

In and Around the Peninsula

Bnoth Zion Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Muizenberg branch took place at the Talmud Torah Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg, on Wednesday afternoon, 12th March. The Chairlady, Mrs. Julia Dombey, welcomed the members present, the Central Executive representatives, also a visiting Zionist, Mrs. Fanny Raphael, from Johannesburg.

Mrs. Dombey read the report of last year's activities and thanked her Executive and Committee for their fine co-operation during her year of office. The Treasurer's report was read, and Mrs. Koningsfest, co-convenor of Wizo, gave her report, special tribute being paid to Mrs. Yetta Katz, "Klinkers," Clevedon Road, for her laborious contribution to the Wizo, having herself made 350 garments this year. Trees were presented to her. As a mark of appreciation to past convenors of Wizo, Mesdames Koningsfest, Lemonsky, assisted by R. Shirkin, trees were presented. Mrs. H. Lieberman addressed the meeting on Wizo work, also our aims to reclaim land in Eretz Israel; Mrs. F. Winokur remarked on the necessity for cultural work and Mrs. Fanny Raphael brought greetings from the Women's Zionist League, Johannesburg.

The election then took place, with the following results: Chairlady, Mrs. Julia Dombey; Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. Lili Feit, Mrs. F. Jocum; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. Block; Assistant and Social Secretary, Mrs. B. Brint; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. F. Podlashuk; Committee: Mesdames L. Arcus, B. Symons, S. Solomon, F. Friedman, J. Shaper, L. Friedman, A. Awerbach, J. Shapiro, A. Shapiro, M. Singer, I. Cohen, S. Cohen, Benjamin, Abel, R. Sloman, B. Brint, A. Lurie, F. Greenblo, G. Rakin, L. Rosenberg, J. Shaskolsky, M. Apter, M. Yuter, Israel, Sher, Joelson, Koningsfest. The guest speaker, Mrs. B. Herbstein, was then called upon to give her report on the Wizo Conference and her visit to Palestine. This was listened to with the closest interest and Mrs. Herbstein was congratulated on her magnificent report.

The Annual General Meeting of the Observatory-Mowbray branch was held on Thursday evening, 13th March, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tockar, Mowbray.

Mrs. Shapiro, in her presidential address, stated that progress had been maintained in every sphere of the activities of the branch. The Treasurer's report was a most gratifying one, showing an increase of 100 per cent. in income for J.N.F. work, Wizo, etc.

Mrs. H. Lieberman extended greetings from the Executive, and congratulated the branch on its vigorous programme of work achieved throughout the year from the cultural point of view as well as the practical one.

The reports were unanimously adopted, and the election of office-bearers for 1947 resulted as follows: Chairlady, Mrs. C. Shapiro; Vice-Chairladies, Mesdames A. Tockar and M. Snowise; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. Kaplan; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. R. Lizerbrum; Mowbray Wizo Convenors, Mesdames R. Hodes and M. Ger; Observatory Wizo Convenors, Mesdames Danilewitz and H. Bravo; Committee: Mesdames Elkin, J. Ger, Goldblatt, R. S. Milner, Marcovitz, A. Nick, Nurich, Pogrand, A. Shapiro, H. Shattenstein, M. Stein and Zackon.

Mrs. Mary Segal, the guest speaker, gave an address on "Youth Aliyah," and urged members to do their utmost during the period of the Campaign to make it a most outstanding one. She said the task of the women in South Africa is comparatively an easy one,

that of acting as foster-mothers to those unfortunate children in Europe who have suffered such indescribable tortures and have been deprived of normal childhood.

A Golden Book Certificate was presented to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tockar on the occasion of their Silver Wedding, which took place last year, by this branch of the Bnoth Zion, the local Men's Zionist Society, and the local Hebrew Congregation, as a tribute to the excellent work done by them in the community.

Miss Ray Kantor, during the course of the evening, delighted the audience with an interlude of very enjoyable modern Hebrew songs.

Mrs. Shapiro proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to the speakers, Mesdames Segal and Lieberman, the young artist and the host and hostess for their gracious hospitality.

Scopus Club.

Social Welfare Section.—On Sunday evening, 23rd February, the first function for 1947 of the Social Welfare Section of the Scopus Club took the form of an all-Jewish Concert for the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home, Vredehoek.

The concert was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A very high standard was maintained by all the artists, well known in Cape Town, who gave of their best. Mr. G. Laden and Mrs. Zinman delighted the audience with humorous monologues. Mrs. E. Charlaff, Harry Rabinowitz and Cantor Katzin rendered Jewish songs and chazonuth, which were a treat to listen to, and Miss Hilda Schwable, the well-known pianiste, played beautifully. Mr. Ellis Zion, Secretary of the Institute, thanked the section for arranging the concert and the artists for taking part. Cantor Katzin replied on behalf of the artists, emphasising that it was a privilege to them to be able to bring a measure of enjoyment to the inmates, and Mr. Abe Sive, convenor, responded on behalf of the Social Welfare Section. Tea was served, whereupon Mr. Zion led an inspection of the more important departments of the Home.

