

In and Around the Peninsula

Great Synagogue Chevrat Shass.

A notable Siyum, marking the completion by the Great Synagogue Chevrat Shass of Seder Nashim, took place at the "Old Shool" on Tuesday evening, 19th March. There was a very large attendance, including representatives of all the Peninsula Talmudical Societies. The function took the form of a supper, the catering arrangements for which were very ably carried out by members of the Ladies' Guild under the convenorship of Mrs. I. Goldberg. After a few opening words by the President, Mr. I. V. Altschul, the chair was taken by the Acting Chairman, Mr. D. Rechtman. Rabbi Morgenstern, the Maggid Hashiur, completed the exposition of Tractate Kiddushim and later delivered a learned "Hadran," taking as his text the Mishnaic statement that Abraham had kept the whole Torah before it was given to Israel.

Prof. I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, gave a scholarly address on the position of the woman in Jewish tradition, and linked his explanation with the statement of R. Neharai that he would abandon all crafts in the world and teach his son Torah only. Other speakers included Mr. P. M. Clouts (representing the Committee of the Great Synagogue), Dr. C. Resnekov (Chairman of the Board of Education), Mr. M. Aronson (representing the Sea Point Congregation) and Mr. Friedland, of the Vredehoek Talmudical Society. Cantor Boris Rome sang a number of Chassidic folk songs with a charm that was warmly appreciated by all present. The Chairman, Mr. Rechtman, seized the opportunity of wishing God-speed to Dr. Resnekov, and Rev. N. Cohen thanked the ladies for their gracious services.

Vredehoek Jewish Cultural Circle.

The fortnightly meeting took place on Thursday, 21st March, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Friedman, "Pearl View," Virginia Ave. Mr. Friedman, the host, presided over a large number of members and friends.

Mr. P. M. Clouts gave a talk on "Leadership in Jewry." He dwelt on the qualities of the immigrants who had arrived in this country from Eastern Europe and their capabilities in leading the community. He compared Jewry with the British people, who were led for centuries by a group who were mainly the rich and titled of the nation. The Jewish community of Great Britain was also very poor in leadership until 1860, when a new generation had arisen who had a Western civilisation and university education. The leaders were therefore representatives of Jewry who could appear before the government on an equal status with any other citizen.

Here in South Africa, however, said Mr. Clouts, there was a singular lack of such leaders. There was a shortage of men who could speak to the government on our behalf and put forward a good case, and see eye to eye with them. The community had just lost such a man, Adv. M. Alexander, who had been the born leader. From personal experience he knew what wonderful work Adv. Alexander had achieved during his lifetime for the elevation of the Jewish community to the level of all Western communities.

It was to be regretted, said Mr. Clouts, that the congregations as well as the charitable institutions were in the hands of men who were there simply because of their wealth and not because of their educational training in leadership. If men with education had been at the head of affairs in all communal matters, a federation of synagogues and one of institutions would have been in existence long ago.

A very long and keen discussion followed in which Messrs. Bank, Laden, Voloshen and Mrs. Katz participated. Mr. Clouts replied.

Mr. Harry Benson, the chairman of the circle, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and the host and hostess.

Vredehoek Hebrew Kindergarten.

A very successful Purim Party was held at the Vredehoek Hebrew Kindergarten on Friday, 15th March, at which a great number of parents enjoyed a true atmosphere of Purim festivity. The various items connected with our National Yomtov were cleverly rendered individually by the elder children and in chorus by the younger pupils.

The children and parents then partook of a Purim Feast, after which the parents were entertained with Oneg Shabbat celebrations. The Chairlady, Mrs. M. Marks, thanked Miss Boroda for the very able manner in which she conducted the party and also the parents for their co-operation; the importance of the work of the Kindergarten was stressed.

Vilno and Province Society.

A very enjoyable and successful function took place at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 24th March, when the members and families of the Vilno Society assembled to hear reports of the activities since the Society was formed four months ago.

