

In and Around the Peninsula

Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation.

In response to repeated requests over the last four years by a number of prominent Cape Town citizens, Rabbi M. C. Weiler, senior Rabbi of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, paid a short visit of two weeks to Cape Town. He addressed two meetings, both of which were largely attended, and at which Dr. H. Kramer presided, and at which votes of thanks to the speaker were proposed by Messrs. L. H. Lewis and N. Wittenberg.

It was decided to establish forthwith a Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation, and a strong Executive and Council were provisionally appointed consisting of the following:—

Executive: President, Dr. H. Kramer; Vice-presidents, R. Glasstone and S. Salamon; Hon. Secretary, Richard Myers; Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Levien; L. Berman, Dr. J. Moir Gordon, Dr. J. H. L. Shapiro.

Council: H. Clarke, Dr. Liberman, L. H. Lewis, S. Marine, J. J. Reitstein, W. Rothkugel, Simon Roy, Dr. N. Smiedt, Mrs. N. Hirschsohn, Mrs. M. Lipschitz, Mrs. R. Wise.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A public meeting was held on Sunday evening, 9th January, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg.

Mr. I. Bitnun opened the meeting and called upon Mr. J. Wilsker, Chairman of the Pretoria Zionist Socialist Party, to preside. Mr. Wilsker introduced the speakers and stated that the subject of the meeting, "Problems and Dangers of To-day and To-morrow," was of vital importance as the party had a special approach to current problems and a definite policy for the future.

Mr. W. Ryhko (of Johannesburg) classified Jewish enemies into three categories—enemies who desire to exterminate Jews physically, those who wish to destroy us politically, and thirdly, those whose ambition it was to destroy us only spiritually. Jewish history proved that those enemies who strove for our physical extermination failed completely. Only in the political sphere were our enemies successful. A renaissance of spiritual values was always the outcome of the attack upon the Jewish spirit. The speaker compared the present with other times of great national disaster when the Jews always emerged strengthened and steeled in spirit, but nonetheless there were great dangers now confronting the Jewish people, particularly as the spiritual centre of Jewry in Eastern Europe is destroyed. Palestine was the only spiritual rampart remaining, and Palestine is Hebrew. Yiddish which was such a unifying factor for Jewry the world over, would be supplanted by Hebrew, and thus we have to adapt ourselves to new circumstances, and Hebrew must become the slogan of Jewish unity.

Mr. E. Kluk in an extensive address analysed the present Jewish position in the light of the events of the past four years. He dealt with the Jewish contribution to the Allied cause both in Palestine and elsewhere, and the meagre recognition which had been accorded such efforts. At the end of the war there would be an immediate immigration need for at least two to three million Jews who had survived the Nazi juggernaut. To meet the problem by means of minority safeguards or by assimilation was futile. Moreover the settled countries would not be prepared to absorb this flood, and the primitive lands so often suggested were incapable of doing so. Only Palestine could absorb and rehabilitate the best part of the remnant of European Jewry. In that task the Labour Movement by its past experience and achievements and specific social outlook was bound to play a paramount and decisive role.

Mr. K. Winik, of Johannesburg, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.

On Friday evening, 7th inst., the Sea Point Branch held an Oneg Shabbat at "Craigmore," Main Road, Sea Point. Mrs. P. Marks presided and welcomed all present. Dr. Hurwitz, the guest speaker, dealt in a most able manner with the subject "The development of Modern Zionism." Cantor Katzin and Mr. Yach rendered Yiddish songs which were much appreciated. A vote of thanks to the speaker, the hostess, Mrs. Schochen, and the artists, was moved by Mr. Aronson.

Oneg Shabbat at Muizenberg.

The first function held under the auspices of the combined Cape Peninsula Mizrahi Organisation, South Peninsula Zionist Society, Bnoth Zion Association, Massadah and Young Israel Society

of Muizenberg took the form of an Oneg Shabbat, which was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Friday evening, 31st December. Mrs. Maissel, Chairlady of the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi organisation, presided, and in welcoming the large gathering of members and visitors present, recommended the idea of combined functions to other communities.

Rabbi Rabinowitz, of Kensington, Johannesburg, delivered a most interesting address on the significance of Shabbat and its place in our national life. Cantor Kamionsky, of Bulawayo, rendered some beautiful Yiddish songs, and other items were rendered by Mrs. Miriam Caplan, Mr. Michael and Cantor Goldwasser. Mr. Levite, Chairman of the Combined Zionist Societies of Muizenberg, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker and to all who had contributed towards making the function such an outstanding success.