It is hoped that concerts for the Aged Home will be a regular feature of the work of the Social Welfare Section, which is also associating itself with other kindred organisations in Cape Town for the purpose of assisting in Jewish communal activities.

Cultural Section.—On Sunday, 9th March, Mr. Muir Lang entertained a large gathering of the Scopus Club with a most interesting programme of recorded music entitled "Not in the Score."

The theme of Mr. Lang's programme was that, although we do not find record of the particular emotion which inspired a composer to write his music marked in the score, when we listen sympathetically to the composition we identify ourselves with the mood of the composer and respond to it. As Mr. Lang expressed it, "music echoes the original stimulus that inspired its composition." He then went on to illustrate with records this stimulus and its psychological origin.

In Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E Minor," for example, Mr. Lang explained that, although we find in this work the quality of vivacity which typifies Mendelssohn's life and his work, there is in it a deeper note of resentful bitterness, "a passionate protest against the ugly spectre of anti-Semitism," to which even Mendelssohn, who was brought up as a Gentile, was subjected.

Other illustrations were taken from Cesar Franck's "Prelude"; Sarasate's "Playera"; Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2"; Tchaikowsky's "Capriccio Italienne"; Dvorak's Slavonic Dance No. 2; Sibelius' "1st

Symphony"; and Sibelius' "Swan of Tuonela."

The programme was interesting as well as informative and was thoroughly enjoyed. The most attractive stage setting which Mr. Lang had arranged created the right atmosphere and greatly contributed to the success of the evening.

United Hebrew Schools.

On Thursday afternoon, 6th March, the hall of the United Hebrew Schools was crowded with pupils of all the branches of the school, who had come to celebrate Purim. The children were in a festive mood as lessons for the day had been cancelled, and a spirit of happiness prevailed throughout.

The proceedings were opened by the singing of the school song, after which the Principal, Mr. Z. Avin, addressed the children briefly on Purim. The highlight of the afternoon, a film show, followed. First the children were shown a film of the school, and there was great excitement as they recognised themselves and their friends on the screen. This was followed by a film of Palestine and a number of cartoons, kindly lent by African Theatres Ltd.

During the interval the children were given "Hamantaschen" and cool drinks, which they ate and drank with great relish. An extremely enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Marks and Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov at Woodstock.

A social evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Marks on their return home from Palestine and Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov from the United States was held in the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday evening of last week under the auspices of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation and the combined local societies.

Mr. I. Merkel presided and welcomed the guests on behalf of the community.

Mr. P. Marks paid tribute to the communal services rendered by Mr.

M. N. Marks and Dr. C. Resnekov, and expressed the congregation's appreciation.

Mr. Alexander Rubin, in welcoming the guests on behalf of the local Talmud Torah, drew attention to the outstanding work done by Dr. Resnekov in connection with Hebrew education and stressed the fact of the Board of Jewish Education having introduced method into chaos and having raised the standard of Jewish education generally. Continuing, Mr. Rubin said that Mr. M. N. Marks was not only the prime pillar in the Palestine Maritime League, but was also an ardent worker for every worthy Jewish cause.

Mr. Z. Galloon spoke on behalf of the Cultural Circle, while Mrs. S. Marks and Mrs. Z. Galloon welcomed Mrs. Resnekov and Mrs. M. N. Marks on behalf of the Wizo and Bnoth Zion respectively.

Mr. M. N. Marks, in describing present-day life in Palestine, laid emphasis on the fact that whereas about 20 years ago he left "Jews" in Palestine, to-day he not only left a Jewish people but the beginning of a Jewish nation. In conclusion Mr. Marks said that the economic and social life in Eretz Israel was very encouraging.

After the tea interval, Dr. Resnekov delivered a vivid address on Jewish life in America. The speaker divided the Jewish population into the "Orthodox," "Conservative" and "Reform" categories and portrayed the Jewish life he experienced among these elements. Dr. Resnekov stressed that anti-Semitism had become an obsession in the States and enormous funds were being spent to combat this evil. There also appeared discrimination against Jews at the leading universities. Jewish leadership in America did not seem of a very high order and the quality of the Rabbinate appeared indifferent. Dr. Resnekov emphasised that the vast majority of Jews did not belong to any sort of "Kehilla" and this boded ill for the future of American Jewry. The educational problems

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were vast and conflicting but the Orthodox communities were to be commended on the establishment of Day Schools. In conclusion Dr. Resnekov observed that assimilation was very rife and Jewish leaders were very much perturbed by this danger. In general there is a feeling of no permanence for the Jews in America and all are agreed on the primacy of Palestine as the solution to the Jewish problem.

Cantor Katzir, Mrs. Tuch and Rev. Baran contributed to the musical success of the function.

Muizenberg Talmudical Study Society.

