

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

A Farewell to Mr. E. Kluk.

A farewell to Mr. E. Kluk on his departure for Palestine was given at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

Mr. S. M. Levin was in the chair. This was not the first occasion, he said, on which the Executive had bid farewell to members who had left for Palestine. Mr. Kluk was going to join the happy band of South African youth in Palestine. He would be a loss to South Africa but a gain to Palestine, and his example would serve as an inspiration to many.

Dr. C. Resnekov, on behalf of the Dorshei Zion Association, extended best wishes to Mr. Kluk, who, he said, had helped to bring about co-operation between the seniors and the juniors. He was sure Mr. Kluk would bring great credit to South African Zionists and asked him to bring a message of goodwill to the Yishub.

Mrs. S. Gesundheit, on behalf of the Bnoth Zion Association, extended greetings to Mr. Kluk, and wished him godspeed and a brilliant future.

Mrs. M. Zuckerman said that those present should follow the example set by Mr. Kluk, and further the interests of junior Zionism in South Africa. She was proud and happy to see so many promising candidates for work in the movement, and wished Mr. Kluk happiness and success in his work in Eretz Israel.

Mr. Morris Meyerowitz, Vice-Chairman of the Zionist Youth Executive, spoke of the great work Mr. Kluk had done for the Zionist cause for the last ten years, and of the great inspiration he had been to the youth. They were very sorry to lose Mr. Kluk but proud that he was going to fulfil his life's ambition. He thanked Mr. Kluk for all he had done in the past and wished him happiness and prosperity in the future.

Mr. G. Gitlin spoke of Mr. Kluk's connection with the Cape Town Hebrew Circle, of which he had been Chairman for some time. Under his guidance the Society flourished and the Hebrew language was really alive.

After the interval, the Chairman made a presentation to Mr. Kluk as a mark of appreciation for the great services he had rendered.

Mr. Kluk, in replying, spoke of the Jewish atmosphere and Zionist spirit prevailing in Cape Town, which was largely due to the influence of the Dorshei Zion and the Bnoth Zion Associations. He hoped the spirit of co-operation between seniors and juniors would be maintained. Mr. Kluk gave interesting reminiscences of his experiences while touring the smaller centres of South Africa in the interests of the Zionist movement. The youth, he said, throughout the country, were stepping into the shoes of their elders and carrying on Zionist activity with energy and enthusiasm. The experiences he had gained in Junior Zionist ranks would

serve him in good stead. He was sorry to leave South Africa but happy to be going to Eretz Israel and help in its upbuilding.

In conclusion, he expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the presentation and good wishes. He thanked all those who had helped him in his Zionist work and paid a tribute to his father to whose inspiration chiefly he owed his interest in Zionism.

The proceedings were enlivened by community singing in Hebrew. Miss Naomi Kaplan, Miss Bella Miller and Master Morris Kassel (accompanied by Miss Kassel) contributed to the programme.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the artists and speakers and the evening terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

Woodstock-Salt River Junior Zionist Society.

An inter-function between the Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild, Maitland Junior Zionist Society and the Woodstock and Salt River Junior Zionist Society will be held at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th February, 1936, in the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock.

Dr. Felix Gross will deliver an address on "German Jews or Jewish Germans." In addition musical items will be rendered and refreshments served.

A most interesting and enjoyable evening is assured. All are welcome.

Claremont Junior Zionist Society.

A grand flannel dance was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Sunday night, in aid of the Jewish National Fund. This function was arranged as part of the Society's schemes to raise money for the J.N.F.

During the tea interval, a presentation was made with musical honours to Mr. E. Kluk on behalf of the Society by Miss L. Atkins, the Secretary, after suitable introductions by the Chairman, Mr. Meyerowitz. On the platform too were Mr. S. M. Levin, President of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, and Mr. A. J. Silber, Supervisor of the Society.

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Social and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie, of Johannesburg, are leaving to-day in the "Duilio" on an extended visit to Palestine.

Mrs. Kate Gluckman, of Johannesburg, is leaving to-day in the "Duilio" on a visit to Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Suzman, of Johannesburg (née Betty Sonnenberg) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mizrachy and family, of Port Elizabeth, are leaving to-day in the "Duilio" for Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Belikoff, of Johannesburg (née Sonia Lazarow) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. Alec Natas is leaving to-day in the "Duilio" for Palestine.

Master Frank Robinson has received notification that he obtained a first class pass in the recent Senior Certificate examinations. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list of successful candidates.

The engagement is announced in Palestine of Meira, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Homa, of Cape Town, to Dr. Moshe Benario, of Rechovoth, Palestine.

Mr. J. Phillips, of Bloemfontein, is spending a holiday at Muizenberg.

Mrs. I. Kisselhoff, of Johannesburg, is spending a holiday with her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Zuckerman, at Sea Point.

Cable advice has been received that Mr. Sholom Glaser, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Glaser, of Cape Town, has qualified in medicine at the London Hospital.

Miss Dora Kluk is accompanying her brother, Mr. E. Kluk, on a visit to Palestine. They are leaving to-day in the "Duilio."