Marriage.

NOCHAMSON—HOFFMAN.

The marriage of Maie, only daughter of Mr. Ralph Hoffman, to Robert, younger son of Mrs. A. G. Barnett and the late Mr. J. Nochamson, took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Tuesday afternoon. Rabbi I. Abrahams, assisted by Mr. B. Rome, officiated.

A/S. Issy Fine was the bestman and the poleholders were Messrs. Stanley Lewis, Solly Bernberg, Jerry Rabkin and Dr. T. Kaufman. Misses Adele Klotz, Sonia Abrahamson and Zelma Hoffman were the bridesmaids and Norma Abrahamson was the flower-girl.

A reception was held at the Zionist Hall and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. The bridegroom responded. Dr. W. Rabkin proposed the toast of the parents. Mr. I. Klotz responded.

The names of the bride and bridegroom have been inscribed in the Golden Book by the father of the bride.

Social & Personal.

The marriage took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday, 9th January, of Sam, son of Mr. L. Hill and the late Mrs. Hill, of Cape Town, and Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Stander, of Parow. A reception was held at the Parow Talmud Torah Hall. The names of the bride and bridegroom were inscribed in the Golden Book by the brothers and brothers-in-law of the bridegroom. Messrs. Jacob, Gabriel and Israel Hill, Mr. Morris Wilk and Mr. Ted Alperin.

The marriage of Deborah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mindel, of Observatory, and Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chiat, of Lithuania, will take place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday, 16th January, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Freedman (née Len Lichtenstein) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Double Barmitzvah at Muizenberg.

The Barmitzvahs of two cousins were celebrated at Muizenberg on Saturday, 8th inst. They were Woolf Gabriel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Edelstein, of Muizenberg, and Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edelstein, of Prieska. A Brocha was subsequently held at the Talmud Torah Hall, at which Mr. Mullne presided. Mr. R. Oblowitz welcomed the guests. Mr. Max Blum, of Laingsburg, proposed the health of the boys, and Mr. H. Hadley that of the parents.

The names of both boys have been inscribed in the Sefer Barmitzvah by Mr. A. Edelstein.

"Chronicle" Seaside Fund.

It is regretted that a contribution of £1 1s. to the above fund from Mrs. H. Newman in the names of Gerald and Abie Newman was wrongly acknowledged as from Mrs. H. Robinson (Johannesburg).

Children's Concert Disappoints

The Editor,
S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

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For a long time now there has been a conservative propaganda in regard to instilling Jewish education and Zionist understanding in children. This afternoon, it seems to me, a very appropriate occasion for giving Jewish children a concert which could have been the same time enjoyable and Jewish. Instead of tap dancing the Hora could have been danced; instead of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" I think a Palestinian song would have been more appropriate.

But leaving out the Zionist atmosphere, I think, too, that to give a programme for children comprised entirely of jazz, crooning and voluptuous dancing is most unsuitable.

In my opinion if the children are to be given good art and music it may be easier eventually to educate them to Zionist instead of Hollywood ideals.—Yours, etc.,

SONYA FREEDGOLD

Bethlehem, O.F.S.

Forthcoming Events

Great Synagogue Forum.

The next Luncheon Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 19th January, at 12.45 p.m. in the Talmud Torah Hall, Hope Street. Rabbi I. Abrahams will speak on "Rebirth of Judaism—an analysis." All welcome.

Rabbi Abrahams to Address Monash Botha Shellhole.

Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams will address the Monash Botha Shellhole (M.O.T.) on Monday evening, 17th January. He will take as his subject the order of the Shellhole which is "true comradeship, sound men and mutual help."

Holiday Functions at Muizenberg.

Mrs. Kurt Blumenfeld (wife of the well-known Zionist leader and a prominent worker in Palestine) will address the weekly Conversazione to be held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on Tuesday, January 18th, at 8.15 p.m. Her subject will be "Aspects of Palestine Life." All welcome.

Muizenberg Holiday Fair.

Convenors and workers of the Holiday Fair are cordially invited to a cocktail party to be held on Tuesday, 18th January, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rabinowitz, "Sidonia," Ronleigh Road, Muizenberg, at 5 to 7 p.m.

Address Wanted.

Anyone knowing the address of Zvi Hershman, who came to South Africa from Lidhowitz, Poland, in 1932, should please communicate with S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 413 Security Buildings, Exchange Place, Cape Town (phone 2-5066).

In last week's issue of the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle" it was stated that during the High Festival services at Malmesbury Mr. Beinart had volunteered his services as Shacharith. This should have read Musaph.