

## Zionist Youth Activities.

A meeting of the **Cape Town Zionist Youth Society and the Oranjezicht Groups** took place at the residence of Misses T. and V. Schach on Sunday night, 3rd instant.

Sam Berelowitz was in the chair. Jack Levine, in his lecture, dealt with the Jewish Communists, Board of Deputies, Ort-Oze and Reform Judaism among other topics. He showed conclusively how only 100 per cent. Zionism could achieve our goal.

Bennie Miller, speaking on "The Answer," dealt first with the present political crises, and in lucid terms showed how Britain had organised everything to suit herself on a divide and rule basis. He also spoke of Russian and American designs in the Middle East. One of the main answers was Aliyah; and he went on to deal with this positive approach to our problem. His concluding words were "Chalutzit is the outcome of a positive Zionist consciousness when it reaches a proper stage of maturity." Discussion concluded a very successful meeting.

The first meeting of the **Paarl Zionist Youth Society** was held at the residence of Mr. R. Birkan on Sunday, 27th January. Mr. Birkan, in the chair, welcomed the new members and for their benefit read out the Society constitution.

A news talk by Miss Mary Friedman commenced the actual programme, followed by a humorous period of heckling. The educational part of the evening was conducted by Miss Sybil Berman, who gave the first of a series of four talks on "What is Zionism?" This found the full interest of those present and the next lecture is looked forward to with enthusiasm.

Something novel, a "mock trial," was then conducted in a most realistic fashion. Mr. Robert Birkan was an effective magistrate, while Mr. Cecil Berson prosecuted and Mr. Lionel Sutton appeared for the defence. The sergeant-at-arms was Mr. Maurice Silbert. The meeting concluded with a humorous reading by Mr. Frank Silbert.

A meeting of the **Paarl Zionist Youth Society** was held at the residence of Messrs. Maurice and Frank Silbert. Mr. Robert Birkan was in the chair. The news talk was given by Mr. Sidney Cywes. Song solos by Mr. Michael Peck were enjoyed by all, followed by the second in a series of talks on "What is Zionism?" by Miss Sybil Berman. A Quiz was conducted by Miss Liba Kahanovitz, in which Mr. Sidney Cywes' side narrowly defeated another led by Mr. Monty Spiro. A hat debate brought to light some interesting Zionist facts, other subject being on the humorous side. An excellent play reading by Mr. Birkan concluded the programme of a highly successful evening. The hosts were thanked by Mr. Gerald Meyerowitz.

### FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES.

**Pelugah Tel Yosef** extends an invitation to all members of **Habonim and Zionist Youth** to attend an **Outdoor-Indoor Campfire** to be held in the **Oranjezicht Forests on Saturday, 9th February, at 8.30 p.m.**

Visitors will be met at the Oranjezicht bus terminus from 8 to 8.30 by members of the Pelugah.

Remember **1st Annual United Zionist Party Ball on 23rd February in Major Zionist Hall.**

**Sea Point Habonim Fete.** Gedud Matityahu will hold a Fete and Games Evening in aid of the Jewish War Appeal and Gedud funds on Saturday, 16th February, at 8.15 p.m. in the Communal Hall, Marais Road, Sea Point. An enjoyable and fruitful evening is assured.

**February is Menorah Month.** Valuable prizes offered for the Society or Party which gets the most subscribers. Your co-operation is needed. Support your own magazine.

## EXHIBITION

OF

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from

**MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY,**  
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Official Opening by **Dr. LOUIS P. BOSMAN, M.P.,**  
on **Monday, 18th February, at 10.30 a.m.**

## IMPRESSIVE FAREWELL TO POST-MATRICULATION STUDENTS.

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selves and the Jewish people as a whole. Mr. Wilk, in wishing the lucky students Godspeed, greeted them with *L'hitraot Ba'aretz.*

**Adv. J. Herbstein, K.C.,** whose own daughter had recently left for Eretz Israel, referred to the unique occasion of the departure of those thirty students from South Africa. They were going to Eretz Israel in a year which would prove one of the most formative periods in Jewish history. There they would see a people that was in the midst of a struggle against great odds but were going to win through triumphantly. After the first Great War, the promise made by the nations to the Jewish people had been flouted. This time our youth from South Africa would behold the *Yishuv* that is standing up in the face of numerous difficulties, not only for its own sake but for the sake of the Jewish people as a whole. In Eretz Israel they will witness the undaunted and unconquerable spirit of the Jewish nation.

