

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Union of Jewish Women.

Mrs. E. G. Nyman, Mayoress of Cape Town, last Friday officially opened the Kensington Creche, run by the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, Cape Town Branch. Mrs. A. Bloomberg, Deputy-Mayoress, and representatives of the Social Welfare Department and the City Council, as well as representatives from other interested and sympathetic bodies were present. Messages were read from the Mayor, Mr. E. G. Nyman, Mr. A. Bloomberg, Dr. Shadick Higgins, Dr. E. M. Broome, the Chairman, Mrs. A. L. Movsovic, Mrs. Sara R. Sloman (National President of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa), Bishop S. W. Lavis and Mrs. I. Abrahams. The visitors were welcomed by the acting Chairman, Mrs. P. Auerbach.

Mrs. Nyman congratulated the Union of Jewish Women on their fine work in the districts of Kensington and Windermere, and expressed the hope that it would soon be possible to expand the facilities of the creche—which was now already filled to capacity—by enlarging it into such an institution as could meet the great needs of the thousands of under-privileged children living in these districts. Mrs. L. Mirvish and Mrs. L. Buntmann thanked Mrs. Nyman and expressed the appreciation of the society for the assistance and co-operation given to the creche by the City Council, by the health authorities and by the Government Social Welfare Department.

### Answer Study Circle.

Rabbi Israel Abrahams addressed a well-attended gathering of the Answer Study Circle, one of the branches of the Great Synagogue Centre activities, on Sunday night, on "The New Testament." He analysed the contents of the New Testament, comparing and contrasting its doctrines with those of the Hebrew Bible, some of the works of the Apocrypha and Apocalyptic literature and ethical teachings of the Talmud. Amongst specific points that the Rabbi dealt with were the respective Jewish and Christian concepts of the God-head, atonement, the Messiah, the golden rule, the law of religious love, and the attitude of people to other faiths.

The Rabbi concluded by quoting the Maimonidean view that whilst the daughter religions of Judaism never attained to the full truth taught by Judaism, both Christianity and Mohammedanism help to prepare humanity for an ultimate messianic era. For this great goal of human brotherhood and world-wide peace rooted in justice Jew and Gentile could work alike.

### Sea Point Massadah Association.

The first meeting of the new session took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newman on Monday evening, June 5th. Mr. S. M. Levin presided and announced the society's programme, referring in particular to the Study Circle, membership drive and W.I.Z.O. work. After Miss Rhoda Schoschon had rendered an amusing recitation, current news comments were given by Mr. S. Frank.

Dr. J. Mibashan then delivered a most informative analysis entitled "Catastrophes in Jewish History." He traced in detail the disasters which had overtaken the Jewish people from the sixth century until the end of the last war, and concluded by emphasising the manner in which Eretz Israel would end this continuous story of bloodshed. A number of questions were put to the lecturer and his replies proved as enlightening as the lecture itself. After the interval a hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. Hanson. At the conclusion of the meeting the lady members had a short discussion during which it was agreed to form a W.I.Z.O. section and to participate actively in the forthcoming J.N.F. bazaar organised by the Bnoth Zion Association.

### Cape Jewish Orphanage.

It is seven years since Mr. Isaac Ochberg died, yet each year his memory and his beneficence to the Orphanage Home are revived for both the children and the Committee through the sweet thoughtfulness of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Epstein, of Johannesburg, who conceived the excellent idea of arranging for a special birthday party for the Orphanage family. On Wednesday, May 31st, a considerable number of members of the Committee attended at the Home at 11 a.m. Mr. Michael Berman presided and Mr. B. A. Crasnow delivered an inspiring address to the assembled children after the good things provided for them had been disposed of. Mrs. A. V. Jacob, the Chairlady, then presented each child with a monetary gift, one of the conditions laid down

by Mrs. Epstein being that the children could spend the money without supervision of any kind. In this charming manner the personality and munificence of the late Mr. Isaac Ochberg pervaded the Home which he loved so well.

### Pidyan Haben.

The Pidyan Haben of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Asherson of the Strand took place on Wednesday, 31st May. Rev. M. J. Cohen, of Muizenberg, officiated. Mr. W. Miller, Hon. Life President of Somerset West Hebrew Congregation, presided over a gathering of relatives and friends. Rev. Cohen in an address explained the historical significance of the Redemption ceremony and stressed the vital need for strengthening and maintaining our ideals and traditions. He presented the "Pidyan" money for sale by American auction and with the assistance of the chairman raised the sum of £20, sufficient to inscribe the infant in the Golden Book. The purchaser was Mr. I. Barenblatt, of the Strand, the grandfather, who bought it in the name of the infant's mother.