The President, Mr. F. Jason, who presided, welcomed all the members and guests, among whom were Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., Major I. Potashnik and Mr. I. Sandberg, who is Vice-Chairman of the Vilno Society in Johannesburg. Mr. Jason announced that since the Society was formed, the sum of almost £600 has been collected, and it is hoped that relief to Vilno and surrounding districts will be possible to be sent in the near future. He paid fine tributes to the active committee and the enthusiasm that prevailed among the women who made this function possible at their own expense, in order to enrol more members and swell the funds of the Society.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., then addressed the guests and expressed his delight at being present at this function as he himself hails from Vilno; he stressed the fact that in spite of the great work that is being done by the S.A. Jewish War Appeal, it is very necessary to have all the Landsmanshaften societies who can come in direct communication with own relatives, neighbours and friends. The Vilno Society could be proud of the fact that in a short period it has set an example to other societies by doing such splendid work as it has done up till now. He appealed to all the guests to be united in their efforts, and thus achieve its aims and objective for which it is striving.

Major Potashnik, who recently came in contact with some Vilno Jews in various camps in Europe, then described the terrible conditions under which they were living. Not only were these Jews without food or clothing, but they lived without hope. He praised the noble deeds of the South African boys in the armed forces who spent much of their time with these unfortunate refugees, who were encouraged and helped by these soldiers.

Mr. I. Novikov spoke of the terrible plight of the Jewish population in Vilno from the outbreak of hostilities till the present day. He quoted incidents during the time of the Vilno Ghetto, as described by the famous Jewish author Abraham Sutzkower, who lived in Vilno during the mass murders of thousands of Jews, among whom were martyrs such as Dr. Wigotzky, Dr. Shabad, Grodzensky and Kalmanowitz, and whose deeds will live in the history of Polish and Vilno Jewry. This period can be classed as even greater than the two destructions of the Jewish Temple, and the tragedies as the greatest in human history.

Mr. S. H. Michelson said that not a single Jew living to-day could claim that he was not affected by the tragedy that has befallen the Jewish people. Entire families were murdered and almost every South African Jew has lost a near or distant relative; those who were fortunate to escape death are living in misery and want.

During the interval Cantor Baron sang Hebrew songs, Mr. G. Laden gave humorous monologues, Miss Patz rendered songs, and Mr. Asher recited dramatic poems of the Vilno Ghetto; the function concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. N. Glaser to the guest speakers, artists, and the committee who were responsible for arranging the function and providing the refreshments.

Hebrew University Hostel Drive.

Mrs. M. Epstein, a member of Headquarters of the U.J.W., and Mrs. D. Harris, Vice-Chairman of the Cape Town Branch, were the speakers at the Monthly Meeting of the Muizenberg Group of the U.J.W. held on Tuesday, 26th March, at which Mrs. Block presided.

Mrs. Epstein gave a most interesting and informative account of the work of the Hebrew University, with particular reference to the urgent need for the erection of a Students' Hostel, for which the Union is conducting a Drive. All those present were most enthusiastic, and this Group have already held two functions for the funds of the Drive. Mrs. Harris thanked all the members for their valuable co-operation and interest in the work of the Union.

Social at Woodstock.

Adv. L. Rubin was the guest speaker at the monthly social of the combined Zionist societies held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on Thursday, 21st March.

After songs rendered by Rev. Baron, the Chairman, Mr. A. J. Basker, introduced the speaker. Advocate Rubin spoke of the serious position in which Jewry finds itself to-day, and emphasised that the attitude of the great Powers towards our claims to Palestine was now unfavourable, for it

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Social & Personal.

Mrs. B. A. Levitas, who has been appointed by the S.A. Jewish War Appeal as Liaison Officer to the Joint Distribution Committee of America in Paris, will be leaving on Saturday evening en route to take up her appointment.

The engagement is announced of Anne, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hart, of Eaton Road, to Walter Bendix, Cape Town.

The engagement is announced of Henny (Annie), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Katz, of Woodstock, to Isaac, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mr. A. Kushner, formerly of Robertson.

The engagement is announced of Bessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Scher, Durbanville, to Louis Odes, of Maitland.

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clashed directly with their seeking after economic and strategic power. The Arab countries were areas of strategic importance and both Russia and the Western Powers were currying favour with the Arab leaders.

On the other hand when, remembering our successful struggles against great adversity during the period between the two great wars, we can be sure that our efforts to rehabilitate the Jews of Europe in Palestine will be successful eventually.

