

In and Around the Peninsula

South Zion Association.

A very successful meeting of the Orangezicht Branch was held at the home of Mrs. Greenstein, Buxton Avenue, on Thursday afternoon, 29th November.

The Chairlady, Mrs. M. Berelowitz, welcomed all present and also the guest speaker, Mrs. Helena Lieberman. She outlined the activities of the Branch during the past two months, showing that they had been successful in every direction.

Miss Anne Sher rendered some fine pianoforte songs and Mrs. Pauline Abromowitz songs. These were greatly appreciated by all. Mrs. Pim read an interesting paper.

After tea Mrs. Lieberman addressed the gathering on Chanukah, the festival of freedom. She analysed President Roosevelt's conception of the freedoms: Freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom from fear, and freedom from want; she also showed how, for the Jewish people, these ideals of freedom were interlinked with the establishment of Eretz Israel as a National Home. When the Maccabees of the Yishuv would triumph, new lights of freedom would be kindled, rays of which would illuminate the world.

At the end of the address Mrs. Markovitz presented a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, the hostess and the artists.

During the afternoon the blanket which was raffled by Mr. L. Kantor was raffled and was won by Mrs. M. Berelowitz.

The monthly meeting of the Tamboers Kloof Branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Jacobson, Warren Street, on Tuesday, 4th December.

The guest speaker was Mrs. C. Shapiro, who gave a very vivid description of Conference, which was closely followed by all present.

Mrs. Rabkin gave a resume of the Branch's activities for the year and expressed her satisfaction at the progress made.

Mrs. Blumberg thanked Mrs. Shapiro for her very interesting talk, and Mrs. Ackerman moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Jacobson for her hospitality.

The Branch will go into recess for a while; the next meeting to be in February.

Jewish Board of Deputies (Cape Committee).

On Wednesday, 28th November, Major A. Z. Berman, Mr. J. Dwolatzky and Mr. A. M. Melamet addressed a meeting of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation in the Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. B. Berman presided.

Major Berman discussed the position of the ex-serviceman in relation to the community. He emphasised that financial assistance was not a complete discharge of the community's obligations to the ex-volunteer. Money alone could never compensate the returned serviceman for the sacrifice he had made, for the years and opportunities he had missed. If ex-servicemen's grievances were to become so massive as to threaten social and political stability, the ex-serviceman must be made to feel that his efforts were appreciated and that was welcome back. He should not be allowed to feel that he had been a "sucker."

Mr. Dwolatzky dealt in detail with the work done by the War Appeal and the Board. He gave examples of the kind of assistance that it has been possible to send from South Africa to European Jewry and described the position in regard to immigration and naturalisation of "enemy aliens." He gave details and statistics with regard to the number of discharged soldiers who had been assisted to become rehabilitated.

Mr. Melamet analysed the forces which bring about economic and social change and showed how these are reflected in political reorientations and alignments. In the long run the economic factor is of primary importance. In the immediate future, however, the struggle would be on a purely political level and the victory would go to superior organisation and propaganda. Every individual must be made to feel his responsibility.

The Rev. B. Melamed welcomed the speakers and expressed his confidence that the Board was achieving closely developments in Palestine.

In calling upon Mr. S. Myers to propose a vote of thanks to the speakers, Mr. Volks said that the heroism of Jewish youth in Palestine was a manifestation of that spirit of self-sacrifice which manifested itself in Biblical times. Jews were profoundly dissatisfied with the British Government's attitude, but retained their faith that ultimately British public opinion would see that justice was done.

Mr. Myers assured the speakers of the readiness of the Paarl Jewish Community to co-operate with

the Board in coming to grips with the serious problem which confronted South African Jewry.

In seconding the vote of thanks, Mr. B. Zetler paid a special tribute to Mr. Dwolatzky for his services towards the Paarl community during the war years, and wished him luck in his new field of endeavour.

Wynberg Hebrew Congregation.

The Annual General Meeting of the Wynberg Hebrew Congregation took place on Sunday, 25th November. A large gathering was present. The outgoing Chairman, Mr. A. M. Matz, and the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. S. M. Kaplan, gave a comprehensive report of the year's activities. An animated discussion followed on some items on the agenda and general communal matters, wherein a great number of members present participated.