Mrs. Max Cohen is returning on Monday in the "Windsor Castle" from a visit to London, where her daughter Ruth is continuing her studies at the Royal College of Music.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Joseph, of Cardiff, Wales, are spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jacobs, at Muizenberg. Mrs. Joseph is President of the J.N.F. Commission in Cardiff.

Rev. M. I. Cohen, M.B.E., of Bulawayo, and Mrs. Cohen and family are spending a holiday in Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shagam, of Muizenberg, are leaving to-day in the "Duilio" on a visit to Palestine.

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Habonim Concert.

A grand Purim concert and carnival will be held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 8th March, at 8.15 p.m. An especially attractive and interesting programme has been arranged.

Hebrew Kindergarten, Sea Point.

The Sea Point Hebrew Kindergarten was opened on Monday last by Mrs. S. Gordon, who is giving the benefit of her

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My Dear Little Cousins,

To-morrow will be the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat, which is the fifth month of the Jewish year. It is called Rosh Hashona L'illoth—"the New Year for Trees," and marks the opening of the spring season in Eretz Israel. This festival has a particular charm, and shows how deeply attached the Jewish people are to their ancient homeland. To-day in Eretz Israel it has become the occasion for planting trees and is known as the Jewish Arbor Day (Arbor is the Latin word for tree).

The children in particular love the 15th of Shevat. They have a holiday from lessons and march out in processions in order to plant saplings which grow into large trees, which provide delightful shade from the sun. All over the country the children look forward to the 15th Shevat; here is a description of this day in the colony of Daganía.

"The children started coming before the first shafts of the sun heralded daybreak. Some came on foot, many rode in on horseback; others drove through in wagons, and all were led by melodious choirs and singing.

"Eight hundred children came. Upon a tract of land adjacent to the River Jordan four hundred saplings had been prepared for planting. Two children stood by each sapling. It was a brilliant day, one of those bright and glorious days so familiar in the Jordan Valley. The white garb of the children and the rays of the winter sun blended harmoniously and shone, adding an air of festivity to the occasion. The Daganía people were extremely busy. They were eager to extend a cordial welcome to their young guests, a reception as befitted brethren. The eight hundred children stood near the four hundred saplings and waited. The sign was given. Immediately the children, as one man, bent their heads and placed the saplings into the pits already dug beforehand. They were all immersed

in their task. The eye could not see the earth, covered as it was with trees and children.

"A fragment of conversation among two children reached me as they bent at their task.

"Next year, when I come again, I shall come at once to see how my tree is growing . . ."

Outside of Palestine the Jews celebrate the 15th of Shevat by eating fruits which are known to grow in Palestine, such as oranges, grapes, almonds, figs and dates. A practical way of celebrating the day is to make contributions to the Jewish National Fund, and especially to the branch known as the Tree Fund. Even if we cannot all be in Eretz Israel to plant trees with our own hands, we can still help to plant groves and forests there by giving money for the planting of trees. I am sure you would all love to feel that you have helped to plant at least one tree in Eretz Israel.

Children's Fancy Dress.

I hope you will all be at the Children's Fancy Dress on Sunday morning in the Zionist Hall, to celebrate the 15th of Shevat. I am sure there will be many lovely costumes, and the judges will have a difficult time deciding who are to get the prizes. There is still time for those who have not yet got their costumes, to do so.

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experience to the venture. A number of little ones were enrolled on the first day and they are already at home in the kindergarten. Miss Berolsky, an experienced and highly-qualified teacher, is conducting the kindergarten under the able guidance of Mrs. Gordon.

The kindergarten room is at "Mellville," Gorleston Road, where a delightful steep and large garden are at the disposal of the children who are to enjoy all the modern facilities that a first class kindergarten affords. Parents of Sea Point are urged to send their children to the Hebrew Kindergarten.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

On Sunday evening a "Broadcast Evening" was held at the Hotel Belgrave, Muizenberg.

The members were delightfully entertained by the "relay" of a novel sketch entitled "Going Places." In the course of this sketch the "listeners" were given a vivid description of Muizenberg in the season, illustrated by records consisting of various favourite song hits, including a few Hebrew songs rendered by the Maccabi Choir.

A novel and successful meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sacks, who had kindly allowed the Society to hold the meeting in the hotel.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive

The Annual Town and Country Parliament, arranged by the above Executive, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the 8th and 9th February, at Sea Point, under the auspices of the Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.

On Saturday evening, delegates will be welcomed by several prominent speakers, after which a concert will be held. This will take the form of several plays and a review. A considerable amount of preparation has been made for the concert, which promises to be most entertaining.

Delegates will assemble at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. A novel feature will be that instead of being members of Parliament as in past years, delegates will form themselves into a National Convention appointed by the British Government to decide the advisability or otherwise of having a Legislative Council. This question will be answered in the affirmative, and members of the Convention will then form themselves into a Council. Bills will be introduced and discussed.

An official luncheon will be held at which various toasts will be proposed.

In the evening a reception to delegates will be held at Alphen House, Beach Road, Sea Point. Evening dress is essential.

Elaborate arrangements have been made and it is anticipated that that the week-end will be an outstanding success.

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