Mr. Herbstein was sure that they would not only appreciate the shadows but also the brightness of Palestine. He wanted them to go there to dance and enjoy themselves. In South Africa life was empty of content. South African Jews had been very generous but had in reality contributed little that was really necessary—they had not given their children. When these students returned they would cause a veritable revolution in South African Jewish life—a revolt against the complacent life of their parents. Continuing, he said that it was time South African Jews stopped talking and did something concrete. Up to now the community has been giving too much lip service to Zionism. *Chalutzit* was the only practical manifestation of Zionist ideology. Without it our National ideal had no meaning whatsoever. He knew that when their children returned they would be filled with a holy mission from Eretz Israel that would redound to the good of the entire Jewish Community.

### PRESENTATION TO DR. BIRNBAUM.

Towards the end of the function Mr. Solly Kessler presented a small gift to Dr. A. Birnbaum as a token of appreciation for the great task that had been performed by him in negotiating the scheme successfully, and for the excellent services he had rendered to Zionist Youth for so many years. Dr. Birnbaum, responding to the presentation, said that the idea of the Post-Matriculation Scheme had presented itself to him by the example of the year of National service of Jewish youth that had been in operation for some years in Eretz Israel. During his recent visit to Palestine, he felt that it was time that the South African Jewish Community should devote some of its youth to real National work. Dr. Birnbaum was proud that Cape Town had, in proportion to the rest of South Africa, contributed the largest contingent to this present Aliyah. He knew that these students were already well equipped and would give a good account of themselves in Eretz Israel, creating a good impression of South African Jewish youth in the *Yishuv.*

Dr. Birnbaum also paid high tribute to Mr. Abe Herman, head of the Youth Department in Jerusalem, who had devoted his energy to that scheme and who was largely responsible for its success.

**Miss Freda Rabinowitz,** replying on behalf of the students, thanked all those who had participated in arranging the Post-Matriculation Course. She felt that if that scheme had been initiated several years earlier, there would have already been a South African Kibbutz. One could not expect youth to attend meeting after meeting and receive inspiration from mere study and book reading. Youth wanted to go to Eretz Israel to participate in every phase of its life. They would return not to teach but to inspire. "We may come back, but we will return as *Chalutzim,*" she declared. She hoped that the present Aliyah would be the forerunner of many and larger Aliyot. Miss Rabinowitz thanked the parents for the sacrifice they were making in letting their children go. Though the youthful immigrants were eager to leave, she was sure that the actual parting would be hard and unpleasant. She expressed the feeling of all her *chaverim* in saying that she would like to take all those assembled with them to Eretz Israel. She concluded with the greeting "*L'hitraot B'karov Ba'aretz.*"

During the evening popular musical items were rendered by Miss Rachel Rabinowitz, Mr. S. H. Morris and Miss Freda Astrinsky. At the conclusion of the evening the Youth remained to dance the *Horah.*

## Prof. Rabbi L. Rabinowitz Co-opted to Executive Council of S. A. Zionist Federation.

The Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation at its last meeting held on Wednesday, 30th January, decided unanimously to co-opt Prof. Rabbi L. Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg, as a member of the Executive Council.

## 50th Anniversary of Herzl's Judenstaat.

### SPECIAL BOOKLET.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the publication of Dr. Theodor Herzl's "Der Judenstaat" (The Jewish State) the Cultural Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation has issued a special booklet. This contains a model address on "Der Judenstaat" as well as informative articles dealing with this topic. Particularly interesting is a short review by Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

Copies of the booklet can be obtained from the S.A. Zionist Federation, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg.

### CAPE MIZRACHI ORGANISATION.

## A RECEPTION

in honour of

## Rabbi Dr. Israel J. Harris

will be held by the above Organisation

on

**TUESDAY, 12th FEB., at 8.15 p.m.**

in the

**ZIONIST HALL.**

ALL WELCOME.

### CLAREMONT JEWISH YOUTH GUILD.

## INFORMAL DANCE

to be held on

**SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY,**

at the

**CLAREMONT TALMUD TORAH HALL,**  
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ORCHESTRA: THE MAESTROS.

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In aid of **Knitting Circle Section working for  
JEWISH WAR APPEAL.**

### MUIZENBERG & KALK BAY HEBREW CONGREGATION.

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Applications are invited for the position of Shamos to this Congregation.

Applicants are requested to state whether married or single, their age and qualifications.

Applications must reach the Secretary, Mr. B. Alexander, "Aberdour," Clevedon Road, Muizenberg, before 28th February, 1946.

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