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Bnoth Zion Association.

A most interesting members' meeting of the Sea Point Branch took the form of an "At Home" at the residence of Mrs. S. Feitelberg, Avenue Fresnaye, when Mrs. Fanny Gross was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Fig presided and welcomed the large attendance. Mrs. L. Policansky read a recent news sheet and Mrs. F. Winokur, President of the Bnoth Zion, spoke on the importance of cultural activity at the present time. Miss Hinda Honikman gave a very beautiful reading of "The Cliffs of Dover."

Mrs. F. Gross took as the theme of her stimulating address "Judaism in Western Civilisation." She made an eloquent plea for justice as opposed to mercy and pointed out that what the Jew strove for was a measure of fair play. The world to-day was threatened with a return to a retrogressive mediaevalism. The Jew could hope to live only in a progressive society Emancipation for him spelt life itself. Their newly acquired freedom in Eastern Europe had been once again threatened. In a world where to hate or be hated was the predominating sentiment, the Jew was daily threatened with extermination. In Nazi countries where domination was the keynote to National Socialism, anti-Semitism had become the official policy.

In Palestine alone could the Jewish child enjoy a complete emancipation. It was from Palestine that the lessons of true political thought would once again emerge. The teachings of Judaism proclaimed that the world and its institutions did not justify their existence unless they were ethical and religious.

To-day the Jew looked to his defences and to the defence of civilisation and culture to which he had contributed in no small measure. The Jewish people had always worked and aimed for peace, and marched forward in defence of liberty. Even now they still nursed the hope that truth and justice would prevail. In Palestine it was hoped a system of justice for all would be established. Through the building up of the Yishub the Jewish people could hope to see their ideal kingdom where truth and justice would be permanently established.

Mrs. M. Epstein moved an eloquent vote of thanks to the lecturer, the artists and the hostess for her gracious hospitality.

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The drawing room meeting held by the Gardens Branch at the residence of Rabbi and Mrs. Kirzner on Thursday of last week was very successful. Although avowedly a money-raising function — the substantial

proceeds went to swell the coffers of the J.N.F.—it was also very enjoyable.

Rabbi Kirzner in a brief but instructive speech welcomed the guests. Speaking of that blessed and wonderful institution "Home," the Rabbi dwelt on the necessity of a National Home for the Jewish People in surroundings and in an atmosphere which for them spelt home, and under conditions such as one expects and finds in a real home.

Sharing the honours of hostess with their mother were the Misses Millie and Esther Kirzner. Miss Janie Levenberg knitted a charming baby's frock, the sale of which contributed materially to the proceeds of the afternoon.

Mrs. Rabinowitz, Vice-president of the branch, expressed thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Kirzner for their hospitality.

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The Muizenberg Branch held its monthly meeting at the Balmoral Hotel (by courtesy of Mr. Phillips) on Tuesday, August 25th. This meeting had its usual good attendance. Mrs. L. Block presided.

A well and thoughtfully compiled paper on "Deborah" was read by Miss H. L. Guinsberg. A pianoforte solo by Schubert was ably rendered by Miss M. Gerber and the main address of the afternoon was delivered by Mrs. S. L. Gross, her subject being "The Ideological Strength of Zionism." A vote of thanks was moved by

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The engagement is announced of Lieut. Hyman Kalley, S.A.A. Force, third son of Mrs. E. Kalmonowitz and the late Mr. I. Kalmonowitz, of Cape Town, and Ada, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cohen,

"Sophra," King's Road, Sea Point.

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The marriage of Helen (Ellie), daughter of Mrs. S. and the late Mr. Fish, of Ceres, to Harry, son of Mr. L. and the late Mrs. Melmed, of Three Anchor Bay (formerly Naauwpoort), will take place at the Sea Point Synagogue on Sunday, 6th September, 1942, at 3 p.m.

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The marriage will take place at the Synagogue, Upington, on Sunday, the 6th September, at 3.30 p.m., of Sam Shapiro, of Wynberg, younger son of Mr. and the late Mrs. O. Shapiro, to Ada, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nurick, of Upington. No cards. No reception.

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Mrs. S. Saxe. Altogether an interesting and enlightening afternoon was spent.

Rabbi Abrahams Addresses Congregational Church.

Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams addressed the Literary Society of the Cape Town Union Congregational Church last Sunday. Taking as his theme various aspects of Jewish traditional religious life and observance, he interpreted the spirit that informed Jewish ceremonials, the love and faith that inspired the Jewish home, and the historical ideals that influence the Jewish national and world outlook. There was a large attendance.

Massadah-Zionist Socialist Party.

On Sunday evening, 30th inst., the Massadah Association of Cape Town acted as host to the Zionist Socialist Party at a special inter-function held at the Zionist Hall. Mr. E. Charlaff presided over a representative gathering of both organisations.

