

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA.*(Continued from page 330).***Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.**

The Guild held a "Broadcasting" evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kossick on Thursday, April 30th.

The part of the Announcer was taken by Mr. J. Hanson, while special and familiar talks were brought to the "Microphone" by Miss R. Schoschon, Miss R. Wolff, Miss E. Kossick, Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. A. Hanson. Popular music was supplied by the gramophone, and an original play, written by the Committee, was also produced by them with sound effects. Other items of interest were a news service, humorous "smalls" and a duologue.

An interesting evening was spent; but the turnout of the members was disappointing.

A Barmitzvah Celebration.

A very large gathering attended a reception at the Rondebosch Town Hall on Sunday last to celebrate the Barmitzvah of Meyer, son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. Isaacson.

Mr. P. Halperin was in the chair and he called on Rabbi Mirvish to propose the toast of the Barmitzvah.

Adv. A. J. Davidson, who spoke as the representative of the Observatory and Mowbray Hebrew Congregation, paid a tribute in eulogistic terms to the congregation and its minister.

An eloquent speech was delivered by Dr. C. Resnekov, who referred to the Simcha which coincided with the historical event, Lag B'Omer. He hoped that the Jewish people would impart to their children the ideals of Judaism so that they might be a credit to the race.

Vocal items were ably rendered by Boris Rome and Cantors Zive and Handelson, and a recitation was given by Mr. Natas.

Rev. B. Isaacson thanked all those present for their good wishes to him and his family and very much appreciated their presence.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The consecration of Bed Endowments for the past year by the Rev. A. P. Bender will take place at the Home on Sunday, 17th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

This will be followed by a party for four of the boys who will read a portion of the Law on Saturday, 16th inst., in the Gardens Synagogue, Roeland Street Synagogue, Beth Hamedrash Hechodosh and Orphanage Synagogue, respectively.

The names of the Barmitzvah boys are: Harry Falkov, George Gottlieb, Barney Kaplan, Ernest Hazeldene.

Bellville, Parow, Durbanville Ladies' Zionist Society.

The first sewing meeting of the season will take place on May 18th at the residence of Mrs. B. Sacks, Bellville.

Oneg Shabbos at Claremont.

A well-attended Oneg Shabbos was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Saturday afternoon, the 9th instant. Mr. M. Wilk presided.

Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson delivered an interesting lecture on the "Nation and the Leader." He stressed the fact that throughout history where the spiritual and national leaders worked in harmony the nation progressed and prospered, but where there was disharmony, defeat and chaos invariably followed. He emphasised that had the great national hero Bar Cochba been in closer contact with the spiritual leaders of the time, the nation would have succeeded far more in gaining their freedom.

Rabbi Abrahamson remarked that whatever chapter of our glorious history be

taken we observe that where there was close contact between the national and religious leaders, the nation was successful because the masses had a great trust in the spiritual leader whether prophet or rabbi. The existence of every Jewish community was for the object of fostering religious and national consciousness and although Zionism had done a great deal to revive the national spirit, it is not enough. "It is the duty of every leader of a congregation," he declared, "to work in close harmony with the rabbi so that the youth may be imbued with both religious and national consciousness."

It must be realised that as many people as enter and settle in Palestine the majority will still remain in the Diaspora and as our existence during the last two thousand years depended on our religion it is essential that the religious spirit be revived amongst the youth.

In conclusion, Rabbi Abrahamson emphasised that in modern times the great success in Palestine was due to the close contact between the national and spiritual leaders, because the people realise that our nation can only be successfully built on a religious national basis.

A lively discussion in which Messrs. H. Kaplan, Sebba, Kriger and M. Wilk took part followed, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Rabbi Abrahamson by the Chairman, Mr. Wilk.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

On Friday night both sections of the Study Circle met at different houses. At the first with Mr. E. Levinsohn in the chair, the gathering continued with the fourth item of the syllabus, set out by the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, Mr. L. Seftel giving a comprehensive paper on Herman Shapiro and the foundation of the J.N.F. At the second, with Mr. S. Levin in the chair, topical news was discussed, a paper on Lag B'Omer rendered, and a brief but comprehensive study of Theodore Herzl given. At the latter gathering Mrs. Maissel of Cape Town, was present, and enlightened the meeting on a few points such as Lag b'Omer as celebrated in Eretz Israel and the visit of Professor Brodetsky and Mrs. Sieff.