Rev. Berdin of the Strand and Rabbi Abrahamson, of Somerset West, also addressed the gathering. Mr. B. Friedman gave greetings in the name of the Strand community. Mr. Borok moved a vote of thanks to the "Cohen." Mr. I. Barenblatt, the grandfather, and Mr. D. Asherson, the father of the infant, warmly thanked the speakers.

### Muizenberg Chug Ivri.

An informal gathering was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Levite, Melrose Road, Muizenberg, on 29th May to discuss the formation of a Chug Ivri at Muizenberg. It was decided to hold fortnightly meetings in future, the first to be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Borok, Muizenberg, on the 15th instant. A committee was formed consisting of Messrs. E. Levite, J. Opland, H. Propis and Miss Borok.

### Observatory-Mowbray Hebrew Congregation.

The Congregation records with deep regret the recent loss of two of its members, Mr. J. Synrodin and Mr. E. Levinovich, both of whom were greatly respected by all. They will be sadly missed.

### Zionist Hall Library.

Mrs. Nechama Levinsohn, of Muizenberg, has donated the Hebrew books of her late husband, Mr. Chaim Levinsohn, to the Zionist Hall Library.

### Oranjezicht Massadah Association.

About forty people attended a very successful games evening held at the residence of Miss E. Lichtenstein on Sunday evening, 4th June. To a large extent the success of the evening was due to Mr. Marcus Opland, who was responsible for organising the various games. During the evening the chairman, Mr. I. M. Grusd, announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday evening, June 12th, at the residence of Mr. M. Opland, 27 Rosmead Avenue, Oranjezicht, when Mrs. Antebi would speak. All welcome.

### Wynberg Zionist Association.

A well-attended and successful conversation was held at the Communal Hall, Wynberg, on Monday, 5th inst. Dr. C. Kaufman was in the chair and welcomed all present; he pointed out that this was the first of a series of functions which the society intend holding. The speaker, Mr. E. Kluk, gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Jewish Problems and Prospects—To-day and To-morrow." Questions were asked to which the speaker ably replied. Miss Scheinfeld played a pianoforte solo which was much applauded, and Mr. Nat Levenson gave an entertaining monologue. A play in Yiddish produced by Mr. S. Shapiro was much enjoyed by the audience. Those taking part were Mr. I. Shapiro, Mr. A. Shifrin and Mr. S. Shapiro. A very enjoyable evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the speaker and artists by Mr. H. Dubow.

### Barmitzvah Celebration in Parow.

Moses, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Levitt, celebrated his Barmitzvah at the Parow Synagogue on 3rd inst. On Friday evening the Barmitzvah conducted the service. On Sabbath the Barmitzvah read the portion of the Law and Mafzir. This was followed by Brochah at which Rabbi B. Lipshitz proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah and parents. On Sunday afternoon a reception was held at the Synagogue Hall and was attended by the whole community and by visitors. Dr. Karpas presided and the following spoke on the occasion: Rabbi Lipshitz, Mr. S. Borok and Dr. A. Birnbaum, who also presented the Barmitzvah with the certificate (first class) of the Cape Board of Jewish Education. The Barmitzvah and his father responded. The Barmitzvah was inscribed by his parents in the Golden Book.

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## Social & Personal.

The marriage of Jacob, son of Rev. M. Baraitser, and the late Mrs. Baraitser, of Piquette, and the late Mrs. Baraitser, of Piquette, Frida, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. 15 Rugley Road, Vredehoek, Cape Town, solemnised at the Roeland Street Synagogue, Sunday, 11th June, at 11.45 a.m. No card reception.

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The marriage of Feigaleah (Faye), daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Friedland, 5 B. Road, Cape Town, to Ralph (S.A.A.F.), only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Simon, of Nesburg, will take place at the Vredehoek Synagogue, on Sunday, 18th June, at 2.30 p.m.

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Mrs. Sara R. Sloman has been appointed chairman of the National Council of Women, Town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Simon Abel are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

## Forthcoming Events.

### Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

The Annual General Meeting will take place Sunday, June 11th, at 10 a.m. in the Old Synagogue. Members are invited to attend.

### Jewish Young Women's Residence.

The Annual General Meeting will take place Wednesday, 14th June, at 4.30 p.m., at 14 George's Street, Cape Town. All donors and subscribers are invited to be present.

### Students' Jewish Union.

Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams will address a mass meeting under the auspices of the Provisional Committee of the Students' Jewish Union of the University of Cape Town on Wednesday, 14th June, at 7.45 p.m., in connection with Keren Hayesod.

