

## In and Around the Peninsula

### United Hebrew Schools.

On Tuesday, 6th February, the Talmud Torah was visited by the newly appointed Chief Minister of the Witwatersrand Jewish Community, Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz. He was accompanied by Dr. A. Birnbaum, the Director of Hebrew Education in the Cape. They visited all the classes and expressed admiration for the work done by the schools. After this all the children assembled in the Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. Z. Avin, the Principal, presided at the gathering and extended a hearty welcome to Dr. Rabinowitz amidst applause from the big gathering of children.

Dr. Rabinowitz addressed the children and related his experiences as the Chief Jewish Chaplain to the British Forces; he told them that there are thousands of children in Europe and elsewhere who are not so fortunate and have not such smiling faces as the children of this country. He had seen very sad and terrible pictures when the Forces visited the different parts where there had once been flourishing Jewish communities. He hoped that the children of South Africa would appreciate their unique position, and that they would remember when they grew up and became the leaders of our Jewish communities here, to carry on the great traditions of Jewry and strengthen our national movement for the return of Jewry to their own Homeland.

At the conclusion of the very interesting meeting Mr. Avin thanked the Rabbi and with the singing of Hatikvah a unique function came to an end.

### Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

The Ladies' Guild held their first meeting after the summer recess on Tuesday afternoon, 6th February. In the absence of Mrs. I. Abrahams who was away on holiday the chair was taken by Mrs. L. Gradner who, in her opening remarks, welcomed the many ladies present, particularly the newcomers.

The prayer for the afternoon was read by Mrs. Richard Lewis.

The guest speaker, Mrs. P. M. Clouts, gave an interesting and illuminating address on the aims of the Jewish War Appeal and presented a resume of the work which could in the future be undertaken by the Ladies' Guild, laying particular stress on the part which the women in general could play in the great cause of reconstruction.

Mrs. Shwer then read excerpts of the Rabbi's article on the Fundamentals of Judaism which had been published in "The Jewish Spectator" of New York.

Mrs. I. Goldberg reported that with the advent of Passover the Guild had again been responsible for sending its usual quota of parcels to the Padre up North for distribution to the "boys."

The next meeting of the guild takes place on Tuesday, 6th March, at 2.45 p.m. in the Congregation's Board Room.

### Green and Sea Point Wizo Circle.

A well attended meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th February, at the residence of Mrs. Segal. Mrs. M. Philips continued the reading of Pinsker's "Auto Emancipation," and there was a news commentary by Mrs. F. Isaacs. Mrs. M. Segal gave an interesting talk on "British Officialdom in Palestine" and Mrs. Leftwich, a member of the Women's Zionist Council of S.A., congratulated the Circle on its efforts. Many members participated in the keen discussion which followed each contribution to the programme.

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Circle takes place at the residence of Mrs. Mary Segal, 6 Avenue Disandt, Sea Point, on Wednesday, 21st February, at 10.15 a.m.

### Dvinsk Society.

The above Society, composed of people coming from Dvinsk and neighbouring districts, has been formed in Cape Town. The Society aims at recording the names of all Jews left in the town, keeping in touch with what remnant there is, extending help and organising all those hailing from Dvinsk found in Cape Town and district.

The Society is in communication with kindred societies in America and Eretz Israel and has cabled to Russia for detailed information. The Provisional Committee consists of Messrs. M. Oboler, J. Faktor, M. Kellner, I. Zachodin and Z. Avin. All interested are requested to communicate with Dvinsk Society, P.O. Box 1430, Cape Town telephone 2-3129.

## Bnoth Zion Association.

### MISS M. GITLIN ON THE WIZO.

The Bnoth Zion Association held its monthly meeting on Monday, 12th February, in the Minor Zionist Hall. The guest speaker was Miss Marcia Gitlin. Mrs. L. Segal was in the chair.

Miss Gitlin described her meeting with Miss Henrietta Szold, from whom she brought back the following message: "Thanks the Jews of South Africa, particularly the women, for their wonderful response to the Youth Aliyah campaign." She commented on Miss Szold's clarity of mind and logical approach to a wide range of subjects; her vitality and capacity for work was amazing.

Miss Gitlin discussed the sympathetic and understanding treatment given to the Youth Aliyah children, and the warmth of the welcome they received. She went on to discuss the other children who were no less in need of help—the children of refugees, themselves too psychologically unfit to care for their own families; the children of illegal immigrants; the children of Yemenite Jews, and of the Jews living in the poorest quarters of the cities, who had neither the means nor the ability to control and care for the children. These children whose welfare and upbringing is of the utmost importance in the building up of a strong, healthy nation, are cared for by the various social welfare organisations, chief amongst which is Wizo.

