

In and Around the Peninsula

Cape Peninsula Board of Shechita.

The annual general meeting was held at the United Hebrew Schools on Sunday, 4th March. The President, Mr. I. Mauerberger, reviewed the various activities of the Board and in particular pointed out the good fortune of the Board in possessing the services of vigorous and efficient Shochetim at the abattoirs. In order to maintain a high standard of efficiency, it is the policy of the Board to employ only persons who are sufficiently active and experienced to maintain the high order and exactness required by an abattoir Shochet.

In regard to the supervision of Kashruth at butcheries, a Masgiach appointed by the Board makes daily inspections. In all matters affecting Kashruth, the closest co-operation with the Beth Din has been maintained. Other communal matters have been considered jointly with the members of the United Council of Hebrew Congregations and the Board of Deputies.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Rabie, presented audited financial accounts and balance sheets which together with the President's report were considered and adopted unanimously.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. I. Mauerberger; Chairman, Mr. L. Kantor; Vice-Chairman, Mr. K. Sacks; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Rabie. The resolution appointing Mr. I. Mauerberger, Hon. Life President was adopted unanimously.

The President drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of the present financial position of the Board. The Board has onerous monthly commitments in regard to the salaries of the working Shochetim and the pensions of the Shochetim who have been retired. Owing to the extreme reduction of stock allocated for kosher requirements, the income of the Board has been greatly affected, with the result that there is now a monthly deficiency.

Mr. Mauerberger expressed the hope that the various congregations represented on the Board would again consent to a monthly contribution, as they have done in former years, for the purpose of augmenting the income of the Board so as to reduce the deficiency.

On behalf of the Board the President expressed appreciation and thanks to the Beth Din, United Council of Hebrew Congregations and Jewish Board of Deputies, for their co-operation in matters submitted to them, the Honorary Auditor, Mr. B. Lentin, for his valuable services in auditing the books, the Secretary for facilitating the work of the Board, and last, but not least, to the Executive and representatives of the various Congregations who constitute the Board for their valuable co-operation.

Zionist Socialist Party.

There was a very good attendance at a meeting held on Tuesday, 27th February, at the Zionist Hall.

Dr. A. Birnbaum addressed the gathering on "What an Unbiased Visitor Sees in Palestine." He stated that what impressed him most was that we had succeeded in establishing a specific Jewish life with a normal distribution in economic life. The young generation which was the pride of the Yishuv, had been emancipated from the Galut mentality and was being brought up in a spirit of national freedom. The Histadruth comprised about 225,000 souls and thus controlled the majority in the Yishuv. It was significant that whereas Labour was everywhere in the majority, only in Palestine did it actually rule. The Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemet were the financial mainstay of the Yishuv.

In conclusion, he stated that there was no fear for the future because of the great confidence and growing strength of the Yishuv.

Maitland Cultural and Social Society.

On Sunday evening a well attended meeting was held in the Talmud Torah Hall. Dr. Jackson was in the chair.

The guest speaker, Adv. Harry Snitcher, gave an interesting and thought-provoking address on post-war problems and their effect on Jewry. He dealt at length with the Russian contribution to the war and the part she would play in peace and future security of the world. As far as anti-Semitism was concerned this was on the increase and the only way to secure the position of Jewry and of minorities was to support the labour organisations which had, incidentally, indicated their desire to see Palestine as a home for Jewry.

Mr. Harry Rabinowitz rendered several songs and Mr. Laden gave humorous readings. Mr. H. Immerman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker and artists.

Kowno Hebrew Friendly Society.

The annual Purim Celebration took place at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on Wednesday, 28th February. The President, Mr. H. Lifson, was in the chair, welcomed members and their families, and briefly outlined the activities of the Society during the past year.

Rev. S. H. Michelson delivered a most interesting and inspiring address on the Festival of Purim, stressing its significance and urging the gathering to keep in mind present events and to compare them with similar tragedies throughout the generations.

After the interval, during which refreshments were served, Mr. I. Margolis and Mr. S. Lipshitz rendered musical items.

Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner then delivered an address and appealed to the Society to continue with its good work and respond generously to the appeals on behalf of their suffering brethren in Europe.

An American auction sale was held and two articles which were kindly presented by Messrs. I. Rosen and I. Geffin, realised the sum of £22 3s. which will go to swell the funds of the Society's Jewish Relief Fund.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. L. Kantor, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, artists and the auctioneer, Mr. N. Tobias, and was seconded by Mr. M. Kuperman.

Rev. N. Cohen, who presented Members' Certificates, moved a vote of thanks to the Committee, and to the ladies who prepared the refreshments.

