

## 20th Young Israel Camp.

The Young Israel Camp has never served its purpose so faithfully and so completely—this is the general consensus of opinion of all campers who spent three weeks of their holidays at Lakeside. At a Camp Executive meeting held on Sunday, 14th January, it was apparent from the reviews given by members that this year the camp had reached a standard of Zionist fellowship and education of which the Zionist Youth Movement could justly be proud. It was a camp which served as a fitting climax of a year of Zionist Youth activity throughout South Africa, as well as an excellent beginning for an even more vigorous and active year of Zionist service. It was gratifying to note the changes in outlook which had taken place in many campers during the short period at camp. Inactive and lukewarm Zionists returned to their homes determined to devote themselves to the Zionist ideal, and the many active Zionists will recommence their Zionist activities with renewed vigour and a desire to intensify their Zionist service, which is already leading them on the path to chalutzit. In spirit the 20th Young Israel Camp has reached Kibbutz life to a remarkable proximity.

### ADMINISTRATION.

The camp was administered by a large and hard-working Executive, assisted by committees, consisting of the following:—

Council: Messrs. S. Peires, C. Reitstein, D. Lazarow. Mr. L. Lichtenstein, Head of Senior Camp; Mr. C. Traub, Head of Junior Camp. Cultural Director: Mr. S. M. Levin, B.A., LL.B. Cultural Conveners: Messrs. R. B. Egert, B.A., H. Stutzen, B.A. Treasurer: Miss R. Cohen. Additional members of Executive: Miss L. Katz, Miss E. Solomon, Messrs. S. Rome, Zagenov, Gafenowitz, V. Resnekov, D. Lurie, B. Nowick and D. Bolel. Junior Advisory Committee: J. Meyerowitz, S. Kessler, M. Saven. Transport Commissioners: S. Wilk, G. Bloch, M. Saven. J.N.F. Commissioner: A. Hodes. First Aid Commissioner: C. H. Marks. Assistants: S. Kaimowitz and I. Katz. Services were conducted by S. Kessler. The secretary of the Camp Committee of the Cape Z.Y. Executive was Miss S. Barnett. Camp Secretary: Miss F. Kolnik.

### CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

The Zionist Forum at camp proved most successful. By the attention which the audience paid and by the large number of questions and discussions, it was obvious that Zionist Youth was beginning to take a very keen interest in Jewish and Zionist problems. The success of these cultural functions was also to a very large measure due to the work of the cultural director, Mr. S. M. Levin, cultural conveners, Messrs. Egert and Stutzen, and others who assisted, among them Messrs. Rome, Zagenov, Gafenowitz and Resnekov. The cultural programme was initiated by a lecture given by Mr. H. Stutzen on "Zionism and the Jewish Future," and concluded with an open Forum on Chalutzit introduced by Mr. Zagenov. Among the other cultural functions were the oratorical contests, the Eisteddfod, the living newspaper and the mock trial. The mock trial, which was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, attracted a large number of visitors and proved, in spite of the impromptu character of the trial, an outstanding success. During the three weeks of camp a Chug Ivri and Hebrew classes were organised. Though the latter had not met with a very large measure of success, they displayed many possibilities for future camps. Campers acquired a knowledge of a large number of Hebrew songs and also developed a love for the Hebrew language and a desire to study it. In this sphere Mr. Herzl Konwiser merits special mention.

This year's camp was also marked by the regular shul services. The Amod, dressed with flowers and leaves, contributed to the spirit of all the services. Apart from the Chazanim, Messrs. Kessler, Konwiser and Fagov, the camp had its own expert Ba'al Kriee, Nathan Sher, who was assisted by Israel Kirzner. The minyan was daily honoured by the presence of Rabbi Kirzner who was resident at Lakeside. On Saturday, 13th January, a Chassidische Oneg Shabbat was organised for all those who had participated in the daily services.

### SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Among the social functions there was a braai-leisaand for both juniors and seniors, a reception by the Muizenberg Young Israel Society, sing-songs on the beach, and dances. At all these functions a high standard of Hebrew singing and dancing was maintained. Campers seldom met

without singing, or dancing the Horah and other Hebrew dances.

Mr. Aubrey Hodes, J.N.F. Commissioner, organised the J.N.F. collections very successfully and it was gratifying to note that approximately £25 was collected, a larger sum than at any previous camp.

### MISS ELLA GOLDSTEIN VISITS CAMP.

On Friday, 12th January, the campers were treated to a visit by the Goldstein family. The visit was a well-kept secret and came as a thrilling surprise to the entire camp. Campers assembled on the dancing floor and sang Hebrew songs and danced Horahs while waiting for the Goldsteins to arrive. On their arrival the visitors were welcomed over the camp microphones by Mr. Harold Stutzen and thereafter by Mr. Ghandi Block, on behalf of the camp. Miss Goldstein addressed the campers and answered a large number of questions. Professor Goldstein spoke in Russian. His inspiring message to the youth was translated by Mr. Hadley. Throughout their stay in camp the Goldsteins were showered with requests for autographs and a large number of snaps were taken. After tea with the camp, Ella Goldstein addressed a few words of farewell in Hebrew. Mr. Konwiser thanked Miss Goldstein and her parents for the very welcome visit. On the journey to Cape Town Mrs. Goldstein paid high tribute to the Young Israel Camp and declared that she had never felt so much at home (Eretz Israel).

