

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

A record number of members attended the Annual General Meeting of the Observatory, Mowbray Branch held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Toekar, Main Road, Mowbray, on Thursday, 19th inst., at 8 p.m. Mrs. C. Shapiro presided and welcomed all present. In her report and financial statement the Chairlady again reviewed a year of great activity and much success. She thanked members for their co-operation and hoped for easier conditions in the near future.

Dr. C. Resnekov, in his talk on Hebrew Education, gave some food for thought. Parents should realise the position of Palestine as the future home of the next generation and educate them in the Hebrew language and history in order to fit them for such a life. He made an earnest appeal to let our children learn of the treasures in our language and history through the proper channels; that is through the schools sponsored by the Jewish Board of Education or properly qualified teachers. In Jewish knowledge lay the solution of the Jewish problems.

The Wizo Sewing Convenors then delivered their reports, Mrs. M. Snowise for Observatory and Mrs. S. Lizerbrum for Mowbray. Both reported on much good work done, although membership could be larger.

Miss Rachel Rabinowitz was the soloist for the evening and rendered two delightful pieces, which were much appreciated.

The election of Executive and Committee was next on the Agenda and the following were duly elected: Chairlady, Mrs. C. Shapiro; Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. L. Hodes and Mrs. A. Toekar; Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Altschul; Secretary, Mrs. D. Saacks; Committee, Mesdames Alperstein, Danilewitz, Flax, J. Ger, M. Ger, M. Goldberg, Marks, Morcowitz, H. Rubin, Scholnick, Shattenstein, M. Stein, Synrodin. Wizo Sewing Convenors, Mesdames S. Lizerbrum and M. Snowise.

After the tea interval Mrs. F. Winokur briefly addressed the gathering. She urged members to realise their duties as Zionists and to educate themselves in things Zionist. By understanding the needs of Zionism we could realise the importance of what Palestine would mean to us after the war when so many hundreds would have to be placed on the land there.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, the artist and the host and hostess for their kind hospitality.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Maitland Branch was held at the residence of Mrs. M. Stoltzman, St. Anne's Road, Maitland, on Thursday, 19th February. It was attended by a large number of members and several visitors.

Mrs. M. Kramer, who was in the chair, welcomed the visitors, viz., Mrs. Saacks, Mrs. Winokur, Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Sieff, Rev. and Mrs. Efron.

Dr. C. Resnekov addressed the meeting on the necessity for Jewish Education.

Mrs. Winokur presented Mrs. Saacks with a tea service as a wedding gift from the Branch. Mrs. Saacks (Miss Leah Kramer) was the Chairlady of this Branch for four years and rendered invaluable services.

Rev. Efron, speaking in Yiddish, gave an interesting address on the Position of the Jewish Woman.

Miss Sylvia Stoltzman gave a delightful piano solo and afterwards sang to her own accompaniment.

The following were elected to the Committee: Chairlady, Mrs. M. Kramer; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Efron; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. M. Odes; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Odes; Committee, Mesdames H. Kramer, Geffen, Hrdang, Ozinsky, Lang, Stoltzman, Horowitz, Cohen, Levenstein, Peltz, D. Immerman, R. Kramer, Davis and M. Singer.

A very enjoyable evening was spent and thanks are due to the speakers, Miss Stoltzman and Mrs. Stoltzman for her hospitality.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Wynberg-Kenilworth Branch took place at the Wynberg Hotel on March 23rd.

Dr. C. Resnekov addressed the gathering on "A Hebrew and Jewish Education for Young People." This was listened to with great interest and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After tea, Mrs. Winokur, Chairman of the Bnoth Zion Association, commented on the activities of the branch and then addressed the gathering on "What is Zionism?"

The office-bearers of the year are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. J. L. Feinberg; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. A. Getz; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Gordon; Secretary, Mrs. J. Atlas; Committee, Mesdames Galloon, Saevitzon, A. M. Matz, I. Zinman, Shapiro, Carter, Kaminisky, M. Atlas, Woolfe, S. Weiner, S. M. Kaplan, I. Jaffe, Berelowitz and Shifrin.

Union of Jewish Women.

Grape Day.—The Union, as usual, participated in the Grape Day Festival, and the stall was convened by Mrs. Segal and Mrs. Auerbach, the effort being a great success.

Board of Deputies Conference at Johannesburg.—Mrs. Minna Levitas and Mrs. B. Zuckerman attended the Conference on behalf of this Branch.

Canteen at Zionist Hall.—The Canteen was opened at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last, and an average of four hundred men were served with dinner on each day. Dances were held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and the Canteen was closed at 6.30 p.m. on Fridays. Donations in kind and money towards the expenses of the Canteen are urgently required. Donations may be sent to the office.

Monthly Dance for Local Men.—The monthly dance was held on the 21st inst. in conjunction with the Scopus Club. The

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70th Birthday of Mr. B. Phillips.

Mr. B. Phillips, of the Balmoral Hotel, Muizenberg, and a leading member of the local community, celebrated his 70th birthday on March 18. His name has been inscribed in the Golden Book in honour of the occasion by his son-in-law, Mr. B. Shirken and Mr. S. Borok. The certificate was presented to him at a family gathering.

Mr. Phillips has made a number of donations to local institutions to mark his birthday, and next Sunday he and Mrs. Phillips are entertaining the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home.

Social & Personal.

Mrs. Bertha Solomon, M.P., has been appointed a member of the National Nutrition Council in place of Dr. E. M. Chubb, who resigned.

