

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

All credit is due to Mrs. V. Friedman and the various members of her family for the outstanding results of the Bring-and-buy Sale held at her residence in Virginia Avenue on Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Gardens Branch. The handsome sum of £35 was raised towards the Freedom Fete, and in addition those present spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. R. Hirschson, in expressing thanks to Mrs. Friedman for her outstanding effort, pointed out that there was still time for members to follow her example and swell the proceeds of their stall at the fete. Others might arrange functions after the fete, devoting takings to the same all-important cause — the Jewish National Fund.

Mrs. Friedman thanked all those who had assisted towards the success of the afternoon, especially members from other branches, such as Sea Point and Muizenberg.

A box of chocolates presented by Mrs. L. Klein was sold by American auction and realised £5, while the "Fortune Telling Booth" of Mrs. Pick proved a great draw.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

On the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Segal entertained the old folk to a special luncheon and afternoon tea last Sunday.

Mr. B. Woolf, Vice-chairman of the Home, in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Segal and wishing them continued happiness and good luck, referred to the communal activities, spread over many years, of both Mr. and Mrs. Segal. Mr. Woolf thanked Mr. and Mrs. Segal for remembering the old folk and he assured them that their gesture was very highly appreciated. Mr. Woolf also apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. Harry Rosen, through indisposition.

The Treasurer of the Home, Mr. S. B. Hersman, in associating himself with the remarks of Mr. Woolf, said that both Mr. and Mrs. Segal worked unassumingly in the interests of the community. They were two outstanding personalities who gave of their best and were always ready to help those in need. It was typical of Mr. and Mrs. Segal to share their "Simcha" with those not as fortunate as themselves, and the example set by Mr. and Mrs. Segal could well be followed by others.

Both Mrs. Lewis, Chairlady of the Home, and Mr. L. Pimm associated themselves with the remarks of the Vice-chairman and Treasurer.

Mr. Segal addressing those present, said it gave him and his wife much pleasure to be there that afternoon. He thanked everybody for their good wishes. Both he and his wife felt that it was only right that those who were in a position to do so should give pleasure and assist those members of the community who either through old age or other reasons were less fortunately placed.

Mrs. Segal, speaking in Yiddish, likewise thanked everybody for their good wishes. Whilst her husband had always associated himself with local institutions, her interests lay in working for Eretz Israel. Mrs. Segal said that both her husband and herself were anxious to make a gift to every inmate of the Home and she asked that each person present should let her know what they desired and she would see to it that they received same.

Mr. Gerson, an inmate of the Home, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Segal for giving them so much pleasure that day. By their action Mr. and Mrs. Segal had shown that they in the Home were not forgotten, and this meant a great deal to them.

South Peninsula Zionist Association.

A very large audience of local and visiting Zionists attended the cultural evening at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on Tuesday, February 9th. Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner and Capt. S. Weinstein were the speakers.

Mr. S. Borok (Chairman) presided and welcomed the speakers and visitors.

Rabbi Kirzner delivered a lucid and instructive address on political Zionism and its origin in Jewish life and literature, tracing the political and social aspects of the movement in the life and literature of the people throughout the ages. The idea of a Jewish National Home in Palestine on the principle of justice, law and security was in the minds of the people throughout the history of our nation, which has never ceased to be considered as such, even in the eyes of the Gentile politicians of progressive countries, especially in Britain, where this conception has evidently found vivid expression in English literature as well as in Parliament. A number of striking quotations were given from ancient Hebrew literature, as well as from modern European literature to prove that the principal aspect of political Zionism as so strikingly expressed by Herzl in 1896, by Pinsker in 1882, and by Hess in 1862, were current in the minds of people and their practical life from times immemorial.

Capt Weinstein brought hearty greetings from Eretz Israel. He delivered an inspiring talk about his experiences in the Holy Land and up North and held the large audience spellbound. His talk impressed both old and young and proved beyond doubt his outstanding popularity with everyone.

Cantor Goldwasser and Mr. Harry Rabinowitz rendered musical items which were very much appreciated.

The refreshment arrangements were in the very capable hands of Mrs. Jocum and a band of lady helpers.

Mr. B. L. Rubik proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, artists and all those responsible for the success of the evening.

Cape Jewish Board of Guardians.

The Hon. Treasurer of the above institution gratefully acknowledges a bequest of

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Social & Personal.

Mr. E. Levite, B.A., of Bloemfontein, has been appointed Principal of the Muizenberg Hebrew School, and took up his duties on February 1st.

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The engagement is announced of Peggy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller, of Potchefstroom, and Sgt. Sam Lipschitz, youngest son of Mrs. D. Schus and the late Mr. J. Lipschitz, of Durbanville.

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The engagement is announced of Capt. David Barron, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barron, The Glen, Sea Point, to Freda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, Avenue le Sueur, Fresnaye, formerly of Woodstock.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinreich are leaving to-day for Port Elizabeth on a holiday visit.

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Alan Thal, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thal, who gained a 1st Class Pass in the Senior Certificate Examination and passed the Higher Taalbond Examination, has been awarded a scholarship at the University of Cape Town. He is taking the B.Sc. course.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Shrand (nee Sybil Kramer) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Forthcoming Concert by Cantor S. Mandel.

Cantor S. Mandel, who is well known for his fine tenor voice, will give a concert at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Tuesday, 23rd February, at 8.15 p.m. The programme will consist of Chazanuth, folk songs, arias in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, etc. Booking at the Pavilion.

BARMITZVAH.