One of the far-sighted and outstanding resolutions adopted unanimously by the meeting was the "Recommendation by the Hebrew School Committee that a minimum standard of Hebrew knowledge, besides the 'Maftir,' as required by the Jewish Board of Education, or a minimum regular attendance of four years at the local Hebrew School, be imperative in order to get authorisation to have the Barmitzva ceremony celebrated at the Synagogue."

This recommendation and resolution had the enthusiastic and full support of the principal and teachers of the local Hebrew School and is to become effective in two years' time from the date of official notification to members of the community by the local Hebrew School Committee.

As the object of the resolution is to raise the standard of Hebrew education and to remove the farcical practice of Jewish confirmations by merely reading "Maftir" or a Portion of the Law parrot-like and in total ignorance of matters Jewish, the Wynberg Hebrew Congregation appeal and request all other sister congregations and the Jewish Board of Education to make every endeavour, with a view to having similar resolutions adopted, so that the scheme, which is of national significance, becomes effective and beneficial to all; otherwise it will remain an isolated move in the right direction.

The outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked the Committee and officials for their devoted services during the year. Special tribute was paid to the members of the Chevrah Kaddisha for the noble services they have rendered.

Great appreciation for the untiring efforts on behalf of the community, rendered by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Messrs. A. M. Matz and S. M. Kaplan, respectively, was sounded by Mr. I. Zinman, Chairman of the Hebrew School, who also recorded his personal appreciation for the support given to his institution.

The general election for office-bearers and Committee resulted as follows: Mr. A. M. Matz, Chairman; Mr. A. Shifrin, Vice-Chairman; Mr. S. M. Kaplan, Treasurer; Mr. I. Zinman, Representative of the Hebrew School; Committee: Messrs. H. Atlas, D. M. Bruss, H. Dubow, S. Galloon, M. Kroll, D. Kavalsky, B. Nossel, M. Saevitzon, S. Shapiro, S. Silbowitz, L. Selibowitz, S. Wolman.

Histadruth Ivrit.

The third in the series of three lectures by Miss C. Lampen on "The Woman in the Modern Hebrew Literature" was given at the Zionist Hall on Monday night. Mr. Z. Avin was in the chair.

Miss Lampen dealt with the work of Dvora Baron, a writer whose portrayal of village life has placed her in the front rank of women writers. Although an invalid herself and incapable of physical activity, she yet describes the life of the people in the village with deep sincerity and psychological insight. She has produced a whole gallery of portraits and her stories show how deeply rooted she is in the Yishuv and how profoundly she understands all the yearnings and aspirations of the people.

Miss Lampen also dealt briefly with writers of children's literature such as Ella Vilensky, Sara Levy, Miriam Gordon and others, and read extracts illustrative of their work.

Mr. Avin thanked Miss Lampen for her three interesting lectures.

Massadah Association of Sea Point.

A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd December, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bernitz, Norman Grove, Sea Point. Due to the unavoidable absence of the speaker, Adv. G. Gordon, the meeting took on a general character.

A very amusing quiz was conducted by Mr. S. Charlaiff, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. S. M. Levin gave an address on the significance of Chanukah, treating his subject from an entirely new angle. He outlined the moral issues that were involved then, and showed how identical they

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Social & Personal.

The marriage of Cynthia (Chukkie), daughter of Mrs. A. Rabkin and the late Mr. Levick Rabkin, of Cape Town, to Louis, son of the late Mr. A. Pincus and the late Mrs. E. Aaron, will take place on Thursday, 13th December, at 4.30 p.m. at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Johannesburg. No cards. Congratulations: 41, Sunbury Court, 92, Claim Street, Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced between Ruby, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kaplan, of Kenilworth, and Maurice, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rabinowitz, of Oranjezicht.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Berold, of Rondebosch, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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were to the present-day concepts of justice, sanctity of the individual, etc. He linked up these concepts with the Jewish religion, and proved that although the outward forms of religious ceremony were tending to disappear, inasmuch as the intrinsic principles were still valued, Jews were religious, and would fight to uphold these concepts.

Hebrew songs followed, with solos by Miss Reznick and Mrs. Levin. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the hostess.

Chanukah at "Herzlia."

A very pleasant evening was spent on Saturday night by a number of visitors at "Herzlia," residence for Jewish school children (established by the Cape Board of Jewish Education), on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Bobrow, who are in charge.