Mr. J. Levin and Rev. Baron thanked the speakers and all those who had helped to make the evening a success.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A drawing-room meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 20th March, at the residence of Mrs. Slomowitz, Wynberg. Mr. Julie Lewis spoke on the policy, aims and activities of the Zionist Socialist Party in Palestine and in the Galuth. He dealt at length on the functions of the Histadruth, emphasising the importance of its social, educational and welfare activities to the masses of Palestine, apart from its function as a trade union.

In the Galuth the Zionist Socialist Party is in the forefront of the struggle of the Jewish people for the rights of the Jews and for the democratisation of Jewish institutions. It also does a considerable amount of work in educating non-Jewish progressives about Zionism.

An animated discussion followed, after which a Study Group was inaugurated.

The first steps were taken to form a branch of the Zionist Socialist Party in Woodstock on Wednesday, 13th March, at a drawing-room meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Derman.

Mr. J. Lewis, in outlining the principles of Zionist Socialism, stressed the outstanding role which the Party has and is playing in the struggle of the Jewish people for survival, both in Palestine and the Galut.

After the speaker answered questions a provisional committee of the following was formed: Messrs. H. Katz, M. Katz, E. Talmud, Miss I. Schumacher (Secretary).

An enjoyable cultural evening of youth and seniors of the Sea Point Branch was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rubik on Thursday, 13th March. Mr. J. Lewis addressed the gathering on "Zionist-Socialism in Theory and Practice," whereafter community singing followed. It was decided to commence a second study circle for the new people present, which is to be run by the Youth Section; the following were elected to the Youth Committee: Maurice Segal, Wolf Traub and J. Trappler.

After the meeting the youth members adjourned to the Sea Point beach to sing Hebrew songs and dance the Hora.

Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Talmud Torah School.

A Purim Social was held on Sunday, 17th inst. The hall was filled with parents and friends of the school.

In his opening speech the Chairman, Mr. M. J. Pasvolsky, welcomed the gathering and introduced Mrs. Levane, whose services as a teacher had recently been obtained through the kind efforts of the Director of the Board of Jewish Education, Dr. Birnbaum. He also conveyed the committee's best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov who are shortly leaving for the U.S.A.

Mrs. E. Levite, the Principal, drew a parallel between the downfall of the Haman of old and

that of the modern Haman. David Borok then read a portion of the Megilah in the traditional tune, and Bessie Kagan in fluent Hebrew related the story of Purim. The Junior and senior classes respectively acted Purim plays and Stds. II and III sang Purim songs. Refreshment and "Shalach-Monoth" were provided for the children by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pasvolsky.

New Hebrew Congregation Ladies' Guild.

A meeting took place on Monday afternoon, 25th March, at the residence of Mrs. H. Broide.

Mrs. E. W. Kirzner was in the chair and extended a cordial welcome to the gathering.

Miss L. Guinsberg, the guest speaker, chose as her subject "Moses," and this proved most interesting and was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. G. Kagan proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and the hostess.

Material to be made up into garments for despatch to refugee children in Palestine was handed out to members. It was decided that the next meeting would be held after the Passover holidays and Mrs. I. L. Back offered her residence for that purpose.

Purim Ball (Jewish War Appeal).

A very successful and enjoyable Purim Ball, in aid of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal, was given in the Mayor's Garden Hall on Saturday, 23rd March. The Ball was very ably convened by Mrs. I. Pasvolsky, assisted by Mes. H. Shapiro, Benson, Blumberg and a band of very willing workers.

The winner of the Queen Esther competition, Mrs. Lowenheim, was crowned by the Mayor, Mr. A. Bloomberg. A dance interlude given by members of the Dorothy Dymond School was much enjoyed.

Special thanks are due to Mr. L. Diamond, who gave so unstintingly of his time and energy to help make this function a success.

Jewish National Fund.

The Jewish National Fund Western Province Executive acknowledges with thanks receipt of a cheque for £146 6s. from Bellville-Parow Women's Zionist Society. This amount was raised at a dance held at the Maitland Town Hall on November 21st, 1945, under the auspices of the Bellville-Parow Women's Zionist Society, the Northern Districts Zionist Guild, and with the assistance of the Northern Districts Youth.