Massadah Association, Oranjezicht.

A well attended meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Levin, Molteno Road, on Monday evening, 15th March.

Mrs. Mary Segal spoke on "A Clash of Conceptions in Eretz Israel," tracing the background of the Jews, Arabs and British in Palestine, and showing how a spirit of unrest and distrust had grown up because of misconceptions on the part of the Administration.

During the evening members of the Hapoel Hamizrachi presented a play adapted from a story by David Freedman entitled "Mendel Marantz, Housewife."

The speaker replied to various questions from the floor and after tea the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Opland.

The next meeting will take place on Monday night, 26th March.

New Hebrew Congregation

A very large gathering attended the special Purim service at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Tuesday of last week.

After the service, which was impressively conducted by Cantor L. M. Goldwasser, those present went to the Synagogue Hall, where the President, Mr. L. Kantor, presided, and extended a very hearty welcome to all. Instructive and inspiring addresses were delivered by Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, Rabbi M. Morgenstern, Messrs. Ch. Zion and M. Kuperman.

Musical items were rendered by Cantors L. M. Goldwasser and S. Inspektor, accompanied by the organist, Mr. A. Koorland.

Refreshments were served and thanks were expressed to Mr. Geft and Mr. Friedgood, and all the ladies and gentlemen who had helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

Reception to Young Israel Camp Sub-Committee.

The Cape Zionist Youth Executive recently gave a dinner at the Haifa Restaurant in honour of the Camp Sub-Committee. At the opening Mr. Egert, who was in the chair, proposed a toast to Eretz Israel, the Jewish people and the forthcoming Young Israel Camp. Greetings were sent by Mr. B. Noick and Mr. D. Lazarow. Mr. Egert welcomed the visitors, Mr. Karl Silberman, Mr. Harold Stutzen, Mr. and Mrs. Dunskey and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.

After dinner Mr. Egert spoke on the significance of Young Israel Camp and the part that it was still destined to play in Zionist Youth Activities in South Africa. The dinner was given in appreciation of the hard work put in by the Camp Sub-Committee and the outstanding success of the 20th Young Israel Camp; it was also a forerunner of the bumper 21st Young Israel Camp which was to follow. In the plan of publicity for Young Israel Camp, the dinner was the first real instalment.

Mr. S. M. Levin for many years head of Young Israel Camp and Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, who was the guest speaker, gave some illuminating reminiscences of past Young Israel Camps. Mr. Levin traced the evolution of Young Israel Camp and related the different prob-

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Social & Personal

The marriage of Lola, younger daughter and Mrs. S. Gesundheit, Sea Point, to Jack Port Elizabeth, youngest son of the late Mrs. M. Ellert (formerly of Beaufort West) place at the Gardens Synagogue on Thursday March.

The marriage of Lola, younger daughter Mrs. Martin Hammerschlag, of Kenilworth, Sonny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Claremont, took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday, 4th March.

The engagement is announced of Anne, of Mr. and Mrs. I. Lipow, of Woodstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marcus, of Wynberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Gerber (nee Ruth R.) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Sapper and Mrs. Morrie Lazarow, of Bosch, are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

GLUCK — KRAWITZ.

The marriage took place at the Greenogue on Thursday, 1st March, of the youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Krawitz, Three Anchor Bay, to Lieut. T. Gluck (S.A.A.F.) younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gluck of Windhoek, S.W.A.

Rabbi I. Abrahams, assisted by Cantor I. H. Koonin and Mr. and Mrs. N. Lieut. (Dr.) Louis Sternberg was the best man. Lieut. Solly Jackson, S.A.A.F., the groom. The poleholders were S/Sgt. Julian Gerber (S.A.A.F.), Maurice Gerber (formerly Lieut. S.A.A.F.), Max Milner, S.A.N.F. and Lemonsky. The bridesmaids were Miss Abrahamson and Miss Gilda Lemonsky. Marion Dwolatzky was the flower girl and Koonin the page boy.

A reception was held at the Bohemian Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., proposed toast of the bride and bridegroom and Lieut. Gluck presented the valuable service rendered as a member of the staff of the Board of Deputies (Cape Committee) on behalf he made a presentation. The bride suitably responded.

Mr. J. Dwolatzky proposed the toast of the unterfuhrers.

SACKS — SAGOV

The marriage of Freda, only daughter and Mrs. Alexander Sagov, to Roy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sacks, both of Sea Point, took place at the Green and Sea Point Synagogue on Tuesday morning, 6th March.

Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, assisted by Cantor I. Katzin, officiated. Mr. Boris Sacks was the best man and the poleholders were Messrs. Harold Kleinman, Alec Oboler and Harold Sacks. The bridesmaids were Misses Rena Sacks and Denise Sacks. Mr. and Mrs. Kuperman, and the flower girl, Denise Sacks.

A reception was held at the Zionist Hall. I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom; the bridegroom responded. A. T. Shrock proposed the toast of the unterfuhrers.

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

The parents of the bride and bridegroom gave a party for the children of the Cape Orphanage on Saturday night and a dinner at the Aged Home on Tuesday.

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lems with which Camp Executives had been confronted in past years and how the experience of the past helped to add to the success of the year's camp. Thereafter, the Chairman presented the presentation of a Golden Book Certificate to Mr. D. Lazarow on the occasion of his 10th year of service on the Camp Executive and in recognition of the stalwart work he had done, especially in the sphere of provision, for Young Israel. A Tribute was also paid to his services rendered to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

Thereafter presents were handed by the man on behalf of the Senior Campers Larzie Lichtenstein and on behalf of the Campers to Mr. Colin Traub. A gift was

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presented by the Cape Zionist Youth Executive to Mr. Sam Peires for his services as Camp Convener for 1944 and 1945. Messrs. Lichtenstein, Traub and Peires suitably replied. Mr. Claude Reitstein expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Camp Sub-Committee and of those present to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive for having arranged the function.

United Hebrew Schools (Minyan Joseph).

On Saturday, 3rd March, a special Oneg Shabbat took place in honour of all graduates of the United Hebrew Schools who have passed through the schools during the past few years. A very large crowd of children and graduates were present.

Master Solly Kessler presided. He welcomed everybody present, especially all past pupils, and thanked the Committee of the School, the Principal and the teachers for the opportunity given to the children to hold such a grand function. He said that Cape Town Jewry, and especially all young men and women, are proud of their Alma Mater. Many of the young men and women who are to-day placed in different walks of life remember the Cape Town Talmud Torah as the institution which has kept alive the Hebrew culture and education in the Cape Town community.

A very interesting programme was arranged in which Miriam Schewpe (a graduate of the School) and Lieba Zimman rendered recitations in Hebrew and English respectively; Cyril Kassel rendered a solo. Ruby Mibashan (a past pupil) spoke on the importance of Jewish children carrying on their Hebrew education further than the Barmitzvah stage. This school had become to many young men and women in Cape Town a source where they received the complete education necessary for a Jewish youth. The school had become not only a school of learning but of fellowship.

Cantor A. Immerman led community singing. The Chairman thanked all who participated in the programme and after the children had partaken of refreshments the function came to a close with the singing of Hatikvah.

Histadruth Ivrit.

At the Moadon on Sunday night last Mr. Z. Avin read "Journey to Eretz Israel" (by Agnon) and spoke briefly on the life of Agnon and the important part and place he is occupying as a Hebrew writer. A Sichah followed in which a number of members participated. Mr. I. Bitnun was in the chair.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.

The Cape Town Branch held a Purim Oneg Shabbat at the Minor Zionist Hall on 2nd March. The guest speaker was Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner and musical items were rendered by Cantor Immerman. Mr. Bank was in the chair. Mrs. Cohen moved a vote of thanks to the speaker and to Cantor Immerman.

Purim Evening at Woodstock.

A most successful festival evening was held at the Synagogue Hall on Thursday, 1st March. The guest speaker was Mr. H. Lederman, Principal of the Talmud Torah. The large gathering was entertained with piano solos by Miss Z. Marks and songs by Miss F. Levin. Especially appreciated were humorous readings by Mr. Laden and songs by the Rev. Baron.

Mr. I. Merkel, the Chairman, in introducing the speaker, mentioned the importance of understanding what Purim meant.

Mr. Lederman, speaking in Yiddish gave a lucid description of the period in which the events of the festival took place and analysed the influences of the episode on Jewish thought. He summed up the background and rabbinical comments of the history of the Book of Esther and went on to

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War Appeal Meeting at Muizenberg.

The Editor,

"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,—I have come back, deeply moved, from a meeting at Muizenberg at which Mr. and Mrs. Vromen, who are here on behalf of the Jewish War Appeal, spoke on their experiences as Dutch Jews in the concentration camps of Holland and Germany. These people bear upon themselves the stamp of suffering. They have been the eye-witnesses of horror. It is our privilege to give them welcome.