### CAMP BREAKS UP.

On Sunday, 14th, the campers organised the closing camp fire. During the evening a large number of prizes were presented to campers who had been successful at both cultural and social functions. Presentations were made to Lazie Lichtenstein, Head of Senior Camp, and Colin Traub, Head of Junior Camp. Mr. S. M. Levin addressed the campers. He was pleased to note that this year's camp had very admirably fulfilled its purpose in serving as a basis for Zionist activity throughout the ensuing year. Campers had to remember the knowledge and inspiration they had obtained in camp, and bring home to their distant centres a message of Zionism and Jewish cultural revival. Mr. Sam Peires, chairman of the Council, thanked the members of the Executive and campers for their co-operation. He paid tribute to the Johannesburg members of the Executive who had spent their holidays in devoting their time to the camp.

Camp closed officially at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. Before flag down, a few words of farewell were addressed to campers by Chaverim Sam Peires, Harold, Stutzen, Roman Egert, Claude Reitstein, Duncan Lazarow and Isaac Zagenov.

## An Evening of Jewish Music.

Harry Rabinowitz, who is very well known in the Peninsula for his interpretation of Yiddish and Hebrew songs, is organising a special evening of Jewish music at Muizenberg Pavilion on 12th February. Hedy Haas, the attractive Continental character artiste, will give Yiddish impersonations and comical songs. Ralph Koorland, a member of the Cape Town Orchestra, who needs no introduction to lovers of Jewish music, will play violin solos consisting of well-known Hebrew melodies and Jewish dances. Granville Britton, S.A.'s leading cellist, also a member of the Cape Town Orchestra, will play Kol Nidrei by Bruch and Chassidic dances.

### Rondebosch Talmudic Society.

A very fine Hatchala on "Masechet" Brachot was held at the residence of Rabbi and Mrs. A. R. Abrahamson on Thursday, 11th January. Rabbi Abrahamson spoke in a learned manner on the Talmud Bavly and on the Talmud Jerushalmy. He drew a parallel between the creative power of the Galut Jewish community, which was firmly established on fundamental traditional Judaism and the community of Eretz Israel.

Lectures are held twice a week. Friday night's service commences at 6 o'clock. Saturday morning children service at 10 o'clock.

### Barmitzvah Celebration.

The Barmitzvah of Isaac, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Sakinofsky, of Woodstock, took place on Saturday, 6th January. A reception was held the same evening at which Mr. W. Samson presided. To mark the occasion, a collection took place for the Keren Hayesod and realised £10 10s.

## Forthcoming Even

### S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies (Cape Committee).

A meeting of Deputies of Constituent of the Cape Committee will be held on Sunday, 17th February, at 10 a.m., in the Board's Office. Deputies are asked particularly to set aside Sunday in order to attend the meeting which will be more than of ordinary importance. Attention is being taken of the presence in Cape Town of Mr. G. Saron, General Secretary of the Board and in a survey of the latest activities of the Board he will deal with matters of topical interest. As this is the first Deputies' meeting of the year, a record attendance is expected.

### United Hebrew Schools and Liberma High School.

A Reception in honour of Mr. Z. A. Peires, newly-appointed Principal of the above two schools, will take place on Tuesday, 23rd January, at 7 p.m. in the Rose and Woolf Harris Hall, Talmud Torah. All members, parents and pupils are cordially invited.

### Massadah Luncheon Club.

Mr. Jack Gering, who is on a short holiday from Palestine, will speak at a luncheon meeting to be held on Monday, 15th January, at 12.45 p.m., at the Zionist Hall, 100 Strand, Cape Town. For reservation please phone Miss K. Bock, 2-7830.

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

An "At Home" under the auspices of the Cape Peninsula Branch will take place on Thursday, 25th, at 3 p.m., at Mrs. P. Marks' residence, 100 Strand, Sea Point. Dr. A. B. G. Director of Hebrew Education in the Cape will speak on "The place of the Talmud Torah in Jewish life." This address should prove of special interest to all Jewish mothers. All welcome.

### Dance at Claremont.

A dance under the auspices of the C.J.A. in aid of Medical Aid for Russia will be held at the Communal Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Sunday, 28th January, at 8 p.m. Rhythmic Swing Band. Donation 2/6. Refreshments.

## CONVERSAZIONE CANCELLED.

On account of unforeseen circumstances the

## HOLIDAY CONVERSAZIONE

which was due to take place on

Tuesday, 23rd January, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg,

HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

## SILVER WEDDING

ELION.—Jack Elion to Rose Wittels, on 18th January, 1920, by Dr. J. L. L. assisted by Rev. Wilder, in the Roelantyn Synagogue, Cape Town.

## Claremont Talmud Torah

## SCHOOL RE-OPENING

MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY,

The Principal will interview prospective pupils on Sunday, 21st January, from 10 to 12 noon.

THE HEBREW SCHOOL, "HAKEREM," "Beau Soleil," Westerford Road, Rondebosch. Phone 6-4756.

Friday Night Service commences at 8 p.m. and Saturday Morning Children's Service at 10 o'clock.

Principal, Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson