

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The Eleventh Branch held its monthly and cultural meeting on Monday afternoon, 17th April, at the residence of Mrs. J. Gottlieb, "Waverley," Eden Road, Claremont. There was a good attendance over which Mrs. Henry Harris presided. After a discussion on the membership drive, the rummage sale and the distribution of raffle books, the members were entertained by Miss Sara Gordon, who rendered two piano solos.

After tea, Miss Freda Astrinsky recited a very beautiful poem by Bialik and a humorous sketch. Mr. B. L. Rubik spoke on the "Transvaluation of Values." This address, which was very interesting and most informative, dealt effectively with the dangerous and misconceived theory of the Jewish problem and the outlook of the modern Jew to-day. The broad views of the speaker and his sincere and informal manner of interpretation were very greatly appreciated by all the members present. After several questions had been asked and answered, Mrs. Ann Lipschitz very ably proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Rubik, the artists for their performance and the hostess for her hospitality. It was gratifying to note the keen interest the younger members of the branch took in Mr. Rubik's address, as revealed by the various discussions which have taken place subsequently.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Tamboers Kloof Branch was held on 20th April at the residence of Mrs. H. Blumberg, 12 Brunswick Road. There was a fair attendance. The chairlady, Mrs. Jacob, gave an account of the year's activities. The treasurer, Mrs. Rabkin, read the satisfactory balance sheet. Mrs. Zuckerman gave an account of the Youth Aliyah campaign, for which Mrs. Jacob gave a special vote of thanks. Mrs. Blumberg read the news sheet. Mrs. Segal, Mrs. Heneck and Mrs. Wolff were guests present. Mrs. Segal gave an inspiring address on "Aspects of Zionism." The following were elected to the committee: Mrs. Jacob, Chairlady; Mrs. Blumberg, Vice-chairlady; Mrs. Rabkin, Treasurer; Mrs. Kolinoff, Secretary; Mesdames Sarapsky, Sive and Ackermann, Wizo Convenors; Committee, Mesdames Zuckerman, Grodzinsky, Friedlander, C. Cohen, Ackerman, Paswell, Gordon, Jaffee, Sakinofsky and Abel. Mrs. Jacob thanked Mrs. Blumberg, the speaker and her committee for their co-operation.

### Massadah Association, Sea Point.

An extremely successful meeting was held at Craigmere Hotel on Monday evening, 24th instant. The guest speaker was Mrs. M. Antebi, of Eretz Israel, who in an informal yet extremely eloquent manner gave a remarkable verbal picture of life in Palestine to-day. In a comprehensive survey she dealt with social, educational, political and other problems and gave a graphic account of the new life that was being fashioned there and the manner in which it compared with Jewish conditions elsewhere. Mrs. Antebi's address completely fascinated the large audience and she was plying with a large number of questions which she answered in great detail and with absorbing lucidity. It was with great regret that members were obliged to desist from further questions owing to the lateness of the hour. During the course of the evening a news commentary was given by Mrs. Harriet Levin. It was announced that the Annual General Meeting would be held on Monday, May 8th.

### Great Synagogue Forum.

At the last meeting of the Forum held on Wednesday, 19th inst., Mrs. Sloman, president of the Union of Jewish Women for South Africa, delivered an address. Mr. A. V. Jacob apologising for the absence of Mr. Harold Hoffman, welcomed Mrs. Sloman as the first lady speaker to address the Forum since its inception.

In her address, entitled "The Four Questions Adapted," Mrs. Sloman enquired as to what policy we might pursue in this country in these troubled times in the light of the four characters classified in the Hagadah, the wise, the wicked, the simple, and him who knows not what to ask. Mrs. Sloman sketched briefly the variegated historical background of South African Jewry, a knowledge of which was necessary for a truer appraisal of present-day conditions. Life for a minority in a country divided against itself presented great difficulty even in normal times, and now that anti-Semitism was constantly discussed in Parliament and in the Press, it was becoming apparent that a group existence was gradually being forced upon us. Such a complicated existence predicated an "in-group mutual dependency and mutual support," with specific duties to itself apart from and in addition to the obligation which

all citizens owe to their country. The speaker concluded that only a knowledge of our past and an intelligent understanding of the principles of our faith, could regain us our old self respect and the respect of our neighbours.

Mr. B. W. Hoffman in proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Sloman, mentioned that the Forum was an honest endeavour to cope with some of the difficulties to which she had referred.

### Function at Woodstock.

A most successful function under the auspices of the Woodstock-Salt River Cultural Circle and Bnoth Zion Association took place on Monday evening, 24th April, when Mr. Joshua Leibner addressed a crowded gathering at the residence of Mrs. D. Schrock, 7 Hare's Ave., Woodstock. Mr. A. J. Basker, chairman of the Cultural Circle, presided. Mr. Leibner gave a review of the latest position in Palestine, dealing also with the life of the chalutzim and political conditions. Numerous questions were asked by the audience, all of which Mr. Leibner dealt with in a lucid and interesting manner. Mr. Lederman proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. Mr. Basker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the hostess, Mrs. Schrock, and family for their kind hospitality.

### Union of Jewish Women.

The Hadassah knitting groups of Muizenberg, under the convenerhip of Mrs. King and Mrs. Krikler, ran a very successful Red Cross Market on Thursday, 20th April. The cake and knitted wear stall raised £54 and over £30 was taken in lunches and teas.

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tions with neighbouring countries while avoiding foolish and exaggerated claims.