### Paarl Jewish Guild.

Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams will deliver the inaugural address of the Paarl Jewish Guild on Sunday, 11th June, at 8 p.m.

### Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

A symposium will be held on Wednesday, 14th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kaprielian, "Romema," Yeoville Road, Vredehoek, on the subject "The Jewish Problem and its Solution," presenting points of view, the Socialist one by Mr. E. J. and the Zionist one by Mr. E. Kluk. Members and all others interested are invited.

### Vredehoek Cultural Circle.

The next meeting will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kantor, "Belvedere," Grisnez Road, off Bradwell Road, Vredehoek, Cape Town, on Thursday, 15th June, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. Z. Avin will give an address on "False Messiahs in Jewish History." A musical programme has been arranged.

### Union of Jewish Women.

The next monthly meeting is to be held Tuesday, 13th June, at 2.45 p.m., at the Zion Hall. The following addresses will be given: "Women and Synagogue," by Mr. P. M. Cloninger; "Jewish Youth Centre," by Dr. S. Scher; Report on Bnoth Zion Association's Activities by Mrs. Lieberman. It is hoped that there will be a particularly large attendance of members and friends as the subjects will be open for discussion.

### Muizenberg Chug Ivri.

A meeting of the Muizenberg Chug Ivri will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Borok, Muizenberg, on 15th June, at 8.15 p.m. All welcome.

## Mrs. Ethel Hayman in Palestine

Mrs. Ethel Hayman has arrived in Palestine after a journey of two months from South Africa. She motored as far as Jerusalem from where she travelled by boat.

## BIRTH.

SOLLINGER.—To Steffi and Piepchen, a son, the 6th inst., at the Booth Memorial Home; both well.

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this rank some months before Dayan Gollop and have been permitted to retain this rank on retirement."

### Jewish Ship's Captain Commended.

Capt. Charles Bassa, a Jewish officer of the Merchant Marine, formerly employed on a Rumanian line, has been commended for bravery by the naval authorities. He is the second Jewish ship's captain to receive this award.

Capt. Bassa left the Rumanian service in August, 1940, and entered the British Merchant Marine, taking charge of the S.S. Hanne, lying in Istanbul under the British flag. He received his award for services rendered during the North Africa campaign in the period between January and July, 1941.

### General Morris Cohen.

General Morris Cohen, one of the world's most picturesque and romantic figures, and former financial adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, is to be married in Montreal, Canada, on June 18th, to Miss Judith Clark of that city. General Cohen passed through South Africa in November last on the Gripsholm when he was repatriated back to Canada from Hong Kong, where he had been a prisoner of war in Japanese hands in Stanley Internment Camp. He is the uncle of Mrs. Evelyn Wallace, of Lakeside, who, with members of her family, journeyed to Port Elizabeth to meet her uncle on his way through to Canada. General Cohen and his bride are expected to visit South Africa in the near future.

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### Cape Board of Jewish Education.

The Cape Board of Jewish Education is desirous of enlarging its collection of Hebrew books and books of general Jewish interest. The Board is convinced that there are numbers of books of Jewish interest in Hebrew or other language in private homes, which are unused at present, but would be a valuable addition to such a collection. The Board would appreciate it, therefore, if those desirous of assisting the Board in enlarging their collection would communicate with the Organising Secretary, S.A. Board of Jewish Education, Cape Committee, P.O. Box 2578, Cape Town, phone 3-1503. Arrangements will be made to collect the books.

### Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Society.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Monday, 22nd May, at the Queen's Hotel. Mrs. L. E. Berman presided over a large attendance. In her address she dealt with the various amounts distributed locally during the past year and showed how the needs of the less privileged members of the Jewish community had been carefully and conscientiously considered and met. Mrs. Berman thanked the Treasurer, Mrs. Zinn, the Secretary, Mrs. Rakin, and the committee for their work and paid a special tribute to Mrs. Goldberg, to whom the society owed a debt of gratitude for her untiring efforts for the benefit of the society.

After tea provided by Mrs. Itoni, proprietress of the Queen's Hotel, Mr. B. Garfinkel, accompanied by Mrs. M. Goott, sang delightful songs, Miss Francis Mayer gave a recitation, and Cantor Goldwasser read some humorous sketches. Linde Rosenberg and Phyllis Myer of the Gertrude Woffsohn Dancing Studio delighted the audience with a happy little tap dance, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Welsh. Mrs. Goott's piano solos were much appreciated. Mrs. S. R. Sloman brought greetings and good wishes from the Union of Jewish Women and spoke briefly on what affiliation to the Union of Jewish Women means. The election of office-bearers followed and the committee was unanimously re-elected en bloc, with Mrs. Berman as President. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from the chair to Mrs. Itoni and the artists.