A delightful Chanukah programme was presented by the children, who gave appropriate songs and recitations; several little girls also danced the "dance of the lights."

Dr. C. Resnekov, on behalf of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bobrow. It was clear, he said, that the children were imbued with the true Jewish spirit and were fully aware of the significance of Chanukah. By precept and example Mr. and Mrs. Bobrow were training the children to grow up into good Jews and Jewesses, and deep appreciation was due to them.

After refreshments had been served Mr. J. Gitlin made a presentation on behalf of the Committee to Louis Kreiner, who had been in the hostel for four years and was now leaving as he was going to the University. Mr. Gitlin wished him every success and expressed the hope that he would not forget "Herzlia."

Master Kreiner suitably responded.

Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh.

On Saturday, 24th November, an interesting function took place at the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh, in the form of the annual Sabbath celebration of the Youth Oneg Sabbath. The Friday night service, as well as the Sabbath morning service, was conducted by members of this organisation.

Pupils of the United Hebrew Schools and the children of the Cape Jewish Orphanage and the Jewish Hostel were the guests of the Youth Oneg Sabbath. The following boys were the chazanin of the services: Reuben Goodman, Abe Feldman, Hymie Perkin, Moshe Awerbach.

Mr. J. Gitlin, the Chairman, and Mr. Z. Avin, the Principal, and the teaching staff of the United Hebrew Schools were present at the Synagogue, as well as Mr. Kloot, the Secretary of the Orphanage, and Mr. Bobrow, the Principal of the Hostel. During the course of the morning refreshments were served.

In the afternoon a special Oneg Sabbath took place, at which Mr. Avin was the speaker. A very enjoyable day was spent by all who were present.

Special thanks for the organisation are due to Mr. P. Sindler, assisted by Messrs. A. Traub, T. Cohen and O. Friedman. Thanks are also due to the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh Ladies' Guild, who provided all the refreshments.

Chevrah Mishna at the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh.

A Siyum Mishna function was held on Saturday, 1st December, at the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh, Vredehoek Avenue, under the direction of Mr. K. Sacks (who conducts the Shiurim with the Mishna). Mr. Talberg, the Chairman, presided over a well-attended gathering at the morning celebrations, when Brocho was made.

Rabbi Mirvish spoke of the significance of the Mishna study and Chanukah, followed by the guest speaker, Rabbi Israel Halberstam, the Tzanzer Rebbe, who delivered a most impressive

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address, in the course of which he stressed the importance of the Chanukah Light and its meaning. The Siyum was resumed in the afternoon, after the Mincha service, when "Sholes Soudoth" was held, at which Rev. Lipshitz and Mr. Friedland made appropriate speeches.

Children's Chanukah Rally at Great Synagogue.

On Saturday morning, 1st December, a rally of a few hundred pupils of the Talmud Torah and boarders of the Good Hope Seminary took place at the Great Synagogue. In the course of his sermon Rabbi Abrahams mentioned the fine work done by the Talmud Torah.

After the service all adjourned to the Old Shul, where an Oneg Shabbat and Oneg Chanukah took place. Many songs were sung by the children, and the following gave recitations: Judith Zinman, Joyce Cohn, Rhona Friedman.

Mr. M. Rabie welcomed all the children on behalf of the Synagogue, and said that he hoped to see them attending the services more often. Rabbi Abrahams gave a short address on Chanukah, which was attentively listened to by all present.

After refreshments had been served, a vote of thanks to the Great Synagogue and to Mr. Rabie, who had arranged this enjoyable function, was moved by Mr. Z. Avin.

Holiday Fair at Muizenberg.

A very successful card evening was held on Sunday night, 25th November, at the Frankford Hotel, Muizenberg, and this was both a financial and social success; much credit is due to the able convenors, Mrs. S. Cohen, Mrs. M. Singer, and Mrs. B. Brint, for the very pleasant evening. Over £50 was raised, and appreciation and thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Hershler for the loan of the premises and for providing the visitors with excellent refreshments.

On the 9th December a Grand Variety Concert will be held at the Muizenberg Pavilion, proceeds of which go to J.N.F. "Holiday Fair" which takes place on January 15th.

A dance will be held at the Rio Grande Hotel, Muizenberg, at 8.30 on December 15th; tickets will be £1 1s., and will be obtainable at the door.

Parow Talmud Torah.

