

## In and Around the Peninsula

### S.A. Jewish War Appeal (Women's Campaign).

A meeting of workers of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal (Women's Campaign) took place in the Zionist Hall on Thursday afternoon, 25th April.

Mrs. S. Sloman was in the chair and said this year is the crucial year in the lives of the 1½ million Jews remaining in Europe. To relieve their distress the Joint Distribution Committee has budgeted for £15,000,000, of which the S.A. Jewish War Appeal had to provide approximately 10 per cent. To meet commitments a gigantic Fete was being planned by the Cape Town Branch. This, "The Flowerland Fete," convened by Mrs. M. Alexander, will take place in November. To carry out Mrs. Alexander's vast scheme it was essential that every Jewish woman in the Peninsula assist.

The guest speaker was Baroness van Heemstra, who, as a member of the Resistance Movement in Holland, had been imprisoned for eight months. She graphically described Holland's heroic struggle for survival under Nazi occupation.

The Resistance Groups and patriots never flagged in their efforts to stamp out the infiltration of Nazi propaganda. Grim were the punishments meted out to those who harboured Jews and fugitives. Of Holland's 130,000 Jews, 40,000 survived. Every conceivable subterfuge was used to aid the homeless Jews. In Amsterdam workmen had gone on strike to demonstrate against the persecution of Jews. To commemorate this the Queen of Holland had bestowed on the people of Amsterdam a lasting tribute by adding under their coat-of-arms the three words: "Heroism, Resoluteness and Mercifulness."

The magnificent effort of the Churches had kept alive their faith in God and strengthened the people's faith in resistance, which won through until ultimate victory was attained.

Mrs. Abrahams, in thanking the speaker, said that all Jews were grateful to the people of Holland for adhering to their doctrines of freedom, whatever race or creed.

### Bellville-Parow Women's Zionist Society.

A large and representative gathering attended the annual General Meeting of the above society, held at the residence of Mrs. B. Berold, Fairfield Road, Parow, on Thursday, April 11th. The chairlady, Mrs. Berold, opened the meeting with a welcome to all present, particularly to the guest speaker, Mrs. Katie Gluckman.

A report outlining the year's activities was delivered by the Chairlady, who at the same time thanked her executive and committee for their co-operation and work done in the past year. The Treasurer then presented the financial report and this was met with applause when mention was made of the increased revenue since last year.

An important feature of the afternoon was the adoption of a resolution as to whether the society should become a branch of the Bnoth Zion. After a keen discussion and by popular vote the resolution was unanimously carried.

After the tea interval Mrs. Gluckman addressed the members present and expressed great pleasure in being present at so large and enthusiastic a gathering. She complimented the society on their excellent work, making particular mention of the financial record. Mrs. Gluckman gave a graphic description of her experiences, both the pleasant and the more sombre, which she encountered during her recent visit to Palestine. She told of the unselfish work done by the Wizo, mentioning particularly the

care of infants and the rehabilitation of children who arrived in Eretz Israel from war-torn Europe. In an interesting manner she impressed all with the wonderful spirit that prevailed in Palestine among the people whose only ideal was the establishment of Palestine as a national home for the Jews.

The Women's Keren Hayesod Campaign was then launched and the society hopes it will prove a great financial success.

Mrs. Berold, the retiring chairlady, was presented with a certificate for ten trees for work done for the society. She thanked the members for their sincere appreciation and generosity and wished the new executive and committee every success in their new term of office. She also thanked Mrs. Gluckman for her enlightening and interesting talk.

The election of office bearers then took place and resulted as follows: Chairlady, Mrs. I. Kaplan; Vice-chairladies, Mesdames B. Lipshitz and A. Barron; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Goodman; Secretary, Mrs. M. Reznick; Committee: Mesdames J. Levy, J. Karpas, M. Sacks, Srubis, Zausmer, A. Sacks, Bloch, Chapeikin, S. Kaplan, Abel, Noves, Sive, Eisen and Weinberg.

### Northern Districts Zionist Guild.

An Oneg Pesach was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Kaplan, Bellville, on Thursday, 18th April. A large gathering was present to welcome the speakers.

Major Potashnik gave a very interesting talk on the significance of Pesach, referring to the Seder night he had spent with the forces in the Middle East. Mr. Leven gave a brilliant address on the present-day situation in Palestine and Mr. R. B. Egert discussed the historical background of Pesach. All three speeches were immensely enjoyed.