HESSSEN.—Mendel, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hessen, of "Raemarn," Cromer Road, Muizenberg, will read a Portion of the Law at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Saturday, 20th February, Reception on Sunday 28th February, at 3 p.m. at Talmud Torah Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg.

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שבת

The BETH DIN announces that Sabbath commences at 7.50 p.m. on February 19th and ends at 9.3 p.m. on February 20th.

Make a date with the Freedom Fete: Zionist Hall, Thursday, 4th March.

Preparing for the Shekel Drive.

STRONG JOHANNESBURG COMMITTEE FORMED.

As already announced, Shekel Day has this year been fixed for Sunday, March 21st, and efforts are being made throughout the country to see that a record enrolment of Zionists will take place.

A full awareness of the importance of the Shekel in these critical times was evident at the enthusiastic meeting of Johannesburg workers which took place at the Coronation Hall to elect a Johannesburg Shekel Committee and make arrangements for the Shekel drive.

Mr. J. Bahr, Chairman of the United Shekel Commission, presided. After referring to the significant political work at present being done by Zionist leaders, he stressed the importance of a maximum Shekel enrolment in order to strengthen our hand now and after the war. The Shekel was the badge of Zionist allegiance; it was the concrete symbol of membership of the Zionist Organisation and adherence to the Zionist cause. Much would depend on numbers and there was vital need to strengthen our ranks. Mr. Bahr made a vigorous appeal to all present to put their utmost endeavours into the coming drive.

Mr. S. Sapire, who was unanimously elected Chairman of the Johannesburg Shekel Committee, dealt with organisation details. He suggested that a departure from the usual practice should be made this year, and that instead of the Shekel enrolment being left to particular organisations in each district, a special Shekel organisation should be created in each district for the task. To this organisation the various Zionist bodies in each area would send a representative. Through this system there would be a better distribution of workers than in the past.

After a comprehensive discussion, in which most of those present participated, Mr. Sapire's suggestion was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. F. Shakinovsky was elected Honorary Secretary of the Johannesburg Shekel Committee and it was agreed that the committee itself be composed of one representative each from the following bodies: Women's Zionist League, Johannesburg Zionist Association, Mizrahi Organisation, Jewish State Party, Zionist Socialist Party, Zionist Youth, and Habonim.

Medical Aid for Russia Fund.

A meeting, at which Mr. Turok presided, was held in the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, on Sunday, 7th February, when Mr. Zybert delivered a most interesting lecture, "What Next?"

During the evening Mr. Asher recited a very moving poem, and a collection was made for Medical Aid for Russia, which resulted in a contribution of £85 to the fund.

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On air stations after every flight the pilot returns his parachute to the packing room, and it is checked before being placed on the shelf ready for the next flight. The rip cords are inspected frequently so that there is no possible chance of the parachute failing if it is needed. The girls know that it is on their skill and care alone that the pilot must depend if anything goes wrong, and they see to it that the parachute, his one hope of life in the face of catastrophe, is utterly dependable. South African airmen everywhere depend on the efforts of these girls to safeguard them in the event of extreme danger, but more women are needed—"double the number." You can help to double the number by joining up now.

MUIZENBERG - KALK BAY HEBREW CONGREGATION.

Capt. Rabbi I. FREEDMAN

(Formerly of Benoni)

will deliver a Sermon at the

Muizenberg Synagogue on
Sabbath Morning, 20th inst.

A Special Invitation is extended to visitors.

CONSECRATION.

KONWISER.—The consecration of the tombstone in memory of the late Cantor B. Konwiser will take place at the New Hebrew Allotment, Woltemade No. 3 (Eighth Gate) on Sunday, 21st February, 1943, at 11 a.m.

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£100 from the estate of the late Mr. Jacob Friedland.

Young Wizo (Muizenberg).

A very happy second anniversary of the above group took place at the residence of Mrs. Esther Berman, Arlington Court, on Monday, February 15. There was a very good attendance, both convenors, Mesdames Block and Leib, also Mrs. Shaper, being present. Mrs. Berman in appreciation bought a tree in the name of Young Wizo and Young Wizo itself did likewise.

This group was formed three seasons ago and the children knit comforts for soldiers in Palestine. Last year over 200 pairs of socks, dozens of pullovers, caps, etc., were sent overseas, and acknowledgments have been received from Eretz Israel.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.

On Sunday, 14th February, the Muizenberg branch of the organisation held a meeting at the Talmud Torah Hall.

Mrs. Maissel, who was in the chair, welcomed the members and visitors, and Mr. Phillips endorsed the welcome in the name of the Men's Mizrahi.

Mrs. Maissel gave the annual report, pointing out how the organisation had grown in membership in the year that had elapsed since its formation at the Cape.

Miss E. Friedman recited "The Eternal Riddle."

Capt. S. Weinstein, who had been a leader of the Mizrahi Youth Movement before he joined up, delivered an address. He spoke specifically about the services held up North and about the Mizrahi colonies in Eretz Israel. He described a typical day in Tirat Zvi, showing how the colonists managed to combine their religious duties with that which is required of them in tilling the soil, etc. Capt. Weinstein concluded with an appeal for active workers for the Mizrahi.

Tea was served for which Mrs. Isen deserves special thanks. Mrs. E. W. Kirzner thanked Capt Weinstein for his inspiring address. Mr. Asher read two humorous stories.

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The following are the results of the various raffles held in the past few months:

Cloth Raffle: Mrs. Reingold (presented by Mrs. Meltzer).

Torah: Mr. Berman, Johannesburg.

Guessing Competition: Mr. Philip Taylor, Johannesburg.

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