A Chanukah Concert took place on Sunday, 2nd December, in the Talmud Torah Hall, Parow.

The proceedings opened with the lighting of the candles by one of the pupils and the singing of "Maoz-Tzur." A talk on the history of Chanukah in Hebrew and English was given by two of the pupils. The teacher, Rabbi B. Lipshitz, gave a brief report on the progress of the School during the year.

More songs, recitations and sketches in Hebrew by the pupils followed.

Dr. Karpas, the Chairman of the congregation, proposed a vote of thanks to the teacher, who made the function an outstanding success, and appealed to the parents to take a keen interest in the Hebrew education of their children.

Dance for Hebrew University Hostel Drive.

The dance organised by the Spitfires Group of the Union of Jewish Women (Cape Town Branch), with the assistance of the Scopus Club, was held at the Rotunda Hotel on the 28th November, and was a very well-attended and enjoyable function. The total proceeds will go towards the drive for the Hebrew University Hostel.

Observatory and Mowbray Zionist Society.

A meeting of the above Society took place on Tuesday, 27th November, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Stein, Mowbray.

The guest speaker was Mr. E. Charlaiff. Previous to his address, Mr. M. Stein gave some humorous readings in Yiddish.

In his address Mr. Charlaiff gave a very able and comprehensive report on the recent Zionist Conference at Johannesburg, and also dealt with various aspects of Zionist policy. His address was followed with great interest. Discussion ensued, in which Dr. C. Shapiro and others took part.

During his address Mr. Charlaiff referred to the recent troubles in Palestine, and the audience rose as a token of respect to the memory of those killed.

Rabbi B. Isaacson proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and also to the host and hostess.

BARMITZVAH.

LIEBERMAN: Daniel Nathan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lieberman, of Sea Point, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir on Saturday, 8th December, at the Sea Point Synagogue.

Dr. A. Rosenfeld to Visit S. Africa.

ORGANISER OF BRITH IVRITH OLAMITH.

There is arriving for a short stay in South Africa an interesting personality in Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld. At send-off functions held in his honour in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv, tribute was paid to the devotion towards the Hebrew word on the part of the organiser of the Brith Ivrith Olamith (Hebrew World Union), who is now on his way to South America.

An invitation reached Palestine from the Jews of Argentine urgently calling upon Dr. Rosenfeld to come to them for a period to organise the growing Hebrew language movement among the Jews of this large South American country. In view of the destruction of old Jewish centres of culture in Europe, the necessity for establishing new cultural outposts influenced the headquarters of the Hebrew World Union to urge Dr. Rosenfeld to undertake the new task. The invitation has come as a result of a resolution unanimously passed at Monte Video at the Pan-American Zionist Conference held there recently.

Whilst en route, he will be staying a few weeks in South Africa. Advantage should be taken of his visit by Hebrew-speaking circles in the Union to meet Dr. Rosenfeld and to learn from him the progress being made in various parts of the world by the Hebrew World Union, of which he was one of the founders in Berlin some years before the advent of the Nazi regime.

During the war Dr. Rosenfeld travelled through neighbouring countries of the Orient, planting the seeds of the Hebrew word, with its spirit of cultural and national hope and revival, in many outlying and deserted spots. This is the first time that he will be leaving on a Hebrew language mission to Jews in the bigger outer world. He is no stranger to South Africa. Some years ago he came to the Union on a mission to obtain the participation in the great Maccabiade in Tel Aviv of a group of fine young South African athletes. The mission was successful and it will be remembered that the South Africans who participated in the Maccabiade distinguished themselves in the contests, in which the cream of the Jewish youth of the world participated.

Dr. Rosenfeld feels that unless Jews in all parts of the world create a unified Hebrew-speaking movement, there is danger of the national tongue gradually disappearing from the lives of our people in the Galuth. He hopes that an opportunity will be given him to explain in South Africa the aims and purpose of the Hebrew World Union.

Forthcoming Events.

Dorshei Zion Association.—Under the auspices of the Sea Point Branch, Mr. L. L. Schach will give a talk illustrated with gramophone records on the musical life of Palestine, entitled "A Nation Singing," at the Talmud Torah Hall, Marais Road, Sea Point, on Tuesday, December 11th, at 8.15 p.m. All welcome.

