

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### **Bnoth Zion Association.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Green and Sea Point Branch took place at Alphen House on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. I. Cohen delivered the presidential address and expressed her sincere thanks to the outgoing Committee. She gave a satisfactory account of the activities of the past year during which the membership had been doubled.

Miss M. Oblowitz moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet and congratulated the Branch on its growth, and on the excellent work done.

The following Committee was elected:— President, Mrs. I. Cohen; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Segal; Treasurer, Mrs. B. Segal; Secretary, Mrs. H. Wolff. Committee: Mesdames Effman, Heneck, Joelson, Hirschsohn, Lieberman, Mosselson, Sandler, Phillips, Rosenfield, Rubinstein, Robinson, Spiro, Urdang, Zabow, Zuckerman.

Adv. J. Herbstein delivered an address on "The position of Jewish Women in Jewry," and dealt specially with the Jewish Divorce Laws.

Mrs. Nyman, accompanied by Mrs. Phillips, rendered a song.

Mrs. Segal proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kenilworth-Wynberg Branch will be held at the residence of Mrs. Friedlander, "Silverhill," Greenfield Road, Kenilworth, on Monday, 16th March, at 3.15 p.m.

### **Zionist Socialist Party.**

The next members' gathering will take place on Thursday, the 13th March, 1936, at 8.15 p.m. at the Zionist Hall.

A very interesting debate is being arranged. Special information on the Zionist Socialist World Movement will be given.

Members and friends are cordially invited.

### **Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.**

The first meeting of the season took place on Wednesday, 26th February at the house of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks. A large and enthusiastic audience welcomed Mrs. M. Alexander and Adv. M. Alexander, who arrived later in the evening.

Mrs. Alexander spoke on life in Australia and gave a very vivid and interesting description of each town with special reference to Jewish life and activities, communal, cultural and Zionist. Her brief pen pictures of personalities in each community were exceedingly interesting and illuminated at a glance some of the characteristics which differentiate Australian Jewry's life from ours.

She drew a parallel between South African Jews and those of Australia and said that

while the former were very devoted to the National cause the latter were more devoted to the synagogue and its decorum which she very regretfully said she found lacking in South Africa. She stressed the fact that on Friday nights and Saturday mornings the synagogue was filled with young and old worshippers and mentioned the fact that it was to her more of a pleasure than a duty to go to synagogue on Shabbos. It was mainly due to the Jewish atmosphere which pervaded the home of her parents who were strictly orthodox and brought her up as such.

Mrs. Alexander said that in spite of the fact that the Zionist cause is not as strong in Australia as here, yet Australia produced great Jews who would be a credit to any Jewish community. Sir Isaac Isaacs, the former Governor-General was not only a great Australian but also a great and good Jew. Australian Jewry was particularly fortunate in having great and scholarly ministers who led their communities with wisdom and tact and earned the respect and confidence of their own people as well as those of the Gentiles. As an example she mentioned Rabbi Friedman who was selected by all the Australian returned soldiers to represent them at Geneva; also Rabbi Braude who is still a young man but who gives all his interest and devotion to his community. Mrs. Alexander spoke interestingly of the work of the Australian World Union of Jewish Women of which she was the first President. This Union is really the only Jewish organisation which embraces the whole of Australian and New Zealand Jewry. It is doing the work that in South Africa the Jewish Board of Deputies, the Board of Guardians and many other organisations are doing.

Mr. Alexander, who arrived at a late hour, added a few interesting remarks on the same subject.

Mr. B. L. Rubik proposed a vote of thanks to both Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and expressed on behalf of the audience his appreciation for the very informative and interesting talk.

Rev. S. Kassel gave a Yiddish reading and Miss Kaplan a piano solo.

Mr. A. J. Basker presided.

### **Girls' Own Zionist Society (Senior).**

A meeting was held at Miss B. Friedman's home, "Pearl View," Virginia Avenue, on Friday night.

Miss Friedman was in the chair. The news service was read by Miss M. Joffe.

The main item on the programme was a lecture on "The Zionist Ideal in Jewish History" delivered by Miss B. Friedman. It comprised a defence of Zionism against

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## Social and Personal.

Mr. Joseph Janower, of Johannesburg, formerly Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, and Mrs. Janower, are leaving in the "Giulio Cesare" to-day for Palestine.

The marriage of Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Braudo, formerly of Johannesburg, now of Tel-Aviv, to Yadin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gad Frumkin, of Jerusalem, will take place at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, on Tuesday, 10th March at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. S. M. Gordon, Hon. Treasurer of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and Mrs. Gordon, are leaving in the "Giulio Cesare" to-day on a visit to Palestine and Europe.

Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Cohen, of Bulawayo, are leaving to-day in the "Giulio Cesare" on a visit to Palestine.

Mr. Tobias Kauffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kauffman, of Maitland, has obtained the L.D.S., R.C.S. (England) at the Royal Dental Hospital, London.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Braude (nee Mary Gitlin) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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those who accuse it of being "nothing but a modern fad, another bit of Jewish imitativeness."

After an interval for tea, the re-election of a Committee took place. Miss B. Friedman, D. Greenberg and B. Kupowitz were elected, Chairlady, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. A successful meeting then concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

### **Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.**

A special evening service took place in the Synagogue at Sea Point on Sunday evening. The occasion was Cantor M. Katzin's first service with the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation. There was a very large assembly both from Sea Point and other parts of the Peninsula. The Congregation are to be congratulated on having obtained the services of Cantor Katzin.

### **Habonim Purim Concert.**

After weeks of feverish work and preparations, everything is set for the Purim concert to be staged by Gedudim Tel-Yoseph, Sinai and Tel-Hai, on Sunday, 8th March, at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town.

The carefully prepared programme based on the idea of a tour of young South Africans to Eretz Israel is full of good singing, dancing and humorous items. The Purim aspect of the concert is not being neglected either and a number of tableaux depicting various passages from the Megilat-Esther will be presented.

The public is assured of a good evening's entertainment in a thorough Jewish atmosphere and the renewal of the old custom of Purim-Shpiels is well worth supporting.

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