

In and Around the Peninsula

Great Synagogue Chevrat Shass.

A special Chanukah function was held by the Great Synagogue Chevrat Shass on Wednesday evening, December 5th, at which a Sefer Ha-Yeled Certificate inscribed in the name of Rachel Leah (Leah) Abrahams, the daughter of Rabbi Meir Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the Cape Town Jewish Congregation, and Mrs. Abrahams, was presented to the Rabbi. Suitable songs were rendered by Rev. S. Kassel and rhyming recitations were given by Mr. S. Lipschitz, which were highly appreciated; altogether the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

At the request of the President, Mr. I. V. Schul, the chair was taken by Rev. M. N. Cohen, who extended a cordial welcome to Rabbi Abrahams and then called upon Rabbi Morgenstern, the Maggid Ha-Shiur, to present the Sefer Ha-Yeled Certificate. In a learned address, Rabbi Morgenstern explained the significance of the festival and paid tribute to the work of Rabbi and Mrs. Abrahams in all spheres of communal activity. Mr. Friedland spoke next, and supported the sentiments expressed by Rabbi Morgenstern.

In responding, Rabbi Abrahams thanked the Musical Society for the kind thought that prompted the presentation of the Te'udah, and said that it would remain a treasured heirloom of the family. He then dwelt on the ideals of the ancestors, their struggle for the Torah, and the nature of the miracle of Jewish survival, linking the historic lessons of Chanukah with some of the problems of Jewish education to-day. The Rabbi, the Rabbi concluded, was the fountainhead of our life; our primary task must be to teach our children to go to the Torah's "living waters" for the spiritual strength and moral health which were vital to our continued religious and national existence.

Ponevez Society.

On Tuesday of last week a General Meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Kolevman, 34, Scott Street, Cape Town.

Mr. I. Bitnun, in opening the meeting, delivered a detailed report on the activities of the Society for the past few months. He stated that the recent collection of clothing amongst Landslait in Cape Town was very successful. The Society is now in close contact with the Igud Yotzei Lita, Aviv (Federation of Lithuanian Jews), to whom a large number of parcels have already been despatched for redirection to Ponevez in Landslait wherever they may be, as there are no direct means as yet of sending to Ponevez proper. This procedure was found to be the most suitable. Mr. Bitnun also reported on his recent meetings with the Committee of The Ponevez Landsmanhaft in Johannesburg, where it was mutually agreed to carry on the work set out by both societies in close co-operation.

A discussion followed, with the participation of the following: Messrs. B. Padowich, I. Gevint, Levine, I. Swiel, W. and D. Witten, P. Kolevman and I. Kurgan. Various suggestions were put forward for speeding up the forwarding of parcels, etc. Musical items were rendered by Mr. A. Gettler and his partner, Mr. A. Leef and Mrs. Joffe, and a humorous reading was given by Mr. G. Laden.

Mr. I. Levine proposed a vote of thanks to the hosts for their excellent entertainment, and the chairman to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

Zionist Socialist Party.

Mr. Moshe Baumgarten addressed a very well-attended meeting of the Vredehoek Branch on Monday evening, 9th December, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Karabelnik. Mr. H. Benson presided.

In his address Mr. Baumgarten dealt with the situation of world Jewry to the developments in Palestine following Mr. Bevin's statement. He deplored the defeatist attitude of Diaspora Jews, and urged that Zionists boycott these traitors to the Jewish nation. This was a period of active resistance; we must not compromise, as our strength to fight unconditionally will determine the struggle for existence. This could only be fully realised by re-educating Diaspora Jewry; less

emphasis should be placed on the fund-raising task of Zionism.

He stressed that the only way to readjust the abnormal personalities reared in concentration camps was to give them normal conditions, which were only to be found in the free environment of Palestine. This was a vital reason for immediate unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine.

He reviewed at length the role of Labour in the building up of Palestine. Labour is responsible for the survival of Zionism and has given Zionism a concrete platform.

In conclusion he stated that the Zionist Socialist Party of South Africa was not a minority group, but part of the big Labour movement which is the creative force in Palestine.

An interesting discussion followed.

Union of Jewish Women—Summer Fair.

The following is a list of the stall holders and helpers at the Summer Fair, to whom great credit is due for the splendid success of this function:—

Hon. Treasurers, Mrs. Rubye Cohen and Mrs. B. Buntman; Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. Ruby Kahn and Mrs. Pat Harris, assisted by Miss V. Sagorsky, Mrs. Jacobson and Mr. H. Buntman.

The floral decorations were executed by Misses H. Stone, M. Singer and G. Weinreich, under the supervision of Mrs. J. Weinreich.

The stalls and helpers were:—

Miscellaneous: Mesdames Lizerbrun, Gerber, Kagan, Jay, Himmelhoch, Gaertner, Lewy, Wittner, Dektor, Lemonsky, H. Harris, Pollen, Bravo, and Miss Goldschmidt.

Food Stalls—Ice cream, cakes, chicken, snacks, etc.: Mesdames Trappier, J. Weinreich, Herman, Zieper, Berman, Futerman, Sapire, Marks, Chesler, T. Lee, H. Benson, Furman, Lazarus, S. Clain, S. Shaskolsky, and Mr. A. Shires.