Bnoth Zion Association.—The monthly meeting of the Wynberg Branch will be held in the Communal Hall, Wynberg, on Tuesday evening, 11th December. Cantor In-merman will be the speaker, and three talkies of Jewish interest will be shown. A variety of books on Jewish subjects will be on sale. All welcome.

Palestine Maritime League.—The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, 9th December, at 10 a.m. in the Zionist Hall. Members and contributors are cordially invited to attend.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew School.—The annual Prize Distribution and Chanukah Concert will take place on Sunday, 9th December, at the Sea Point Town Hall at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Zionist Socialist Party.—Mr. Moshe Baumgarten, who recently arrived from Palestine, will address a meeting of the Vredehoek Branch on Sunday, 9th December, at 8 p.m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Karabehnik, 39, Breda Street, Cape Town. Mr. Baumgarten is closely connected with the Chalutz Movement, and will give first-hand information on Palestine life. Members and friends are cordially invited.

Holiday Programme.

RABBI ABRAHAMS TO ADDRESS FIRST CONVERSAZIONE.

With the holiday season now in full swing, Western Province Zionist Council has planned a comprehensive holiday programme for visiting Zionists. The programme includes, in addition to the conversaciones at the Muizenberg Talmud Torah Hall, five functions at the Muizenberg Pavilion Hall. One of these functions, on afternoon of December 27th, will be for school children holidaying at Muizenberg.

OPENING CONVERSAZIONE.

The holiday programme will be launched with an opening function at the Muizenberg Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday, 11th December, at 8 p.m. Professor Rabbi Israel Abrahams, Rabbi of the Cape Town Hebrew congregation, will speak on "Jewry's Reply to Bevin." The programme will include musical items as well as refreshments.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

During the week the Visitors' Zionist Information Bureau in Beach Road, Muizenberg, was opened. The Bureau is well stocked with pamphlets, dailies and journals of both Zionist and general interest. Visitors as well as local Zionists are cordially invited to call at the Bureau, which is open daily (except Saturdays) from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.—5.30 p.m.

Union of Jewish Women—Summer Fair.

The Summer Fair which is being held at the City Hall on Tuesday next, 11th instant, will be officially opened at 10 a.m. by his Worship the Mayor, Councillor A. Bloomberg, M.P.C.

The many well-stocked stalls have been organised by the groups of the Union of Jewish Women as well as individual members. Lunches and teas will be served in the Banqueting Hall. There will be an attractive all-day programme for children including a concert by the Freda Fernandez Stage School of Dancing, as well as Punch and Judy and all the fun of the fair.

Barmitzvah Celebration at Paarl.

Harry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Maimon, celebrated his Barmitzvah at the Paarl Synagogue on Shabbos, "Vayeshev," Sabbath Chanukah, 1st December, when he conducted the Friday evening service and read the Parsho and sang the Haftarah during the Shabbos morning service. After the service a "Brocho" was held at the Talmud Torah Hall for the worshippers and the pupils of the Hebrew School.

A large gathering was present at a dinner held in honour of the occasion at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday evening. Mr. B. Volks was in the chair. Appropriate speeches were made by the Rev. B. Melamed, Mr. J. J. Geffen, Mr. S. Myers, Mr. L. Berman, Mr. B. Zetler, Hon. Secretary of the Congregation, Mr. A. J. Volks and the Principal of the Talmud Torah. Mr. I. Gull presented the Barmitzvah with the Barmitzvah Certificate of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, he having passed the examination with distinction. The Barmitzvah very ably responded. The Barmitzvah's name is being inscribed in the Golden Book by his parents.

Bloemfontein Hebrew School.

A Chanukah celebration took place on Sunday, 2nd December, at the Communal Hall. Mr. D. Davidson presided and welcomed all present.

Master Louis Kuperberg kindled the Chanukah Candles and sang beautifully "Haneroth Halala" and "Maoz Tzur." Master Boris Cramer spoke on Chanukah in Hebrew and Brian Caplan in English. Sydney Cramer, Ray Baumann, Charlie Wolf and Rene Wasserman recited Chanukah poems.

Rabbi Dr. M. Romm, Dr. M. Block and Mr. L. Fogel addressed the children on Chanukah.

Mr. M. Wolozinsky, the Principal of the School, spoke on the spiritual values of the Feast of Lights. He also conducted community singing. The children were served with refreshments.