

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Cape Jewish Orphanage.

For the second year in succession Mothers' Day at the Cape Jewish Orphanage was the scene of a very large and representative gathering on Monday afternoon when the Ladies' Committee was "At Home" to all women of the community.

Mrs. A. V. Jacob, chairlady, in her opening remarks welcomed the visitors, some of whom were from various parts of the country, and briefly explained the object of holding Mothers' Day. She appealed for closer co-operation and that greater interest should be taken by the women in the personal welfare of the children and the Home in general. Attention was also drawn by Mrs. Jacob to the possibility of post-war problems bringing about a tremendous increase in the work, which would entail obligations towards the caring of war orphans; she called upon the women to stand in readiness to render service in this direction whenever required.

The visitors heartily enjoyed a splendid display of singing and dancing given by the girls of the Home under the able supervision and training of Mrs. Jack Stodel, who also composed the words and music of a marching song performed by the girls specially for the occasion. After the performance Mrs. Jacob expressed grateful thanks to Mrs. Stodel and paid tribute to her devotion and her fine influence in creating an atmosphere of joy and happiness among the children through dancing and singing. Deep appreciation also went to Mrs. Ernest Liberman for ably accompanying throughout the display. Mrs. Liberman regularly assists Mrs. Stodel at the piano whenever lessons are given to the children.

Tea was served on the spacious lawns, after which the visitors were invited to inspect the Home.

A very pretty gesture was carried out when the junior girls of the Home presented each guest on entering the Home with a posy of flowers.

### South Zion Association.

The Wizo circle of the Green and Sea Point Branch, under the convenorship of Mrs. M. Fig, has been reorganised and meets every fortnight at the residence of Mrs. M. Segal. Apart from the sewing and knitting, a cultural programme is presented and the increasing number of members at the meetings is testimony of the interest that is being displayed.

Included in the programme drawn up for four meetings are readings from Pinsker's "Auto-emancipation" and "The World of Sholom Aleichem" by Maurice Samuel. Items of interest in current news are given and members participate in the discussions which ensue. Apart from the above, at the meeting on 25th October Mrs. Helena Lieberman gave an interesting and informative talk on the J.N.F. and on 8th November a poem "Behold the Jew" by Ada Jackson was only read by Miss Juliet Levitan. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Sea Point Branch to attend these meetings. The next one takes place on Wednesday, 22nd November, at 10.30 a.m., at the residence of Mrs. Segal, 6 Ave. Disandt.

### A. Ort-Oze (Cape).

A meeting arranged on behalf of the South African Ort-Oze (Cape) by Dr. and Mrs. B. Krikler was held at Muizenberg on Wednesday, 9th November, at the Balmoral Hotel. The meeting, which was presided over by Mr. R. M. Rifkin, was addressed by Mr. J. Dwolatzky, Secretary of the Cape Committee of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, and by Dr. Z. R. Rosenberg, vocational guidance officer of the Cape branch of the Ort-Oze.

Mr. Dwolatzky gave a clear and significant summary of the development of Jewish communal life in this country, drawing at the same time a comparison between the trends observed in Palestine and other countries of the diaspora. He linked up with this exposition the growth of anti-semitism here and abroad and showed the extent to which the occupational distribution of the Jewish community was exposed to anti-semitic propaganda. He then went on to give an indication of the sociological background of the work of the Ort-Oze and spoke more specifically of its practical application in the work of the Vocational Guidance Bureau.

Dr. Rosenberg spoke briefly of the place of vocational guidance in the community welfare plan and pointed out how closely the work of the bureau followed the most modern lines of scientific welfare work. Speaking more specifically of the work of the Ort-Oze, one of the most interesting facts she mentioned was that in a survey conducted of the proposed occupational choice of Jewish school-going children in Johannesburg, 32% of the children who were leaving school at the end of the year were choosing skilled trades as against 47%

who wished to take up professions.

Mr. Leopold Snider, Chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the Ort-Oze, was a guest speaker at the meeting and gave a comprehensive picture of the development of the work of the Ort-Oze in the Transvaal. Miss M. Wolpe, vocational guidance officer of the Johannesburg Bureau, was also present.

A lively discussion took place and the meeting closed with a warm vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Krikler for their hospitality.

### Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh.

A special general meeting with the object of forming a Chevra Kadisha took place on Sunday, 29th October, in the Synagogue Chambers. Mr. Talberg, the Treasurer, in the absence of the Acting chairman, presided over the gathering. The meeting was very well attended.

Before opening the proceedings the Chairman expressed sympathy with the families of the late Messrs. D. Kalwerisky and E. Mankowitz, the hon. vice-president and chairman respectively.

A very long discussion took place in which Messrs. Mirvish, Vermont, Goodman, Glick, Kellner and Traub participated, and after an opposition amendment that was moved by Mr. Mirvish and seconded by Mr. Danker, the following resolutions were agreed upon:—

(1) "This meeting of members of the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh held on Sunday, 29th October, 1944, hereby confirms the action of the committee in establishing a Chevra Kadisha (Burial Service) under the auspices of this congregation, and the committee is authorised to acquire all the necessary equipment for the formation of Chevra Kadisha and the amount of expenditure shall not exceed the sum of £300."

(2) "That the general meeting expresses its wish that the committee should contact again all other congregations with a view to forming a combined Chevra Kadisha."

### Histadruth Ivrith.

A Sicha took place at the Moadon on Sunday night last. Mr. E. Levite initiated a discussion on "The Ways of Expression in our Language."