Tombola: Mrs. Karpas.

Fish Pond: Mesdames Penkin, Lederer and F. Kahn.

Flowers: Mrs. M. Posniak.

Lunches and Teas: Mesdames Benson, Blumberg, supervisors and helpers.

Children's Concert: Miss F. Fernandez, of the Stage School of Dancing.

Games: Mr. Levy and Sgt. Hart.

The grateful thanks of the Union go to all city firms who so generously contributed advertising space, publicity and goods, to individual members of the public, and also to the Fairhaven Work Party, who supplied the stalls.

S.A. Ort-Oze (Cape) and Vocational Guidance Bureau (Junior Ort).

A very successful social function was held on Wednesday, 12th December, at the Talmud Torah Hall, when films of a technical nature were shown and members of the Ort Committee gave addresses on the work of the Ort-Oze and the Vocational Guidance Bureau.

Mr. M. Katovsky, the Hon. Secretary of the S.A. Ort-Oze (Cape), welcomed all those present and stated that it was very encouraging to see that so many of Cape Town youth interested themselves in the work of the Ort-Oze and the Vocational Guidance Bureau. He urged the young Jewish men and women who were about to embark on their careers to visit the Bureau and to discuss their future careers either with a view to obtaining advice or for assistance in entering a trade or skilled occupation.

Lt. L. Rubin spoke on the important work that the Ort was doing. The organisation encouraged Jews to become artisans and skilled tradesmen, so that to-day when the need arose there were many Jews who, having suffered as a result of the war, could turn to their trades and earn a living for themselves and their families. The Ort had carried on work in Europe during the war, but the extent of the work was not yet known; when Unrra came to look for a representative Jewish Organisation in Europe it found the Ort-Oze, organised to help them in their task of rehabilitation. Many South African Zionists were taking part in the activities of the Ort and it was well known that many chaltzim in Palestine were trained in Ort trade schools and training colleges in Europe. Lt. Rubin felt that it was a privilege for youth to associate itself with Ort activities, and he hoped that many youths would come forward and help in the running of the Junior Ort.

Keen interest was displayed by all present and the following agreed to constitute the provisional

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Social & Personal.

News has been received by Mrs. Evelyn Wallace that her uncle, Gen. Moshe Cohen, is coming to Cape Town in the very near future on his return to China. Since his repatriation as a prisoner of war he has spent the last 18 months in Montreal, where he was married.

Mr. Abe Kam, B.Com. (Rand), A.C.I.I. (Lond.), has been appointed Secretary of the Durban Jewish Club and has already assumed his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. Solly Friedman and daughters have arrived in Cape Town from Haifa on a holiday visit.

Forthcoming Events.

United Zionist Party.—A meeting of members and sympathisers of the United Zionist Party will be held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on Sunday, 23rd instant, at 10.30 a.m. Mr. B. Gering and Mr. S. M. Kuper, Vice-Presidents of the South African Zionist Federation, will be present and will address the gathering. Mr. Gering is President, and Mr. Kuper one of the Vice-Presidents, of the United Zionist Party of South Africa. They will discuss the aims and activities of the Party in detail and a full opportunity for discussion will be given. It is intended to form a Cape Town branch of the Party and to elect a working committee.

Dance at Claremont.—A dance in aid of the Jewish War Appeal, organised by the Claremont-Kenilworth Zionist Youth Society, will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Sunday, 23rd December, from 8 to 12. Maestro's Dance Orchestra. Donation 2s. 6d.

Concert of Jewish Songs and Music at Muizenberg.—Hedy Haas, the well-known Continental artist, is appearing in a new programme of Yiddish and Russian songs and impersonations on Saturday, December 29th, at the Pavilion, Muizenberg. Other artists on the programme are Vera Poppé, the famous cellist, and Walter Morgan, the radio entertainer.

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committee to form a Junior Ort-Oze under the convenorship of Lt. L. Rubin; Mr. I. I. Brauer; Mr. M. Dembowski, Mr. A. Feldman, Mr. H. Goldin, Mr. M. Herman, Mr. R. Isaacson, Miss J. D. Kroll, Miss I. Laden, Mr. A. Pogrud, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. S. Stein, Mr. M. Tworetzsky.

All enquiries about the Junior Ort can be made from the Secretary, Miss R. Sive, London and Lancashire House, 148, St. George's Street, Cape Town, Phone 3-2187.

B'nai Zion Association (Sea Point Branch).

The competition in aid of the J.N.F. for the pair of stinkwood candlesticks, donated by Mrs. H. Levy, has been won by Mr. Joffe of Maitland (ticket No. 23536).

Cape Hebrew Helping Hand Association.

The Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £100 from the Estate late Edward Harris.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer of the above Home gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £250 from the estate of the late Edward Harris.

הסתדרות עברית

A Melave Malka

in honour of Delegates attending the First Conference of the Histadruth Ivrit of S.A.

will be held at the

ZIONIST HALL, CAPE TOWN,

on

SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY, at 8.30 p.m.

Rabbi J. L. ZLOTNIK, Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, will deliver an address.

A very interesting programme has been arranged.

Refreshments.

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