Wizo was started in 1920 to do mostly educational work amongst the children, but to-day it has shifted the emphasis of its work on to social welfare, and copes not only with the problem of child welfare but also with the problem of the refugee woman. Many of these women who have managed to escape to Palestine have come to Wizo for help and guidance, and Wizo has spread its wings over them and cared for them. It has opened hostels and restaurants, where board and lodging can be obtained at a very low cost. It has opened a labour exchange where, amongst other things, women are urged to develop any talents they might have for handicrafts. Wizo has its own shops where this work is sold. From the Yemenite Jews comes lovely filigree work, basket work and embroidery, while gloves, dolls and other articles, all of the highest workmanship, are displayed and sold. Wizo watches the papers and when a certain article becomes unobtainable, then courses in making this article are started and women are asked to make as many as are needed. To-day in war-time Wizo plays a big part in the care of soldiers' dependants. Children are looked after, wives are helped to supplement the low pay their husbands receive, and even those women who have joined the army have not been forgotten. Miss Gitlin urged the women to think of Wizo not in terms of a little sewing and a campaign every two years, but as a stepping-stone to the upbuilding of a Jewish Homeland.

After tea had been served, Miss Gitlin answered questions.

### Vredehoek Women's Mizrahi Association.

The first monthly meeting after the recess was held on Tuesday, 6th February, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Shapiro. Mrs. H. Broide was in the chair.

Referring to the knitting section, the Chairlady said that although this part of the Society's activities had been in existence for only one month, under the convenorship of Mrs. M. Shorkend, there were already a number of completed articles for dispatch to Palestine. An appeal was made to new members to take wool for garments.

Mrs. N. Gottchalk read an article entitled "Aspects of the Jewish Problem," which proved very interesting.

Mrs. H. Broide then introduced Mrs. J. L. Zlotnick, of Johannesburg, Chairman of the S.A. Women's Mizrahi Organisation, who was in the Cape on vacation. Very briefly Mrs. Zlotnick gave a survey of Mizrahi activities in Palestine and the Diaspora; she was thanked by the Chairlady.

The competition for a pair of stockings donated by the hostess, was won by Mrs. Sher. The Chairlady appealed to members to assist in the sale of tickets for the forthcoming concert.

### Green and Sea Point Chevrah Lomdei Torah.

At the annual meeting held on 17th January, the following Executive and Committee were re-elected: M. Sacks, Chairman; Cantor M. Katzin, Vice-Chairman; S. Geffen, Treasurer; Walter Robinson, Secretary; Committee, H. Daitsh, J. Pasvolsky, A. Sacks, S. Savitz, A. Yach, M. L. Aronson, J. Gordon.

## Ella Goldstein's Farewell Concert.

Ella Goldstein's farewell concert at the Colosseum on Tuesday night proved a climax to her highly successful season in Cape Town.

After a beautiful rendering of Schumann's "Unfinished" Symphony by the Cape Town Orchestra, conducted by Dr. William Pickerill, Miss Goldstein played her own "Dante Fantasia" in which she showed individuality. The principal item was Brahms' Concerto in D minor with the Cape Town Orchestra. Miss Goldstein's performance of this noble work was characteristic only by great technical skill but by feeling and intensity. She received a tremendous ovation and as encores played Debussy's little waltz and a Chopin study.

Ella Goldstein will give a piano recital with the aid of the Palestine Orchestra and the Cape Town Orchestra at the Colosseum Theatre, Johannesburg, on Sunday, 19th February.

## Internees in Theresienstadt Camps.

A strong possibility of saving a number of internees in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia has arisen.

The S.A. Zionist Federation has been asked by the Jewish Agency, Palestine, to assist in the preparation of certificates of emigration to Palestine for inmates of Theresienstadt whose exact camp addresses are known.

Persons who have friends or relatives in Theresienstadt Camp should immediately communicate with the S.A. Zionist Federation, permanent Buildings, corner Commissioner's Buildings, 18th and 19th Streets (P.O. Box 18), Johannesburg. In cases where the exact camp address of the internee is not known, applications will be referred to the Jewish Agency to the Palestine Office, Geddes Street, Johannesburg.

## 101st Birthday of Mrs. Hannah Bernstein.

Mrs. Hannah Bernstein, who lives at the Cape Jewish Aged Home, celebrated her 101st birthday on Tuesday. She still enjoys excellent health and is full of high spirits. She is loved by all the inmates and staff of the Home and it is a pleasure to converse with her. She has three children, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Social & Personal.

The marriage of Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Shapiro, to Dr. Ralph Shapiro, second son of Mrs. M. and the late Mr. J. Shapiro, both of Sea Point, will take place on Tuesday, 25th February, at 3.15 p.m., at the Green and Sea Point Synagogue, Cape Town.

The engagement is announced of Hilda Zinsky, of Cape Town, only daughter of the late Mrs. M. Wolozinsky, and Percy Bloemfontein, youngest son of Mrs. L. and the late Mr. J. L. Ellman.

## BARMITZVAH.

LANZKOWSKY.—Philip, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lanzkowsky, of 2 Abmors Road, George Grey Street, Cape Town, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at the Law and Maffir on Saturday, 25th February, at the Roeland Street Synagogue, Cape Town.

WILK.—Theo, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilk, "Greenshutters," c/o. Belvedere, 1000 Avon Avenues, Oranjezicht, Cape Town, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at the Law and Maffir at the Synagogue, Cape Town, on Saturday, 25th February, 1945. No cards. No reception. Illness in family.