

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### Histadruth Ivrit.

A lecture was delivered by Dr. A. Birnbaum to the above organisation on Thursday evening last at the Zionist Hall. A representative gathering was present.

Dr. Birnbaum chose as his subject "Language," treating it on general scientific lines according to the theories of individualism and universalism. He personally favoured the theory of individualism. He traced the origin of all languages to the necessity of the individual for expressing himself. Speech was not created primarily in order to facilitate human inter-communication but mainly in order to express the individual's basic feelings. Thus it was the individual who created satire, dreams, prayers, mysticism and music. Dr. Birnbaum then went on to explain how these developed.

He concluded by saying that every language expressed to a certain extent the vibrations of the innermost chords of the human heart and soul. Language and thought were interlocked in such a way that it was not possible to separate them, and it was therefore the only medium which connected and united a people.

Messrs. Rappaport, Avin, Rubik, M. Ben-Arie, participated in the discussion that followed.

Mr. J. Gitlin, Chairman of the Histadruth Ivrit, presided. He introduced the lecturer and at the same time welcomed to the meeting two guests who had just arrived from Palestine—Mr. Rappaport, of Kfar Saba and Mr. Levitan, formerly of Johannesburg.

Dr. J. Mibashan moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

### Talmud Torah Examinations.

The annual examination at the United Hebrew Schools was held from the 28th ultimo to the 2nd instant inclusive, under the auspices of the Education Sub-committee in conjunction with the S.A. Board of Jewish Education.

The examination was conducted by Dr. A. Birnbaum, and on Sunday last an invitation was extended by the Committee to Mr. J. Gesundheit, an ex-Chairman of the School, to be present at the examination. During the course of the morning Mr. Gesundheit addressed the children in Hebrew. Master Abie Friedgood suitably replied on behalf of the pupils, also in Hebrew. All ex-pupils who received during the last five years the Gesundheit Bursary were introduced to him.

### Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society.

The annual general meeting of the Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Tuesday, 28th August, 1934. The following were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year: Chairlady, Mrs. L. Berman; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. H.

Gorfinkel; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Levy; Secretary, Mrs. H. Bloch; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. A. Saxe; and fourteen committee members.

The Chairlady, Mrs. L. Berman, thanked the ladies for re-electing her, and spoke of the services of the Society in assisting the Congregation, various charitable organisations, supporting appeals such as the Polish Orphans Fund, the Keren Hayesod and for local distressed families. She appealed to the members to continue their support in the future, as they had done in the past.

### Oneg Shabbos.

The speaker at the Oneg Shabbos in the Zionist Hall to-morrow afternoon will be Mr. J. Gesundheit, who will speak on "Spiritual Values in Palestine." Mr. J. Gitlin will preside. The function will commence at 4 p.m. with the Mincha Service.

Members and friends are cordially invited.

### A "German" Social.

A very large gathering attended a social given by the German Refugee Committee in the Zionist Hall on Saturday night. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. Sonnenberg, Mr. Morris Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. L. Raphaely and Mr. and Mrs. I. Mauerberger.

Mr. Held presided and extended a cordial welcome to all present. An excellent musical programme was then carried out, the following participating: Mr. Liebeck, who gave a number of violin soli, accompanied by Mr. Felix de Cola, the Marx Sisters who danced, Mr. Witebski who sang, the pupils of the Kirsh School of Dancing, and Mrs. Langheim who gave a number of songs, accompanied at the piano by Mr. Heinz Hirschland.

During the evening a short address was delivered by Mr. Sonnenberg who spoke of his visit to Europe, from which he has just returned, and particularly of conditions in Germany. He urged the need for a united Jewish community.

After the musical items had been rendered, refreshments were served and dancing took place until midnight. The function proved to be very enjoyable.

### Chess Tournament and Display.

A chess tournament and a chess display by Mr. Gerber, one of the champions of the Cape Town Chess Club, will take place under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party on Tuesday evening, 25th inst. Prizes will be awarded. All interested are cordially invited.

### Mr. Bloch at Wynberg.

A highly successful meeting of the Rondebosch-Wynberg Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association took place on Monday, 27th August, at the residence of Mrs. I. Gordon, "Athlone," Wellington Avenue, Wynberg. Mrs. M. D. Immerman presided.

After tea Adv. H. M. Bloch delivered an address on "The Causes of the Present Position of World Jewry." It was a most instructive and interesting address. Mr. Bloch was unable to remain to answer questions and a lively discussion took place among the ladies. Before Mr. Bloch's departure a vote of thanks was proposed to him by Mrs. Berman. It was decided to get up a competition in aid of the Hebrew Kindergarten Fund. The meeting closed after a vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Berezowski to the hostess for her kind hospitality.

### Lecture at Woodstock.

At the monthly meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle held on Tuesday night last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Marks, Woodstock, Mr. M. Wolozinsky spoke on "Jewish Festivals and their Significance."

The speaker dealt at some length with the various Jewish Festivals and stressed mainly the national and religious ideas prevailing in them. He quoted numerous commentaries in connections with various passages of the Bible which are read on the respective Festivals.

Mr. Wolozinsky concluded with the Festival of Succoth which symbolises the existence of our nation and the claim for unity which is to be understood in the *Arbaa Minim*.



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