Dr. Reznick, the chairman, very ably summarised the speeches. Miss R. Kantor and Mr. H. Konwiser rendered some very fine melodies which were very well received. After tea Mr. I. Kaplan proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, artists and hostess.

### Wynberg Talmud Torah.

The Annual General Meeting of the Wynberg Talmud Torah was held in the Communal Hall, Wynberg, on Sunday morning, 14th April. Mr. I. Zinman presided over a meeting of 30 members.

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Mr. Maisel, who had been a great supporter of the Wynberg Talmud Torah. As a mark of respect, all members stood in silence for a minute.

The statement of receipts and expenditure for the period 1st April, 1945, to 31st March, 1946, having been read and discussed, was confirmed.

The Chairman in his report stressed various subjects, such as the bad attendance of the pupils and the lack of interest taken by parents in the Talmud Torah. He said that although the attendance of scholars was better this year than last, there was still room for improvement. The Chairman pointed out that the milk scheme was quite a success. The position of teachers was then discussed, and the matter was left to the incoming Committee.

Mr. Dubow proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman. He said that Mr. Zinman could be congratulated on the splendid work he had so ably carried out during the last 12 months. All members supported his remarks by applause.

The Chairman thanked the teachers for the good work they had done in the past, also Rev. Gordon for so ably

preparing the boys for their Barmitzva, and for teaching them to conduct the Shabat Services. He also thanked Mr. M. Kroll (Hon. Secretary), Mr. D. M. Bruss (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. I. Chait (Hon. Auditor), for their very able work, and the Congregation for their moral and financial support. Mr. Zinman also thanked the shamas, Mr. Prose, for his willing service.

The Chairman then vacated the chair, which was taken by the Hon. Secretary. Nominations were asked for Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Committee for the following 12 months. Before the nominations began Mr. Shifrin thanked Mr. I. Zinman for the very good work he had done for the Talmud Torah, and for so ably occupying the position of Chairman of Talmud Torah during the last 12 months. Mr. Zinman suitably replied.

The following members were elected for the next 12 months: Chairman, Mr. I. Zinman (third year); Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Kroll; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I. Shapiro; Hon. Auditor, Mr. S. Shapiro; Committee: Messrs. A. M. Matz, S. M. Kaplan, D. Kawalsky, L. Gordon, D. M. Bruss, B. Blacker, I. Ferber, C. Wolman, N. Nossel, R. Maisel, N. Vitkin, L. Ferber.

### Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

A very successful Third Seder was held in the Committee Room of the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 18th April. Cantor Immerman commenced the Seder with portions of Kiddush and this was followed by a varied and interesting programme conducted by the Chairman, Mr. W. Sebba. The four questions were asked by Miss Doris Cohen and answered by Mr. J. Hanson. Other items were a reading of the "Four Sons" by Miss Mary Rosen and an original contribution on the "Second Seder" by Miss I. Rabinowitz. Outstanding on the lighter side of the programme was an impersonation by Mr. A. Rabinowitz of a typical English colonel's impressions of his first Seder. During the interval mead and other Pesach refreshments were served

and lively Hebrew singing was led by Mrs. Sara Bobrow and Cantor Immerman. The Seder concluded with a very inspiring address on Pesach by Cantor Immerman.

Other meetings held recently by Vredehoek Massadah were an address by Adv. Rubin on the subject of "Propaganda" on 19th March and a "Radio Broadcast Evening" on 9th April, at which a programme of both instructive and amusing items was presented. The Society also organised a Games Evening on 26th March, the proceeds of which will go towards the J.N.F. quota.

### Zionist Socialist Party.

The Major Zionist Hall was crowded on Thursday evening, 18th April, when a Third Seder under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party was held. Mr. L. Karabelnik was in the chair.

Cantor Immerman recited the Kiddush. Four questions were asked and were responded to by Mr. B. Pado-wick, Mr. Mendel Cohen, Mr. E. Kluk and A/B. C. Epstein.

Toasts were proposed to "The Yishuv" by Mr. Dots Sadowsky, to "The Histadruth" by Mr. I. A. Schweppe, to "Zionist Socialism" by Mr. H. Bank. A song recital was given by Miss Fay Abrahamson. An appropriate humorous duologue was written and presented by Mr. Hyman Goldin and A/B. G. Epstein.

Community singing of Hebrew and Yiddish melodies was led by Mr. A. Bank on the piano-accordion. Rachel Rabinowitz entertained the audience with a brilliant piano recital; and Robert Isaacson kept the crowd in fits of laughter with his imitations of "Mrs. Gotlieb." A humorous Yiddish item was rendered by Mr. Karabelnik. A most successful function terminated with the dancing of the Hora and other Palestinian folk dances, and was finally closed by the singing of Techezaknah and Hatikvah.