I have seen the Talmud Torah Hall at Muizenberg crowded on happier occasions, but to-night I was shocked at the audience—not at the people who were there, but at the people who were not! I do not mean those who, for quite legitimate reasons, stayed away. But where were the others? and among them those who throng the promenade and the Pavilion every night. Do they not know that Mr. and Mrs. Vromen are here? Are they not aware of the tragedy of European Jewry? Why did they stay away?

And I am reminded of a story that Ansky tells in "The Dybbuk" of a rich man who comes to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi takes him to the window and says: "What do you see?" And he answers, "People." The Rabbi takes him by the hand, leads him to a mirror. "What do you see now," he says. And the rich man answers, "I see myself." "Behold," says the Rabbi, "in the window there is glass and in the mirror there is glass." Add only a little silver to the glass and "you cease to see others, but see only yourself."

The story has the ring of truth.

Yours, etc.,

H. LILY GUINSBERG.

4th March, 1944.

Soviet Jewry's Appeal.

The Soviet Jewry Appeal Committee announce that it has decided to devote the proceeds of the Youth Group collections to the purchase in Palestine of twelve "Field Kits" which are to be presented to the Red Army through the Soviet Red Cross, in the name of the S.A. Jewish Youth response to the Kuibyshev appeal.

A field kit contains all the necessary surgical instruments that a surgeon requires to operate on wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

The money and the necessary instructions are already in the hands of the "V" League in Tel Aviv, and the despatch of these field kits to Teheran will be made shortly.

The Youth Group of the Soviet Jewry Appeal can be proud that a useful and splendid gift is given to the heroic Red Army from the monies they collected.

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view the characters involved in the story with confidence in our eternal survival, for history had proved the futility of our enemies' endeavours at our annihilation.

After tea, Mr. J. Levin spoke. He stressed the fact that though we had much to rejoice about, such miracles as were manifest on Purim had not repeated themselves and our enemies had destroyed countless millions of Jewry. The question would therefore be whether we should not adopt a more sober attitude and turn our minds to ridding ourselves of potential persecutions by returning to our homeland, rather than, on this day going wild with merriment—as our rabbis had advocated.

Mr. Basker, the Vice-Chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the evening including the organisation by Mr. Z. Galoon, Mrs. I. Merkel and Mrs. R. Levin.

Forthcoming Events.

Union of Jewish Women.—The first gathering of the session will be an "Afternoon of members, work parties, convenors and all at the Victory Fair and Mannequin Parade" function will be held at the Major Zimman on Tuesday next, 13th March, at 2.30 p.m. Marcia Gitlin will deliver an address on "Peace in Palestine."

Another guest of the afternoon will be Sallie Kussel, the newly appointed Secretary of the U.J.W. of S.A.

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The "Cavalcade" Group will run a stall at the Cross at Electricity House on Thursday, 16th March. All members and the public are asked to note the date and to support this effort. Stalls are run by various knitting groups of the Union on the third Thursday of each month.

Booth Zion Association.—The annual meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Branch will be held on Tuesday, 13th March, at 8.15 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. E. Kalmonowitz, Lodge, Booth Road, Woodstock. Miss Segal and Miss Marcia Gitlin will be the speakers.

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A meeting of the Vredehoek Branch will be held at the residence of Mrs. H. Benson, 2 St. The Mansions, Ludlow Road, Vredehoek, on Thursday, 13th March, at 3 p.m. The first of a series of papers on "The Jewish Woman in History" entitled "What is Judaism?" will be read by Mr. A. Levy. The reorganisation of the Branch will also take place. Members and friends are invited to attend.

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The annual general meeting of the Oldenburg Branch will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tockar, Main Road, Oldenburg, on Thursday, 15th March, at 8 p.m. The election of Executive and Committee will be held. Miss Marcia Gitlin will speak and there will be musical items. Members, their husbands and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Sewing Circle.—The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th March, at 2.30 p.m. at the Talmud Torah, Wherry Road. The hostess will be Mrs. M. Schneider, "Delwhinnie," Muizenberg.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.—The Sea Point Branch are holding an "Afternoon of members" in honour of Mrs. A. T. Shrock, wife of Dr. A. T. Shrock, minister of the Green Point Hebrew Congregation, at the residence of Mrs. M. Swiel, 1 The Glen, Sea Point, on Thursday, 15th March, at 3 p.m.

Massadah Luncheon Club.—The next meeting takes place at the Grand Hotel, Cape Town, on Thursday, 15th March, at 1 p.m. Mr. M. Dunskey, Executive member of the S.A. Federation, will speak on "Conflicting Jewish Life." Reservations should be made to the Secretary, P.O. Box 1213, Cape Town, later than Monday, 12th March (or phone H. Levin, 4-2600).

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