### TRIBUTE TO JEWISH ACHIEVEMENTS.

Dealing with Jewish achievements in Palestine, Senator Brookes said that the most interesting thing was the way in which an urban people was cultivating the land; the "cultured peasant" type had been produced in the sense that the cultivated man had become a peasant. Men and women worked on the land and yet maintained cultural and literary activities not usually associated with a farmer's life.

He paid a tribute to the communal settlements in Palestine which were a manifestation of communism in practice within the structure of a capitalistic society. Through these settlements Palestine had made a unique contribution to the history of the human race.

Senator Brookes concluded by saying that when the aim of a Jewish State was ultimately achieved, there would still be millions of Jews outside Palestine, and the problem of anti-Semitism would not be completely solved. But goodwill would have been brought nearer. The National Home would show what Jews could do when able to fill posts denied to them at present. Their achievements in every sphere would redound to the fair name of Jewry. He himself brought his allegiance and would endeavour to enlist the allegiance of others to the great, wonderful and sacrificial experiment in Palestine.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., expressed appreciation on behalf of all present to Senator Brookes for his masterly and reasoned address. He paid a tribute to him for his sincerity and for his readiness at all times to stand up for the oppressed and depressed. In undertaking the chairmanship of the pro-Palestine Committee, Senator Brookes had said: "Thank God I have the opportunity of serving the Jewish People." He was prepared to do all in his power to bring about an interest in Zionism among non-Jews; South African Jewry not only appreciated his efforts but looked forward to greater services until the time when the ideal of Zionism was realised.

Mr. Herbstein assured Senator Brookes that he took with him the sincere thanks of the audience and best wishes for the success of the Pro-Palestine Committee.

Before the close of the meeting Mr. Herbstein referred to the campaign being conducted by the Revisionists at present, and said that up till now they had no practical work to their credit in Palestine. A united front was essential in the midst of the great political struggle being waged. The mass of the people stood solidly behind the Jewish Agency; every advantage should be taken to explain the true position to the non-Jewish public. The anniversary of the battle of the Warsaw ghetto was now being observed and it was regrettable that with such an example there should be this division in Zionist ranks to-day.

During the evening Mr. Harry Rabinowitz rendered several songs.

## Social & Personal.

Dr. Joseph Sachs, M.A., Ph.D., has been appointed to the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies will be active principally in the Communal Relations Department of the Board. Dr. Sachs contributed extensively to the Jewish press and is the author of the following books: "Ben and the Jew," "The Jewish Genius," "Irma and the Spirit of Africa." In his new position Dr. Sachs will help to stimulate activities of the Board in the communal and cultural spheres.

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Rabbi M. C. Weiler, President of the S. Union for Progressive Judaism and senior Rabbi of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, has arrived in Cape Town from Johannesburg and is staying at the Assembly Hotel.

## BARMITZVAH.

HOTZ.—Marcus, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. 359 Main Road, Sea Point, will read a Portion of the Law at the Sea Point Synagogue on Saturday, 6th May.

## Forthcoming Events.

### Commemoration of the Battle of Warsaw Ghetto.

Under the auspices of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies a Mass Meeting has been arranged for Sunday, April 30th, in connection with the first anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw Ghetto. It will be held in the Zionist Hall, Hope Street at 4.30 p.m. Speakers: Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish, Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, Mr. A. M. Jackson, chairman, Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P. Cant. M. Katzin will intone the Haskorah. Synagogue services will be held at 5 p.m. in the Wynberg Synagogue (speaker, Capt. Rabbi I. Freedman) in the Muizenberg Synagogue (speaker, Mr. Herbstein, K.C.). A service will be held in the Parow Synagogue on Saturday, 29th April, at 5.30 p.m. (speaker, Dr. J. Karpas).

### Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

In his sermon on Sabbath morning, April 26th at 10 a.m., Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams will discuss the significance of the heroic struggle of the Warsaw martyrs and the lessons it holds for the Jewish future.

### Worcester Fete.

Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams will open the Worcester Fete to be held next week on behalf of the Youth Aliyah funds. A considerable number of representatives of the non-Jewish community of Worcester are being invited to the opening, which will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 3 p.m.

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The next meeting will be held at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Mr. Joshua Leibner will speak on "The Settlements in relation to family life in Palestine." All welcome.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Branch will be held on Thursday evening, 4th May, at the residence of Mrs. Z. Galloon, 26 Avenue Road, Woodstock. Mrs. Mary Segal, President of the Central Committee, will be the guest speaker.

### S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Association, Cape Town.

Mr. Joshua Leibner will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the above association on Tuesday, 2nd May, at 10 a.m., at the Talmud Torah, Hope Street, Cape Town. Mr. Leibner will talk on the "Youth of Palestine."

### Great Synagogue Forum.

The next Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, 3rd May, at 12.45 p.m. in the Talmud Torah Hall. Senator Basner will speak on "A Jew looks at the Native." All welcome.

### Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh.

The inaugural Youth Oneg Shabbos will be held on Saturday, 29th April, at 4.30 p.m., in the Beth Medrash, Vredehoek Ave., Cape Town. The Mincha service will be conducted by the children themselves. Rabbi Mirvish will deliver an address. All welcome.

### Youth Study Circle.

The next meeting will take place at the residence of Rabbi E. W. Kirzner, c/o Curtis and Holt Streets, Cape Town, on Monday, 8th May, at 8.15 p.m. All young people interested in matters appertaining to Judaism are cordially invited to attend.