The lecturer of the evening was Mr. E. Kluk who spoke on "Why Zionist Socialism?" During the course of a very interesting address he dealt with the ideological and practical development of Labour Zionism for the past four decades. He stated that Zionist Socialism was a synthesis of three great ideals: the ideals of Socialism, Zionism and Diaspora emancipation which fused naturally into one organic whole. The Histadruth which was the direct product of Labour Zionism was

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the backbone of the Yishuv and had played a dominant role in the upbuilding of Palestine. The present position within and without Jewry made it all the more necessary to strengthen the constructive forces of Zionism which were so largely represented in labour ranks. A number of questions were asked to which the lecturer ably responded.

Union of Jewish Women.

The next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8th, at 2.45 p.m., at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street. Addresses will be delivered on "A Positive Programme for Jewry' by Mrs. S. R. Sloman and Mrs. M. Epstein.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Executive of the above Home gratefully acknowledge the following bequests: Estate late Sir Harry Graumann, £75; Estate late Hessel Katzeff, £25; Estate late Jenny Charlaff, £10.

Jewish National Fund.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Jewish National Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the sum of £25 from the Estate of the late Jenny Charlaff.

United Hebrew Schools.

The Treasurer of the United Hebrew Schools (Talmud Torah) acknowledges the receipt of £75 from the Estate of the late Sir Harry Graumann and the receipt of £25 from the Estate of the late Hessel

Chug Ivri Lanoar.

An interesting meeting of the Chug took place last Tuesday (25th August) at the Zionist Hall. Dr. J. Lifshitz spoke on the Romantic phase in the New Hebrew literature. Hebrew songs, games and Hora concluded the programme.

An Oneg Shabat will take place at the residence of Miss Phyllis Cohen, 11 Schoonder Street, Cape Town, on Friday evening, 4th September. All welcome.

Jewish Youth Centre, "Rosecourt."

The Committee regret to announce that the meeting arranged for Sunday evening, 6th inst., at "Rosecourt," when Mr. M. Sonnenberg, M.P., was to address the Youth, has been unavoidably postpone.

St. John Ambulance Association.

The street collection in aid of St. John Ambulance Association last Saturday has so far realised close on £1,000 and cheques are still arriving at the office of the Association. Mrs. Morris Alexander, who is

Sabbath Observance and War Work.

DENIAL BY CHIEF RABBI HERZOG.

In connection with the recent report that Rabbi I. Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, had in effect given a permit for war-work to be done on Sabbath, Rabbi Meir Berlin while in South Africa cabled to the Chief Rabbi asking him whether there was any truth in this report. He has received the following reply:-

"No permit given; totally unfounded." Rabbi Meir Berlin states that as far as he recollects a Government official had asked if certain war-work could be done on the Sabbath, and the Chief Rabbi had advised him that it was possible to work more hours during the week but not to desecrate the Sabbath.

"Palestine and the Jewish Future."

An interesting brochure with the above title was recently published by the Poale Zion Party in London. It is written by the well-known Zionist Socialist leader, Berl Locker, who presents in a concise form the development of the Zionist idea and the attempts to combat anti-Semitism. Mr. Locker emphasises the contribution made by Labour to the upbuilding of Palestine, and discusses the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth and relations with the Arabs.

Some 20 pages are devoted to a valuable appendix, analysing schemes for Jewish colonisation outside Palestine. Details are given of attempts at settlement in Argentine, Biro-Bidjan, Kenya, Tanganyika, British Guiana and San Domingo and their severe limitations revealed. This information should prove of special interest when post-war Jewish problems are considered and the pamphlet will prove most useful to non-Jewish friends of the Zionist move-

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THE STANDARD

Obituary.

Pte. ISSY SANDLER.

The death took place on Saturday, 29th August, at Sonderwater Military Hospital, of Private Issy Sandler, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sandler, of Sea Point. He was 24 years of age.

The late Mr. Sandler was popular among the younger section of the community and will be very much missed by a wide circle of relatives and friends.

The military funeral on Wednesday morning at Woltemade was attended by a very large gathering. Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, Capt. S. Kassel and Cantor G. Golub officiated.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the parents and other members of the family in their bereavement.

New Year Cards and Calendars.

The Cape Zionist Youth Executive has acquired a limited quantity of attractive New Year greeting cards which contain striking pictures of scenes in Eretz Israel. The cards are obtainable at 2/- a dozen.

The public are also reminded of the Eretz Israel pictorial calendar containing reproductions of scenes in the National Home. The calendar makes an ideal New Year gift and is sold at 2/-.

The cards or the calendars may be obtained from the Executive office at Room 22, 6 Barrack Street, Cape Town, 'phone 2-1904.

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