At an Oneg Shabbat given in the Talmud Torah Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg, by Mr. B. P. Phillips, of the Balmoral Hotel, on Saturday, 15th inst., Mr. Phillips was presented with a Golden Book certificate, his name, as Chairman of the Muizenberg Talmudical Study Society for the last fourteen years, having been inscribed on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday by the above Society.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A successful "Purim Function," organised by the Vredehoek branch, was held on Thursday night, 13th March, at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Goldin. Mr. Harry Green presided.

Mr. S. Steyn evoked keen interest with a talk on "Purim," showing a grasp and knowledge of his subject that impressed all those who listened to him. He pointed out that the legend which formed the basis of the Purim festival was not based on historic fact, but that this did not detract from the beauty of the story nor from the message that went out to the Jewish people from the Book of Esther.

Mr. A. Bank, playing the piano accordion, led the community singing.

Massadah Association of Rondebosch.

A meeting was held in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. M. Honikman and took the form of a Purim Social, during which "Hamantaschen" were consumed with delight. Mr. A. Dorfan addressed the guests on Purim as it used to be in Palestine, and Dr. V. Resnekov took as his theme the historical aspect of Purim, linking up Haman's decrees with the reform in the codes of Zoroaster at the time of Artaxerxes II. Following this, the more social aspect commenced, with Mrs. Betty Phillips at the piano and two teams acting various charades.

Members and friends are notified that the next meeting will take place at the residence of Mrs. Geffen, Milner Road, Rondebosch, on Monday evening, 24th March, when Mr. A. Goldberg, M.P., will be the speaker.

South African Jewish Ex-Service League.

The Annual Meeting of the Cape Town branch of the South African Jewish Ex-Service League was held on 4th March in the Zionist Hall.

In opening the meeting the Chairman, Mr. I. Hickman, reviewed the past activities of the branch, which—apart from Welfare and Information Work—included a number of functions such as two services, a Brains Trust and Lectures, a Dance and a Film Evening.

It was reported that the Committee was still endeavouring to establish a Roll of Honour of men from the Cape, and members were requested to supply particulars of any men or women from the Cape who had died on active service.

The branch is also represented on the National War Memorial Health Foundation, and the Chairman expressed the hope that the Jewish ex-serviceman will play his part in the work of the Foundation, which aims at creating a healthier and better South Africa. Members would receive a full report on the forthcoming National

Congress of the Foundation, to be held in Cape Town.

An ex-serviceman recently arrived from the United Kingdom gave some details of the work of the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Organisations in England and their recent offer to Mr. Bevin to supply 100,000 Jewish ex-servicemen to keep law and order in Palestine was discussed.

A new Committee was elected, consisting of Messrs. Hickman (Chairman), Dorfan (Vice-Chairman), A. J. Chesler (Treasurer), Dr. E. Bernstein (Secretary), Miss H. Ackerman and Messrs. B. Gershon, N. Berman, P. Taylor, Dr. H. Freund, Dr. L. Bass, Messrs. G. Simon, S. Bernstein and J. Simonhoff.

Although the meeting was well attended, an appeal for increased membership was made. All Jewish ex-servicemen and women are eligible, and application forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Dr. H. E. Bernstein, P.O. Box 2302, Cape Town.

'Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

Members re-opened the session by attending an At Home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sebba. A very interesting and novel programme was enjoyed by all those present.

An interfunction between the Sea Point and Vredehoek branches was held at the home of Miss Vera Bailen on 3rd March. During the evening a Symposium took place on "The Future of the Jews." Mr. A. Faclier (Sea Point) very ably and in a most interesting manner presented his views on the future of the Jew in Europe and South Africa. Mr. J. Hanson dealt with Great Britain and Mrs. J. Dickman with Eretz Israel. Although the attendance was small due to unforeseen circumstances, most of the members present took part in the subsequent discussion. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Bailen family for their hospitality.

Social & Personal.

Mr. J. Gitlin is leaving next week for the United States on a visit to his relatives. He will be away for a few months.

Mrs. S. Nurok and daughter Sheine left on Monday for Durban en route to Palestine on a five-months' visit. They take this opportunity of bidding farewell to all their friends whom they were unable to contact personally.

The marriage of Arona Cecilia, only daughter of Mrs. Annie Cohen and the late Mr. Sam Cohen, of Johannesburg, to George, younger son of Mrs. Fanny Berold and the late Mr. Barney Berold, of Parow, will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Johannesburg, on Tuesday, 25th March, at 4.30 p.m. R.S.V.P.: 6, Allenby Court, Bezuidenhout Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg.

Mrs. E. Levite, of Muizenberg, left on Monday for Palestine on an extended visit. She desires to take this opportunity of bidding goodbye to her many relatives and friends.

Mr. L. Katz, of the Strand, who recently left for Eretz Israel, wishes to take this opportunity of bidding farewell to all his relatives and friends whom he was unable to contact before his departure.

London.
The 10,474-ton Dutch ship "Johan de Witt" arrived at Sydney with 701 Jewish immigrants from Europe.