

## In and Around the Peninsula

### Bnoth Zion Association.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the members and friends of the Wynberg Branch of the Bnoth Zion and the Wynberg Zionist Society in the Communal Hall, Wynberg, on Monday, 4th February.

Mrs. Berelowitz introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Rahel Klompus, and also Mrs. Charlafl, whose rendering of two songs delighted the audience.

Dr. Klompus addressed the gathering in Yiddish and spoke very eloquently on the Wizo organisation in Palestine and the advancement which has taken place during the war years. She emphasised the wonderful work done by women in Palestine and hoped that the women in this country would redouble their efforts and help Eretz Israel to the best of their ability.

After tea was served Dr. Klompus answered several questions and ended up by stressing the urgency and necessity of Wizo work.

Mr. Galloon, on behalf of the combined Zionist Societies, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and artist.

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The Wizo group of the Green and Sea Point Branch had the first meeting of the new session on Thursday, 7th February. Mrs. M. Epstein was in the chair and welcomed members and visitors.

A comprehensive news summary was presented by Mrs. Sagorsky. Dr. R. Klompus, the guest speaker, commented briefly on the news and then proceeded to give an interesting and informative talk on the achievements of Wizo in Palestine.

Mrs. H. Lieberman, Acting Chairlady of the Bnoth Zion, expressed the appreciation of the Bnoth Zion Association to Dr. Klompus for the services she rendered the Association during her stay in Cape Town and announced that ten trees would be planted in Palestine in her name.

### Great Synagogue Forum Luncheon.

The first luncheon of the Synagogue Forum for the 1946 session was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Hope Street, on Wednesday, 6th February. Mr. Harold Hoffman, who was in the chair, welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. A. M. Melamet, the Secretary of the Cape Committee of the Board of Deputies. In introducing Mr. Melamet, the Chairman said that he was pleased that the first Jewish gathering that Mr. Melamet had found it possible to address in Cape Town since his return from active service was the Synagogue Forum, and he hoped that this augured well for future happy associations between the Forum and the organisation with which the speaker was connected. As his subject, Mr. Melamet had chosen "The Economic Factor of Anti-Semitism," undoubtedly a subject on which he was well qualified to speak, having made a deep study of the question.

Mr. Melamet thanked the Chairman for his kind words of welcome. He said that the connection between economic conditions and human behaviour was one which had exercised the minds of great thinkers throughout the ages. He quoted from the Bible, Plato's "Republic," Aristotle's "Politics" and from the works of Machiavelli, Harrington, Adam Smith, George Raumer, Marx, Engels, Eduard Bernstein and Alfred Marshall to show that it was not only those who accepted the particular philosophy known as Historical Materialism who appreciated that economic factors influence profoundly our ideas and behaviour.

He did not suggest that in studying race relations in general, or anti-Semitism in particular, psychological, sociological, historical and political factors should be ignored, but he contended that in the ultimate analysis, economic factors exercised a decisive influence. He quoted the findings of recent surveys in the U.S.A. and elsewhere which indicated that there was a definite correlation between economic status and anti-Semitism. These experiments showed that anti-Semitism was most marked amongst those sections of the population who believed their economic interest to be threatened by Jewish competition. The Commission on Community Inter-relations had now published the results of its recent survey and these indicated that persons who felt least secure in their surroundings had the greatest amount of racial and religious prejudice.

Turning to South Africa, Mr. Melamet quoted extracts from the South African Press in the last 50 years to show how prominent the economic motive was in anti-Jewish outbursts. In the past ten years the link up between political, religious and economic anti-Semitism had made itself plain. Mr. Melamet described the conflicts between Jew, Englishman and Afrikaner in the commercial, in-

dustrial and professional fields and contended that conflict was inevitable.

In conclusion the speaker said that he believed it was of the utmost importance for Jewry to realise that anti-Semitism was not the result of a political caprice or a statesman's malice, nor did it arise from any alleged imperfections of Jewish conduct. It was rooted in a constellation of sociological, psychological and economic forces and called for serious and informed study.

Mr. P. M. Clouts proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Melamet for his interesting address.

### Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

A special Social Afternoon was arranged by the Cape Town and Sea Point branches of the above Association for members and friends to meet Dr. Rahel Klompus at the Minor Zionist Hall on 5th February. Mrs. T. Charchat was in the chair. Dr. Klompus, the guest speaker, gave a most interesting address on the work of the women of the Yishuv. She also spoke of the achievements of the women of the Mizrahi organisations in the various sections of the work in the Yishuv such as social welfare, agriculture, etc. Dr. Klompus spoke in Yiddish and her interesting address was very much appreciated by everyone present.

Mrs. E. Maissel paid tribute to the late Chief Rabbi Dr. J. H. Hertz, to Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., and also to the late Mr. Beinart. Later Mrs. M. Aronson read a very interesting article on Jewish Education. Musical items were rendered by Miss M. Bank and were very much appreciated by the audience. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. P. Marks.

During the afternoon various articles were raffled. The winner of the watch that was raffled was Mrs. Sacks, 9 Alexandra Ave., Oranjezicht, No. 9386, and of the covered hangers, Mrs. Peires, 105 Hope Street, No. 9334.

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The first meeting of the Working Party Section of the Vredhoek Branch was held on Tuesday, 12th February, at the residence of Mrs. Geft. Wool for garments to be sent to Palestine was handed out.

Mrs. Shorkend began reading a chapter from the book "An Introduction to Judaism," by Beryl D. Cohen.