Gardens Talmudical Society.

The Gardens Talmudical Society wishes to acknowledge the receipt of £10 from the estate of the late Dr. H. W. Altschul through his father, Mr. I. V. Altschul.

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Speil or Spiel, Fritz—sought by sister Lilly Eberlein, nee Dinkelspiel.

Schachar, Boruch, father's name Yehuda Wolf, from Wilno, Lithuania, last address Johannesburg—sought by Wolf Indurski.

Silber, Hesel, last address Johannesburg—sought by Calel Ruwinski.

Treisman, two brothers, from Friderichsstadt, Lavia—sought by Ing. Joelson.

Weintziger or Veintzuger, Shloime and Mische, father's name Itze, from Laskirach, Poland—sought by Meier Flikser, son of Sima Schneider and Zalman, son of Chaim Polages.

Zik, Jochewet, born Minde, wife of Ieik Zik, shoemaker—sought by Josef Minde.

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the following kindly communicate with the Relatives Information Service of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 413, Security Building, Exchange Place, Cape Town.

Schlojme Kagan—sought by Sara Kaliflour, formerly of Kevno.

Meier Levis—sought by Simon Aron Sneider (Schneider), now in Germany (we hold letter).

Hoxter family—sought by Wilhelm Trautman (we hold letter).

Frankfurt.

The Hias office which was recently opened in Vienna may become a regional centre for all of South-eastern Europe, it was stated here by Mr. Ilya Dijour, general secretary of the organisation.

"World Tribunal."

INTERESTING FUNCTION AT MUIZENBERG PAVILION.

The meeting of the "World Tribunal" at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Monday, 25th March, was marked by its originality and novel approach to a Zionist audience. The evidence submitted to the Tribunal on behalf of the Colonial Office and the Arabs of Eretz Israel gave Zionists an opportunity of hearing the anti-Zionist point of view, while the cases for European Jewry and the Yishuv focused the attention of all on the urgent problem of displaced persons in Europe and the excellent arguments and convincing facts of the Jewish case.

The members of the Presidium consisted of Mr. P. M. Clouts, as Chairman, Messrs. J. L. Feinberg, S. L. Gross, L. Rubin and Councillor A. Z. Berman. Evidence for the Colonial Office was presented by Adv. G. Gordon, for European Jewry by Mr. A. M. Melamet, for the Arabs by Adv. E.



Mr. P. M. Clouts, Chairman of the Tribunal.

Newman and for the Yishuv by Mr. E. Kluk. The Tribunal Registrar was Mr. R. B. Egert. Both the evidence and cross-examination of witnesses brought forth a great deal of genuine data, especially the evidence of Mr. Melamet, and proved a most instructive evening for all those who attended.

The session of the Tribunal was introduced by Dr. I. M. Hurwitz, Chairman of the Information Department of the W.P. Zionist Council, who said that Zionists were not afraid to present the point of view of others as they felt that the Jewish case was so just that, in face of the best arguments of opponents, it could stand its ground unimpaired.

At the end of the proceedings, Mr. Clouts, Chairman of the Tribunal, summed up the evidence submitted and showed up the loopholes in the claims and arguments of both the Colonial Office and the Arab case. He proved that even from an objective point of view the concrete facts and arguments presented by Mr. Kluk supported by Mr. Melamet in his description of the plight of Jewish refugees in Europe forced the legalistic argumentations of the Colonial Office and the Arab spokesmen to the background. Jewish witnesses had adequately proved the historical bonds of the Jewish people with Eretz Israel and had shown that the advent of Jews to Palestine had not only not prejudiced the civil and religious rights of existing communities but had improved the conditions of local Arabs immensely.

Tel Aviv.

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. Nikolayaff.

Tel Aviv.

Since the Magistrates' Courts began functioning in Jerusalem, competent to hear criminal as well as civil litigation, there have been 17,506 cases. Of these 15,356 were criminal and 2,150 civil suits. Previously, only British Chief Magistrates could hear criminal charges, but last year authority was extended to Palestinian magistrates as well. Most of the defendants in criminal cases were Arabs. Out of the total cases—over 15,000—only 13 were Jewish defendants.

Relatives Sought.