On Sunday night a novel "Lag b'Omer" meeting took place in the grounds of the Muizenberg Boating Pavilion, by torchlight. It was rather appropriate that this meeting should be held in the open, for the surrounding greenery and the lake ahead formed picturesque surroundings for the celebration of Lag B'Omer. The Chairman, Mr. M. Sacks, in welcoming the members, dealt briefly with Lag b'Omer. A discussion on topical news, and a paper on Lag b'Omer, preceded a very interesting address by Mr. Joe Bloom, B.A. Mr. Bloom gave a vivid portrayal of the "Jewish riddle," emphasising the fact that there were two types of Jew, the loyalist and the assimilationist. Later Hebrew songs were sung with much gusto and a pleasant celebration of the Lag b'Omer festival terminated with the strains of Hatikvah echoing through the bush and over the blue lake.

Dance in Aid of May Fair.

A dance in aid of the Baby Stall of the May Fair will be given by the Jewish Girls' Association at the Zionist (Minor) Hall on Saturday, 16th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Tickets: Members, 1s. 6d.; Gentlemen, 2s. 6d.

Brith Trumpeldor.

Ken Betar will hold its first general meeting in the Zionist Minor Hall on Sunday, 17th inst., at 8.15 p.m. All members and

others who are interested are requested to attend as business of great importance will come up for discussion.

The Mifkadah would like to notify all sympathisers that all the meetings of the Betar will henceforth be held in the Zionist Hall. The public is cordially invited to visit the meetings and to see the work of the various sections of the Betar. On Wednesdays League ping-pong matches are played to which all are welcome. Notices of future functions will appear in the press.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A meeting will be held on Sunday, 17th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall at 4 p.m.

Mr. H. Lederman will deliver his second lecture on "Education—in the Light of Modern Psychology."

Teachers and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A "Chaverim" evening will take place in the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 21st May, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. B. Padowitch will initiate a discussion on "The Jewish World Congress."

Members and sympathisers are cordially invited to be present.

Claremont-Wynberg Junior Zionist Society.

The first meeting was held in Cogill's Hotel, Wynberg, on Sunday, 10th inst. There was an excellent turnout of members and

Mr. M. Meyerowitz, Chairman of the Society, presided. After the news-service was delivered by Mr. L. Mendelsohn, the Chairman asked the audience to rise as a mark of respect to those who were so unfortunately lost in the recent Palestine clashes.

Mrs. M. Alexander then delivered an exceedingly illuminating and clear exposition of the position of Australian Jewry, the description being punctuated by brief, but interesting, biographies of Australia's leading Jews, with so many of whom the lecturer had personally come into contact. The keen interest of the audience was well demonstrated when, in the time allowed for discussion, very many questions were asked Mrs. Alexander, who very capably replied.

Adv. M. Alexander then delivered a very inspiring address. He traced the position of Jewry in the major countries of the world and showed how Palestine was the ray of hope in Jewish life. A special appeal was made to the youth to shoulder the burden, to gain knowledge of their race, its language, customs and traditions, and to be useful Jewish citizens to South Africa and K'lal Israel.

Mr. A. J. Silber proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturers which the Chairman endorsed, and a very pleasant evening was closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.

A "Siyum Hatorah" will take place at the Sea Point Synagogue on Sunday, 17th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

The Sefer Torah was presented to the Congregation by the family of the late Mr. O. Feinstein.

The Literary Circle.

Mr. M. Kaplinsky will lecture on Wednesday next, the 20th inst., at the Zionist Hall, at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "Zangwill—the Dreamer of the Ghetto."

Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.