Mr. Levite dealt with the development and growth of the Hebrew language. The study of the language can be followed only after we know the nature of the land where the language grew up and the culture of the people that built up the language. The language, on the other hand, throws some light on the views and even beliefs of the people in ancient times. We have in the Hebrew language some idioms and expressions the original meaning of which we can hardly understand. He further gave some interesting illustrations to show that some expressions have been adopted in the language by mere mistake.

An interesting discussion followed in which a large number of members participated.

### Massadah Association of Rondebosch.

On Monday, 6th November, Mr. S. M. Levin spoke to the above society, his subject being "Zionism in Palestine—Political and Practical." Mr. Levin pointed out that despite its inherent weaknesses, the Balfour Declaration represented a great achievement—the first public recognition of Jewish rights to Palestine. The original promise had been made in good faith but had been largely abandoned owing to the spirit of appeasement. There were signs, however, that Jewry would be given another chance. There was no alternative for a Jewish State as a solution of the Palestine problem. The end of the last war had caught world Jewry unawares. Should a new declaration on the lines of the Biltmore programme be enunciated, he said that the consequent influx of immigration into Palestine would make any subsequent whittling down impossible. Also, said the speaker, our practical achievements in Palestine made a new declaration a grave necessity.

The meeting, which was under the chairmanship of Mr. L. H. Berold, was held at the residence of Mr. Sol. Cohen, Milner Road. At the commencement of the evening a very full and able news commentary was given by Mrs. J. Tuch.

### Merkaz Harav Talmudical Study Circle.

At the monthly lecture which took place at the Talmud Torah Hall on Wednesday, 8th inst., Mr. A. Yach, the Chairman, welcomed the large and representative gathering.

The lecture was delivered by Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner on "Hillel and Shammai and their Respective Schools of Thought," proving from the Talmud and many other ancient sources that the fundamental differences between the two great masters are traced to vital psychological and practical causes. Certain philological considerations have also been used to illustrate the two independent outlooks on religious and national problems. A discussion followed and the various questions raised were adequately answered by the Rabbi.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Rabbi B. Isaacson, Rev. A. Kaufman and Mr. A. Bank.

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## Social & Personal.

The marriage of Ziona, elder daughter of Mrs. M. I. Cohen and the late Rev. Cohen (of Bulawayo), and Cpl. Walter Meyer, youngest son of Mr. M. Meyer and the late Mrs. Meyer, of Johannesburg, will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Johannesburg, on Sunday, 26th November, at 11 a.m. Address: 51 Saunders Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shapiro, of Sea Point (formerly of Rhodesia), to Ralph, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Kossev, of Sea Point.

The engagement is announced of L/Cpl. Rex Carasov, S.A. Army Signals (in Italy), only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carasov, of Cape Town, and P/O. Elisabeth Morris, W.R.N.S., daughter of Mrs. A. A. Morris, of Oxton, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

The engagement is announced of Fanny, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. Friedgood, of Cape Town, and Maurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Weinberg, of Johannesburg.

Dr. and Mrs. I. Mirvish (née Misnun) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

A/Sgt. and Mrs. R. Nochamson (née Maie Hoffman) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

### BERELOWITZ-EMDIN.

The marriage took place on Sunday, 12th November, at the Great Synagogue, of Sybil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Emdin, of Cape Town, to Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Berelowitz, of Wynberg.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Zionist Hall. Mr. S. Cohen acted as chairman. Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom; the bridegroom responded. Rev. Ch. Gordon proposed the toast of the unterfuhrers; Mr. Emdin responded.

The names of the bride and bridegroom have been inscribed in the Golden Book by their respective parents.

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### Cinema Evening at "Rosecourt."

A very successful cinema evening was held at "Rosecourt" on Thursday, 9th November, for the young boys and girls who had during the year come to the Vocational Guidance Bureau of the Ort-Oze for advice and placement. Nearly forty young people were present and several members of the Technical Sub-committee of the Ort-Oze were also in attendance to answer questions on the choice of skilled trades and the apprenticeship conditions which they involved.

The guests were welcomed by Dr. Louis Mirvish, Chairman of the Ort-Oze (Cape), who expressed his pleasure at bringing together the young members of the Jewish community who were interested in learning a useful and productive skill, and stated that he hoped that this meeting would be the first of other similar functions. The Hon. Secretary of the Ort-Oze, Mr. M. Katovsky, addressed the boys and informed them that the cinema evening had been arranged in the hope not only that they would bring their difficulties and their questions to the committee members during the evening but also that they would make suggestions to the committee on ways which could be devised to give them an even more efficient service than they were already receiving from the Vocational Guidance Bureau.

The films chosen for the evening had special reference to the modern development of machine practice and provoked both interest and discussion. During the tea interval Mr. C. S. Marks, Chairman of the Technical Sub-committee of the Ort-Oze, answered questions and discussed the advantages of apprenticeship in skilled trades. Mr. B. Levitas also gave information on various trades which were not so generally known, and spoke of the processes involved in the learning of different skills.

### Vredehoek Women's Mizrahi Association.

Members and sympathisers gathered at the residence of Mrs. H. Broide, on Tuesday, 7th November, when a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mrs. A. Davis read an article entitled "The Jew and the Arab," written by V. Jabotsky, which was well received, and proved most interesting and informative. Miss Francis Myers recited several poems, which were very much appreciated. Mrs. A. Gottschalk read "Views of an Afrikaner on Anti-Semitism." This article was very well written, and in summing up Mrs. Gottschalk said that Jew and Gentile alike could benefit from it.