## "Shaas Gemorahs" Wanted

The MAITLAND TALMUDICAL SOCIETY wish to purchase a "SHAAS GEMORAHS."—Replies, stating price, etc., should be sent to Mr. J. P. Krige, 20 Coronation Rd., Maitland; Phone 5-4586.

## Worcester Bnei Ubenoth Zion.

There was a large attendance at the annual General Meeting of the Worcester Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society. Mr. Wolf Heller, the retiring Chairman, welcomed the large gathering. Mr. J. J. Wilk, a life member of the society, was also present.

In the course of his presidential address Mr. Heller mentioned that the society had had a most successful year. There had been harmony and co-operation between the executive and the committee, and between the committee and the general body. There also existed the closest co-operation between the society and the congregation. Mr. Heller mentioned the fact that in the course of two years over £8,000 had been raised for the various funds, and that Worcester's contribution to the last Youth Aliyah campaign had been almost £4,000, a most magnificent sum. The Worcester Society had been active not merely in money-raising activities, but had also paid attention to cultural, organisational and propaganda work. During the course of the year several conversations had been held. Practically every adult male in Worcester is a shekel holder, and over 130 shekolim had been disposed of. In conclusion Mr. Heller thanked his executive and committee for their assistance and co-operation.

Mr. Wolf Heller was re-elected Chairman unanimously, amidst acclaim, for the third year in succession. Mr. Jack Friedman was elected Vice-chairman, Mr. Dave Shrand, Treasurer, and Mr. Michael Shochat, Secretary. The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. H. Broudie, E. Traub, M. Rabinowitz, W. Elkin, Z. Braude, L. Lange, L. Volks, Solomon Heller, B. E. Lipman, Simon Heller, R. Sakinofsky. Messrs. I. J. Sennett and J. Rabinowitz are honorary members of the committee. Messrs. J. Leader and H. Abromowitz were elected auditors and Messrs. W. Heller and D. Shrand were elected as the society's representatives to the Jewish Board of Deputies.

After the elections four modern sound films of Palestine were shown. These films were well produced and were enjoyed by all present.

## Obituary.

### DR. I. S. CRISTOL.

The death occurred on Tuesday at the age of 45 of Dr. Isidore Sydney Cristol, a well-known Cape Town eye specialist.

He came to South Africa from Liverpool in 1905 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Cristol, and was educated at the Normal College, S.A.C.S., and the University of Cape Town.

Later he studied medicine at Leeds University and in Budapest and Vienna, and in 1927 he won the Oxford diploma in ophthalmology.

He is survived by his brother, Mr. Joss Cristol of Wynberg, to whom sympathy is extended.

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## Board of Education's Festival Booklet.

On the occasion of the Festival of Shevuoth the Cape Board of Jewish Education issued the most attractive publication which it forwards to all Hebrew pupils. The booklet sets out in simple but effective style the story of Shevuoth, its religious and national significance, and the manner in which it was observed in the Holy Land. It also contains useful notes dealing with the various customs and ceremonies connected with the Festival.

The Board is to be highly commended for this praiseworthy effort. It is strongly advisable for similar publications to be issued for other festivals and it is to be hoped that those responsible will carry on the good work. Possibly the addition of one or two relevant Talmudic legends might have the effect of making these booklets even more informative and appealing to the young reader.

## Miss Marcia Gitlin.

Miss Marcia Gitlin, who is visiting Palestine prior to taking up a position as propagandist to the Women's Zionist Council in South Africa, was entertained at a Wizo reception in Tel-Aviv. Mrs. Hadassah Samuels presided and the speakers were Mrs. Rachel Kagan, President of the Palestine Wizo, Dr. Immanuel Olsvanger, on behalf of the Keren Hayesod, Mrs. Zvi Yehuda, of Nahalal, Mrs. Rose Ginsberg and Messrs. Harzfeld and Baratz.

## Rev. I. Szwarc

The Rev. I. Szwarc, the newly-appointed Minister of the Claremont Hebrew Congregation, was presented with a Golden Book Certificate at a farewell function given in his honour by the Queenstown community on Sunday, May 21. The presentation was made by the chairman, Mr. N. Gordon, and both he and Mr. Alex. Addleson, chairman of the Bnei and Bnoth Zion Association, paid fitting tribute to the valuable services rendered by Rev. I. Szwarc to the community during his ministry of three years.

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