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The engagement is announced of Herta, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lenhoff, of Upington, to Morris Lewis, of Upington, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lewis, Stellenbosch.

BARMITZVAH.

BRAUDE.—Israel David, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Braude, of 36, Arthur's Road, Sea Point, will read a Portion of the Law and Maftir at the Sea Point Synagogue on Saturday, March 28th.

KRIKLER.—Dennis Michael, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. Krikler, of Muizenberg, will read a Portion of the Law and Maftir at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Saturday, March 28th. Brocha after Service at the Mountain View Hotel, Muizenberg. Friends are cordially invited. Owing to the Day of Prayer the "At Home" on Sunday has been cancelled.

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dance was largely attended and a very entertaining evening was spent.

Street Collection.—On Wednesday, 25th inst., the Union took charge of an Adderley Street section for the Gifts and Comforts Collections for S.A.W.A.S.

Collection for Britain's Babies.—The Union will convene the St. George's Street area for this collection on April 1st, and ladies who are able to assist are asked to hand in their names to the office without delay.

Clothes for Singapore Refugees.—In response to a special appeal from the Women's Auxiliary, the Union is conducting a drive for clothing for the refugees passing through here. Thanks are due to the Knitting Circles and to all donors who have responded so wonderfully to the appeal. Further contributions of clothing are needed and parcels may be left at the office.

Soldiers' Club.—The Union was in charge at the Club on the 16th inst., and will be again on the 29th and 30th of this month.

Barmitzvah Celebration.

The Barmitzvah of Jeffrey, son of Mr. Harry Swiel, of Ravine Road, Sea Point, was celebrated on Sunday afternoon, 22nd March, at a cocktail party which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah, who suitably responded.

The name of the Barmitzvah has been inscribed in the Golden Book by his father.

Obituary.

Mrs. OLGA SEGAL.

The death took place on the 20th March of Mrs. Olga Segal, mother of Leon, Boris and Jack Segal and Mrs. Mania Zabow. She will be sadly missed by a wide circle of relatives and friends. The sincerest sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

Passover Hospitality for Jewish Soldiers.

In connection with the Passover Festival, families in the Cape Peninsula willing to invite Jewish soldiers for the Sedorim or for meals during the rest of the week are asked to get in touch with Captain Rev. S. Kassel, 312, Victoria Road, Woodstock. Phone 5-3325.

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Book Review.

"THE SCAPEGOAT OF HISTORY." By Abr. H. Jonker.

"The Jew has come to South Africa long before any Hollander, Frenchman, Englishman or German," is a statement of fact made by Mr. Jonker in his book "The Scapegoat of History," now published in an English translation by the Central News Agency. The author has set for himself a difficult problem—to trace the intrinsic qualities of the Jew as a citizen and an individual and to analyse the reactions of the gentile world towards him. Mr. Jonker with a frankness that is characteristic of the true Afrikaner proves that the Jew is neither altogether bad nor wholly angelic, but simply human, reacting to environment in much the same way as non-Jews do.

The author devotes the first few chapters of his thesis to an historical survey of the development of the modern Jew from ancient Biblical days to modern times. He stresses here the Jewish conception of true ethical values and indicates the contribution of Biblical thought and Talmudic philosophy to the development of Western civilisation. But the Jew of to-day is no longer simply the product of ancient Hebraic culture. He is a subject of an unsympathetic and harsh world in which he had to sharpen his wits and match his actions with cunning and strategy. He is forced to be always on the defensive—"the scapegoat." It is therefore the gentile world that Mr. Jonker blames for any maladjustment on the part of the Jew.

The analysis of the Jews in South Africa is of especial interest. The author shows how Jew and Afrikaner have struggled alike in the development of South Africa agriculturally, industrially and culturally. They shared the toils and tribulations of those early pioneer days and lived together as good and understanding friends. If such friendship has been strained in recent days, it is due solely to the influence of subversive foreign propaganda.

The author has a double solution to the Jewish problem. When Israel shall be rehabilitated in her own homeland then the world at large will gain in respect for her. Moreover if civilisation will triumph then there must be a sobering down of humanity and the scapegoat will no longer be found necessary.

Mr. Jonker has given us a volume that is of interest to Jew and non-Jew alike. The book is filled with an abundance of knowledge and profound psychological insight. It is a study to be indulged in by all South African citizens who have the goodwill to live peaceably together, giving of their best to their country.

In his "Foreword," Professor T. J. Haarhoff observes: "Mr. Jonker's able and thorough book should help to dispel the mists of ignorance and prejudice that party politics, infected with Nazi doctrines, have generated."

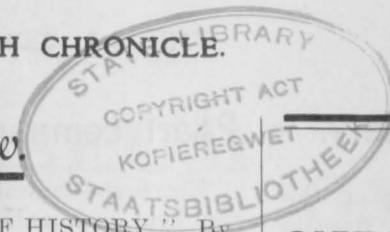
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- L. Resnick, Kosher Butchery, 131, Caledon Street.
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By Order.

BETH DIN,
Rev. S. KASSEL, Secretary.

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On Behalf of the BETH DIN,
Rev. S. KASSEL (Secretary).

Eating of Chometz.

The BETH DIN wishes to notify the public that Chometz cannot be eaten later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st April. Mechirath Chometz cannot be performed later than 11 a.m. on the same day.

Rev. S. KASSEL, Secretary.