### Rondebosch Massadah.

On Monday evening, 29th April, the Annual General Meeting was held at

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the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Berold.

The outgoing Chairman, Mr. Berold, summed up the year's work carried out by the Association and hoped that the new committee would achieve even better results, particularly as far as membership was concerned. He pointed out the great success of the Hebrew classes. Following upon his address, the new committee was elected, as follows: Chairman, Mr. L. H. Berold (re-elected); Vice-Chairman, Mr. N. Cope; Secretary, Mrs. Atara Resnekov; Treasurer, Mr. Frank Robinson; Members, Miss Sage, Mr. Tuch, Capt. Hickman and Mr. Pincus.

Mrs. Helena Lieberman, who was the guest speaker, followed with a stimulating "Fireside Chat," wherein she indulged in thinking aloud. She stressed the present trend of world affairs which were hardly in favour of Jewry and strove to inculcate in everyone the feeling of being an ambassador of Zionism both in theory and particularly in the practical sphere.

Many controversial points were put forward to the audience, members of which did not hesitate to provide their own views, the result being an interesting discussion of a high order.

Mr. Robinson moved a vote of thanks to the speaker and the host and hostess.

#### Kenilworth Massadah Association.

On Monday night, 29th April, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brower, Kenilworth, a large and appreciative meeting listened to a most interesting and informative lecture delivered by Mr. Hans Kramer on "Jewish Music," liberally interspersed with items of recorded music by Jewish singers, instrumentalists and composers from Mr. Kramer's unique collection of records.

#### Barmitzvah Celebration.

The Barmitzvah celebration of Chemach Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cohen, took place at the Zionist Hall on 28th April. Rev. S. H. Michelson presided. The grandmother of the Barmitzvah, Mrs. Ch. Cohen, welcomed the guests. The toast of the Barmitzvah was proposed by Mr. Z. Avin, the Principal of the Talmud Torah; the toast of the parents was proposed by the Chairman. Rabbi M. Morgenstern, Adv. R. Kotlowitz and Mr. B. Padowich also spoke.

The name of the Barmitzvah was inscribed in the Sefer Barmitzvah by his grandmother, Mrs. Ch. Cohen.

A presentation on behalf of the New Hebrew Congregation was made by Mrs. E. W. Kirzner.

#### New Hebrew Congregation Ladies' Guild.

A well-attended meeting took place at the residence of Mrs. L. Kantor, 53 Belmont Avenue, Oranjezicht, on Monday last. Various important matters were discussed, and it was decided to continue practical work for refugee children in Palestine and elsewhere.

#### Chana Krikler's Tzodoka Society, Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Society, Bnoth Zion Association, Muizenberg.

Under the auspices of the above societies a Farewell Tea to Mrs. Navias was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg, on Wednesday, 24th April. Mrs. F. Bloch presided on behalf of the Chana Krikler's Tzodoka Society, and said that it was a year since Chana Krikler had passed on and this society remained a living memorial to the work with which she so inspired those she left behind. £500 was sent away last year to various charitable institutions in Palestine, and in spite of the fact that her daughter, Mrs. Navias (who took on her mother's duties), was leaving, this work would still be carried on by another member of the Chana Krikler family—Mrs. Seftel. The Chairlady paid a tribute to Mrs. Navias for her arduous work in this

connection, and an inscribed presentation was made to her by a committee member, Mrs. G. Katz.

Mrs. Julia Dombey, Chairlady of the Muizenberg branch of the Bnoth Zion Association, presented Mrs. Navias with a Tree Certificate, also a handsome inscribed gift on behalf of the Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Society, on which committee Mrs. Navias had served for many years; she hoped she would continue her work in her new home (Bloemfontein).

A musical programme was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Erma Bloch played a delightful pianoforte solo and Mrs. E. Seftel sang three lovely songs, accompanied by Mrs. Lever.

Mrs. Navias in thanking those responsible for this very pleasant afternoon, sincerely hoped that those she left behind would continue with the good work, of which there was so much to do.

#### Palestine Maritime League.

The Cape Town branch of the Palestine Maritime League desire to express their sincere thanks to Ivor, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Green, of Milner Road, Rondebosch, for a contribution of £26 10s. towards the Palestine Maritime League Fund for the widows and orphans of Jewish sailors in Palestine, made on the occasion of his Barmitzvah.