Members were asked to dispose of tickets for the first Cabaret Dance to be held on Saturday, 2nd March, at the Zionist Hall. Table reservations from Mrs. Bron, phone 2-4449, 6-8 p.m.

### Sea Point Massadah Association.

Adv. Gerald Gordon addressed the above Association on Monday, 4th inst., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Myers. Taking as his subject "The Technique of Propaganda," he gave an extremely interesting analysis of the different methods used in successful propaganda, and the effects of these devices on the people. All propaganda could be reduced to seven methods, which are easily recognisable, namely, repetition, card-stacking, transfer, bandwagon, name-calling, testimonial and plain-folks devices. He described some of these in detail, illustrating his thesis by entertaining anecdotes. He showed that all propaganda is not necessarily evil.

During the evening Mr. Peter Nash, who recently returned from the U.S.A., was interviewed on his impressions during his visit.

### Social at Woodstock.

Dr. R. Klompus was the guest speaker at a farewell for post-matriculants and the monthly social held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Wednesday, 6th February, under the auspices of the combined Zionist Societies of Woodstock.

The Chairman, Mr. A. J. Basker, in opening, remarked on the fact that at least three of those leaving for Eretz Israel were of the local youth.

After songs ably rendered by Rev. Baron, Dr. Klompus was introduced. She particularly noted the fact that at last South African children were going to Palestine instead of the contrary always being the case. This was a great step forward and as a member of the Yishuv, she could feel more deeply the importance of this step. As one of the workers of Wizo, she told of the great strength and encouragement that was given to the movement by South African Jewry's support of its work. At great length and with a wealth of information the speaker showed how this help was being successfully translated into the remoulding of the broken bodies and shattered minds of the little children of Europe. Finally, with great emotion and feeling, she urged still greater effort for this life-giving work of rehabilitation.

After tea Mr. Jack Levin gave a farewell message to those of Woodstock and the Cape on leaving for Palestine. He said that the scheme was but the beginning of the great urge of youth to personally identify itself with the Yishuv. The Chalutz movement was rapidly growing—35

## Social & Personal.

The engagement is announced between Elsa daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sidersky, and Walter, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Cohn, both of Johannesburg. Mr. Walter Cohn is the Secretary of the Jewish National Fund for South Africa.

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The engagement is announced of Blanche daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Lurie, of Durban, to Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Setzen, of Sea Point.

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The marriage of Maizie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Averbuch, of Oranjezicht, to Ivan son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Greenstein, of Te Aviv, took place on Tuesday, February 12th, at the Gardens Synagogue.

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Cantor L. Zive of Johannesburg is spending about a month in Muizenberg and will conduct service in a Cape Town Synagogue.

chalutzim had already left and more were waiting to go over. The post-matriculants would have an important duty to perform on their return: the instilling of their newly-acquired spirit and knowledge of Zionism into those that could not as yet go too.

Replying, one of the post-matriculants, Mr. S. Kessler, thanked the community for their send-off. He hoped that parents would not restrain their children when their turn came to go to Palestine. He was sure that members of the scheme would come back better Jews and Zionists.

Miss Blum Lazarow, Mrs. S. Marks and Mr. Z. Galloon thanked all those who had made the evening a great success, especially the speakers and the hostesses, Mrs. I. Merkel and Mrs. A. J. Basker.

### Estate Rosa Flora Altschul.

The executors of the estate of the late Rosa Flora Altschul (born Rubin) announce that, in terms of her last will and testament, each of the undermentioned institutions received as a first payment out of the estate the sum of £16 1s. 7d. The Cape Jewish Orphanage, the United Hebrew Schools, the Cape Jewish Aged Home, the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, the Jewish Sick Relief Society, the Hebrew Helping Hand Association, the Gardens Talmudical Society of Cape Town.

### Zionist Socialist Party (Paarl Branch).

An extremely interesting drawing-room meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 6th February, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Yasvoyn, Paarl. Two Palestinian Hebrew teachers, Miss R. Resnik and Miss R. Kramer, were the guest speakers. They dealt with "Hebrew Culture in Palestine" and brought to the audience the atmosphere of life in Eretz Israel. Miss Resnik spoke chiefly of education, and Miss Kramer of art, literature, music and the theatre.

The meeting was well attended and there was keen discussion. Miss Resnik taught the gathering new Hebrew songs.

### Cape Hebrew Helping Hand Association.

The Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £25 from the estate late David Charlafl.

## IN MEMORIAM.

SCHACH, Solomon.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our beloved father, who passed away on 16th February, 1945. Sadly missed by his wife, sons Sydney and Leonard, and daughter-in-law Florette.

Anyone knowing the address of Mr. Hans Liebreich is kindly asked to communicate with the S.A. Jewish Chronicle, 85 Plein Street, Cape Town (phone 2-7995), who have received a letter addressed to him from Siegmund Schram, Shanghai.

### Jerusalem.

The planting of the first wood in the Neggev has been started at Dorothea by the Pioneer Women's Organisation in co-operation with the Palestine Women's Workers' Organisation. The planting plan provides for sections in the wood to be named after Dr. Weizmann, Henrietta Szold and Chaviva Reich, a partisan of Kibbutz Maayanot, who was killed in action in Czechoslovakia.

### Jerusalem.

Preparations are being completed by the "Ohel" Workers' Theatre to produce Shakespeare's comedy, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," translated by Nathan Alterman. Mr. Moshe Halevy will produce and the music is by A. Nikolayeff.