaining how the spirit of the individual was linked up with the spirit of society. On the broad basis as adumbrated by this theory all sections should unite now, too, said the speaker, when the influence of assimilation was so strong.

Mr. B. L. Rubik closed the proceedings with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

### Cape Town Herzlia.

The last meeting of the above society took place at the residence of Miss E. Altschul. Miss P. Salber was in the chair. Mr. Bobrov first addressed those present, giving a few of his views on the Palestine of the future. Mr. Friedman then read a paper on the life of Max Nordau. Mr. H. Zuckerman spoke on the necessity of having the Chalutz spirit permeate the Young Israel Movement.

At the previous meeting Mr. J. Herbstein spoke on the "Balfour Declaration and the Mandate" at the residence of Miss J. Cohen. He provided an evening of real educational value.

### A Special Conversazione.

A special Zionist conversazione (*lechovod* Chanukah) will be held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., will be the host, and the lecturer of the evening will be Mr. B. L. Rubik, LL.B., who will speak on "Ideals and Reflections."

The conversazione will as usual be open to all, and a special invitation is extended to the numerous visitors from up-country at present in the Cape.

### Orphanage Ball.

The annual ball in aid of the Cape Jewish Orphanage takes place at the Queen's Hotel, Sea Point, on Wednesday evening, 20th inst. A large committee is working in order to ensure the success of this function which promises to eclipse all previous efforts of a similar nature. The music will be provided by Johnny Moller and his Orchestra, and supper will be served in the mammoth marquee in the hotel grounds. An enjoyable evening is promised.

### C.T. Maccabee Organisation.

A camp is being arranged to take place at Muizenberg from Sunday, 24th December, to Tuesday, 26th December, both days inclusive.

All those desirous of participating are asked to be at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall on Saturday evening, 16th inst. No applications received after this date will be considered. The charge will be 7s. 6d. per head, which includes food, etc.

A successful Chanukah Concert was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Minor Zionist Hall and was enjoyed by a large audience.

A flannel dance will take place in the Zionist (Main) Hall on Thursday, 21st December. An enjoyable evening is predicted. Tickets are obtainable from any member of the Committee or from Mr. I. Freeman, Hon. Secretary, 22, Maynard St., Cape Town (Phone 5636 Central).

A mystery picnic will be held on Sunday, the 17th instant. Meet at Kloof Nek at 9.30 a.m. sharp. The destination will not be announced until then.

### Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.

On Tuesday evening the Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild held a play-reading social at Alphen House, Sea Point. There was a fair attendance, and the function was thoroughly enjoyed. The programme was headed by the first of the series of lectures on Jewish history by Rev. Rosenberg. A short play followed, entitled "Op-O'-Me-Thumb" by Frederick Fern and Richard Pryce. Special mention must be made of the clever rendering of "Amanda Afflick," read by Miss Evelyn Gutman. As "Celeste" Miss Fanny Kaplan was good. Mr. Joe Hanson was exceptionally good as "Horace Greensmith," and caused a good deal of laughter. The rest of the cast was satisfactorily read by Miss Marianne Goldberg, Miss Zelda Tuchten, Miss Rita Wolff.

During the second half of the evening the

late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's playlet "Waterloo" was read. Miss Gutman gave a fine interpretation of "Corporal Gregory Brewster." "Sergeant Archie Donald" was read by Mr. Joe Hanson, Miss Sally Mauerberger was pleasing as "Norah Brewster," Mr. Harris Jackson took the part of "Col. James Midwinter."

On Thursday evening, December 21st, the Guild will hold a sports evening at Alphen House.

### Mr. Stodel on Federation of Charities.

"Federation of Jewish Charities" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Mr. H. Stodel at a meeting of the Union of Jewish Women held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. B. Nussbaum presided.

Mr. Stodel, who has for many years past advocated the cause of federation of charities, spoke of the economic saving it meant to the community, and of the saving of energy. There was far too much overlapping in communal work to-day, with consequent waste. Federation meant greater efficiency in the performance of our charitable work and efficiency always spelt better results.

A discussion followed the lecture in which Mrs. Max Cohen, Mrs. P. M. Clouts and Mrs. Wittenberg participated. It was ultimately decided that Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Stodel, the representatives of the Union on the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation Committee, bring up the matter there for discussion.

The meeting closed after a vote of thanks to the lecturer had been moved from the chair.

### Bnoth Zion Kindergarten Concert.

Great credit is due to Miss Rabinowitz as teacher of the Bnoth Zion Zionist Hall Kindergarten for the success on Sunday last of a Chanukah concert.

Many parents and friends were entertained by the splendid efforts of the tiny ones. The programme comprised four items. The first was the depiction of the Chanukah celebration by all the children suitably dressed. Various activities in the school were then represented by a few of the little ones. Thirdly, the presentation of a short sketch, "The Legend" proved interesting. The last effort portrayed a child's beautiful dream. Special mention must be made of the lovely costumes worn by the children.

Miss M. Oblowitz, as Chairlady of the Bnoth Zion, gave a short discourse on Chanukah and the work of the Association as far as the kindergartens were concerned.

Miss Rabinowitz later spoke of the growth and development of the Zionist Hall Kindergarten, which was attended by forty-three children.

### Zionist Socialist Farewell.

A large gathering of members and friends attended a social given by the Zionist Socialist Party on Tuesday last in honour of Mr. Z. Avin. Mr. G. Telem presided. Mr. B. Padowich, in bidding farewell to Mr. Avin, expressed the wishes of all for a pleasant voyage. Mr. Avin suitably responded.