Will anyone able to furnish any information concerning the following persons kindly communicate with the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Box 1180, Johannesburg, or call at 2nd Floor, Commercial House, Room 25, 126, Fox Street, Johannesburg. Phone 22-7206, Extension 10.

Bernstein, M.—sought by Vili Sterner.

Behrman, Leopold, and daughter Rosa Herson, profession jeweller—sought by Aron V. Orkov.

Beck, Leo, born in Iglau, Moravia—sought by Mrs. Eleoner Beck.

Braun, Michel and Mechel, from Janow Lubelski—sought by Josef Braun.

Biermann, Mrs. Margot—sought by Erwin Lenz. Behrendt, Horst—sought by relation Mr. Behrendt, Berlin; we have letter.

Charakoff or Harakoff, Fischl, born at Liadi, District of Mogieff, U.S.S.R., profession furrier, father's name Aron—sought by Saul Schiffrin, born at Amtchilaw, District Mogileff, Russia.

Dinkelspiel, Fritz—sought by sister Lily Eberlein.

Diamond, Meilech, last address Johannesburg—sought by Anna Diamond.

Druck, Joseph—sought by cousins Mina and Leah Meyerowitz, originally from Ponevezh.

Edel, Lydia, born Gerson, last address Johannesburg—sought by Trude Bettauer or Beffauer; we have letter.

Feldon, Elias, last address Nigel—sought by M. Obrejan.

Feigelman, Chane, from Ponevezh—sought by Meier Juzint.

Feldman, Abram, father's name Rachmiel and mothers Shaneiene, from Kupishok—sought by Meier Juzint.

Fryde, Cypra, originally from Lodz, Poland, last address Johannesburg—sought by Moische Fujard.

Glas, Morris, last address 203, Modder Road, Brakpan—sought by Hirsch Glas.

Gen, Miron, and sister Maria, born in Warsaw, Poland, came from Tel Aviv to Johannesburg—sought by cousin Maria Jeward, born Grynberg, daughter of Lazar Grynberg.

Glezer, Mr., from Kupishok—sought by Meier Juzint.

Hellman or Hillman, Mr., last address Johannesburg—sought by Fani Weinreich (daughter-in-law of Sheine Weinreich); we have postcard.

Joselowitz, Wulf, from Tukum, Letland—sought by Ing. Joelson.

Jachas, Max—sought by Nuchim Jachas, Warsaw.

Jason, Horsi—sought by Max Furmanski; we have message.

Jontofsohn, Rolf—sought by Erich Bockshammer; we have postcard.

Katzeff, Mrs. Toibe Chane, born Bubus—sought by Asta Bubus.*

Koruwisset, Herzl, from Poland, last address Johannesburg—sought by cousin Natan Birman.

Kurgan, Pesi and Samuel, from Vilno, last address Cape Town, profession leather factory in Cape Town—sought by M. Goldstein.

Leslow or Leslau, Leo, from Antwerp, believed to have come to Johannesburg—sought by Pte. Maksymiljan Zmigrod.

Lewinberg, Alfred, last address Johannesburg—sought by Fritz Lewinberg.

Leisner, Lilly, last address Johannesburg—sought by mother Clare Weber.

Lamm, Fritz and Elli—sought by Rita Lichtenstein; we have letter.

Meierson, Aharon, last address Johannesburg—sought by A. Krigman, mother's name Mrs. Zilia Blettel of Riga.

Miedzinski-Mac, Wolf, from Radomsk, last address Johannesburg—sought by Regina Miedzinska.

Narocka, Mira, from District Wilno, Lithuania, last address Johannesburg, profession timber merchant—sought by Rywa Trachtenberg.

Rubinowitz, Mrs., last address Johannesburg, re enquiry concerning Mrs. Himmelfarb.

Schapiro, Josef—sought by Sofia Schapiro Gor. Schoemacher, Leo, from Tukum, Letland—sought by Ing. Joelson.

Strauss, Eliezer, from Kovno, Lithuania—sought by sister Esther Strauss.

Stuhler, August, last address Johannesburg—sought by Lisl Stuhler; we have letter.

Sepselovitz, Mr., from Trashkun, Lithuania—sought by Meier Juzint.

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