

**IN AND AROUND THE
PENINSULA**

Bnoth Zion Association.

The Lag b'Omer concert in aid of the Mayfair Fete, organised by the Woodstock and Salt River Branch took place on Sunday evening in the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock.

Mrs. L. Gradner, who opened the concert, was introduced by Mrs. B. Bloch (Chairlady) and warmly welcomed by the large and appreciative audience. In a few well-chosen words, Mrs. Gradner explained the object of the concert and stressed the urgent need of funds to meet the ever-increasing demands of the Cape Jewish Orphanage and the Zionist Hall.

A full and varied programme was then rendered by the following artists who, in every instance, were called upon for encores:

Hebrew songs by three Kindergarten children (instructed by Miss Glaser); violin solo by Mr. A. Shuman, accompanied by Miss Jones; songs by Master Kassel, accompanied by Miss Kassel; humorous reading by Mr. Laden; recitations by Miss L. Kudewitzky; Miss E. Richman (songs) accompanied by Miss P. Linde; Miss Hannah Oblowitz (recitations) and concluding items by Mr. A. Shuman, accompanied by Miss P. Linde.

During the interval chocolates were sold and an etching, donated by Mr. Wainstein, raffled, the winner being Mrs. Carklin.

A vote of thanks to the artists was then proposed by the Chairlady (Mrs. B. Bloch) and seconded by Mrs. S. Marks.

The Oranjezicht Branch will hold an "At Home" on Monday, May 18th, at 3.15 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Fig. "Mizpah," Chesterfield Road.

Mrs. M. Cohen will read an article on Professor Brodetsky.

The Green and Sea Point Branch will hold an "At Home" on Tuesday, May 19th, at 3.15 p.m., at Alphen House, Sea Point.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., will deliver an address and a presentation will be made to Mrs. S. Gordon by the Kindergarten Committee.

The Maitland Branch held three successful card evenings during last week-end at the residences of members in aid of the May Fair funds; on the 9th at Mrs. M. Kramer's, Camp Road, on the 10th at Mrs. D. Samson's, Coronation Road, and on the 10th at the residence of Mrs. G. Joffe, Langham Road, organised by Mrs. G. Joffe and Mrs. H. Kramer.

The Maitland Branch will hold a social on Monday, 18th inst., at 8 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Stoltzman, St. Anne's Road, Maitland.

Mrs. Max Cohen will deliver an address.

The Gardens Branch will hold an "At Home" at the residence of Mrs. P. Friedman, "Pearl View," Virginia Avenue, on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Mr. B. L. Rubik, LL.B., will deliver an address.

The next meeting of the Muizenberg Branch will take place at the Atlantic Hotel on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

Adv. G. Gordon will speak on "Pre-Herzlian Zionism," and the musical programme will include songs by Mrs. B. Nell (Sylvia Kirsch).

Oneg Shabbos.

At the Oneg Shabbos held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, Rev. N. Cohen read a short summary of Jewish history till the time of Judea under Persian rule.

Mr. A. Levin, Principal of the United Hebrew Schools, delivered a lecture on "Lag B'Omer." The lecturer showed that the significance of Lag B'Omer was very vague. Unlike other important days in the Jewish calendar, whose very names implied their significance, the term Lag B'Omer signified nothing but a date. The usual reason given for observing the day, the cessation of the plague's ravages among Rabbi Akiva's pupils, seemed quite inadequate.

The lecturer then very ably gave a survey of the history of Bar Cochba's rebellion and Rabbi Akiva's share in it in the time of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, the martyrdom of Rabbi Akiva and his fellow-martyrs, the personality of Bar Cochba and his almost complete success in freeing Judea from the Roman yoke, which success was only frustrated by the foremost Roman general of the time, Julius Severus, after a long and severe fight, and then only by treachery of some Jewish Christians who halted between two opinions to side with the conqueror on whichever side.

Lag B'Omer is an intellectual monument erected by the Jewish people eighteen hundred years ago, as a reminder of heroes who worked and endeavoured, but whose endeavours did not meet with success.

Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

The monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th May, 1936, at 8.15 p.m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Traub, 56, Walmer Road, Woodstock.

Mr. B. Padowitch will lecture on "The Jewish World Congress."

Members and friends are kindly invited to attend.

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Social and Personal.

Mrs. Katie Gluckmann, a member of the Zionist Federation, Johannesburg, returned yesterday in the "Duilio" from a visit to Palestine.

The engagement is announced of Bettie, daughter of Mrs. Ch. Abelsohn and the late Mr. Ch. Abelson, of 95, New Church Street, Tamboers Kloof, Cape Town, and Maurice Peires, of 68, Upper Mill Street, Cape Town, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Peires.

Rabbi and Mrs. A. R. Abrahamson, of Claremont, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. J. O. Markovitz, accompanied by her son Mark, left on Wednesday in the "Dunbar Castle" on a trip to England and Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Philips are leaving to-day in the "Stirling Castle" on a trip to England and the Continent.

Miss Gertrude Gerber, Almoner at the Somerset Hospital, has been awarded a grant by the Carnegie Corporation Visitor's Grant Committee. The grants are made to enable Union residents to go to the United States to study problems connected with their own sphere of activity.

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Concert in Aid of May Fair.

The concert in aid of the Miscellaneous Stall of the May Fair to be held at the Zionist Hall, on Sunday, May 17th, at 8.15 p.m., promises to be a great success. The programme will be an outstanding one and includes many well-known artists. By special request, Master Alfred Shulman, of Stellenbosch, will sing. A Jewish comedy, "The Case of Pappa Noodnick," written and produced by Mr. I. M. Grusd, B.A., LL.B., will be staged. The concert is being arranged by Mrs. R. Leibowitz.

A Farewell Evening.

A pleasant evening took place on Sunday at "Nooty," Highwick Avenue, Kenilworth, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kaplan, who gave a farewell party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Freedman and Mr. Victor Rifkin, who are leaving to-day by the "Stirling Castle" for a holiday trip to Europe.

Messrs. Freedman and Rifkin have been prominent members of the local community for many years and the several speakers of the evening voiced the esteem in which they are held and paid a tribute to their good services in all matters of communal interest. Songs were rendered by Cantor M. Katzin.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

The Twelfth Annual Conference will be held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 23rd to 25th.

Delegates are asked to attend a Conference Synagogue Service in the Gardens Synagogue at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd May.

There will be an Oneg Shabbat at 5 p.m. Mr. A. Abrahamson, Organising-Secretary of the Youth Council will speak.

The formal opening will be performed by the Rev. A. P. Bender at 8 p.m. sharp on Saturday evening.

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THE MAY FAIR.

A GRAND FETE

In aid of the Cape Jewish Orphanage Silver Jubilee Extension Fund and the Zionist Hall.

The Date:	The Place.
June 3rd & 4th.	Zionist Hall.