#### C.T. Jewish Ladies' Society.

The Secretary of the above Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the sum of £50 from the estate of the late Simon Katz.

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## Social & Personal.

Prof. I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, has accepted an invitation to address a Durban function to be held on 23rd May in connection with Maritime Day.

Mr. Arie Epstein, the Hebrew teacher who recently arrived from Palestine, has been sent by the Cape Board of Jewish Education to Uppington to assist at the Hebrew School there for a few months at the request of the Uppington Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. David Meyerowitz was on Wednesday admitted to practise as an advocate of the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court.

Miss Sally Kussel, Organising Secretary of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, has returned to Cape Town and will be spending several weeks here.

Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Berk (née Bebe Glaser) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Prof. I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the C.T. Hebrew Congregation, will give one of the national broadcasts to the schools during Goodwill Week.

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## Forthcoming Events.

**Bnoth Zion Association.**—The Annual General Meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Branch will be held on Monday evening, 6th May, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Zalk, 20, Avenue Road, Woodstock. Mrs. Mary Segal will be the guest speaker.

**Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.**—The next General Meeting of the Vredehoek Branch will take place on Tuesday, 7th May, at 3 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. Borochowitz, "Mon Repos," Highlands Avenue, Vredehoek Estate.

Mr. R. Egert will be the guest speaker and an interesting afternoon is promised. All welcome.

**Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.**—The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th May, at 3 p.m. in the Old Synagogue. Speaker: Mrs. H. Lieberman. All welcome.

**Kenilworth Massadah Association.**—Dr. Louis Bosman, M.P., will give an address on "The Jew and Palestine" on Thursday, 9th May, at 8.15 p.m. at the residence of Mr. M. Hamerschlag, "Brackley," Cumnor Avenue, Kenilworth.

**Green and Sea Point Wizo Circle.**—The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 9th May, at 10.15 a.m. at the Synagogue Hall, Marais Road, Sea Point. The speakers will be Mrs. Frieda Winokur—"The Structure of Zionism," and Mrs. Mary Segal—"Anglo-American Report on Palestine."

**Zionist Conversazione.**—The next Zionist Conversazione to be held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 7th May, at 8.15 p.m., will take the form of a symposium on the merits and demerits of communal and Zionist affairs in South Africa as conducted by the senior members of the community. Speakers: Mr. B. I. Miller, Mr. C. Traub, Mr. G. Wilk. All welcome.

**Vredehoek Jewish Cultural Circle.**—The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Traub, "Pearl Villa," Florida Road, on Thursday, 9th May, at 8.15 p.m. The guest speaker will be Major A. Z. Berman, whose subject will be "A Jewish Soldier in Italy." Members and friends are cordially invited.

**Cape Town Ladies' Sewing Circle.**—The next meeting will take place at the residence of Mrs. Brenner, 13a, Rugley Road, Vredehoek, on Thursday, 9th May, at 2.30 p.m. All welcome.

#### THANKS.

COHEN.—Chemach Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cohen, desires to thank relatives and friends for good wishes and handsome gifts received on the occasion of his Barmitzvah.

## Rabbi Ch. M. Bronroth.

Rabbi Ch. M. Bronroth, acting Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv and head of Tel Aviv's Beth Din, arrived in Cape Town this week, in connection with a scheme to establish in the Yishuv a series of modern Yeshivoth as a memorial to the late Chief Rabbi Amiel. These institutions will embrace comprehensive educational courses which will cater for children in the elementary standards right up to the full Rabbinical diploma. The scheme is an ambitious one and aims at placing education in the Yishuv on a very high plane. The project has the full support of the Jewish Agency, the Vaad Leumi and the Tel Aviv Municipality, and the committee in charge of the scheme is headed by Chief Rabbis Herzog and Uziel.

Rabbi Bronroth is a striking and saintly personality, who before settling in the Yishuv held Rabbinical positions in Poland, America and England. He was a Mizrahi leader both in Poland and England and has attended a number of World Zionist Congresses. Two weeks before the outbreak of war he left Poland, where his outspoken political pronouncements had made the country dangerous for him.

Rabbi Bronroth came to Palestine three years ago, when he accepted a call to take up a position in Tel Aviv. On his way from Leeds he had a narrow escape from death when the ship on which he was travelling was torpedoed by Nazi submarines. It was a direct hit and 26 passengers were killed. Fortunately, the Rabbi managed to hold on to a rope alongside the burning ship and eventually was rescued by a lifeboat.

His address in Cape Town is the Hotel Assembly, Queen Victoria St.

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