

In and Around the Peninsula

Bnoth Zion Association.

"Zionism at the Crossroads" was the subject of an address given by Rabbi I. Abrahams to a crowded meeting of the Sea Point Branch in the Talmud Torah Hall, Sea Point, on Thursday afternoon, 14th inst. Mrs. Miriam Epstein presided.

We had reached the end of the road, declared Rabbi Abrahams, and the question we were now faced with was "Whither?" Were we to continue the struggle with faith and hope, or were we to admit defeat and give in?

If for one single moment we even toyed with the idea that the Zionist experiment was a failure, we were giving in to our enemies, he continued. If there was one Mitzvah above all others, it was the Mitzvah of faith, the Mitzvah of being of good cheer in spite of everything. We dared not look back, he said, because behind us there was an abyss. As a religious person, he had faith, but he came to a reasoned faith to-day, and appealed for a reasoned belief in the fulfilment of Zionist hopes. To-day we were suffering from terrific political tension, and tensions must reach a point either of relaxation, or explosion. He believed firmly that there would be relaxation of political tension and that it would be in our favour.

He considered that some solution must be produced by U.N.O. and that, even though we were aware that some of the members of the Fact-Finding Commission were hostile to us, whatever solution would be suggested would be better than the present state of affairs. At least there would not be a deadlock.

"With all the strength I can command," he said, "I say to you, the mothers of Israel, that there is nothing more damnable in Jewish life to-day nothing more disastrous, morally and politically, than the terror. It is the bane and the curse of the Yishuv." Not only did it divide us; it turned public opinion against us, and fanned the flame of anti-Semitism throughout the world.

In glowing terms, Rabbi Abrahams expressed the great future which lay in Zionism at the hands of our youth, not only in the Yishuv, but here in the Galuth. There was a reorientation among the youth, an effervescent longing to proceed to Aretz.

The answer to the question "Whither now?" was "Forward, to fight with clean hands and pure hearts," concluded the Rabbi. The paramount source of his optimism was in the Yishuv itself. He had not seen anywhere among Jews the faith which pervaded the Yishuv.

Mrs. Miriam Epstein, when she addressed the gathering from the chair, gave an outline of the attractions for the forthcoming J.N.F. Bazaar, which is to be held in the Sea Point Town Hall on 10th September, under the auspices of the Green and Sea Point Branch of the Bnoth Zion. Various efforts were being made prior to the Bazaar to swell the funds, among which was a Bring and Buy Sale at Camps Bay and a Card Party at the home of Mrs. Anstey, Bantry Bay, on 30th August.

Mrs. Shrock proposed a vote of thanks to Rabbi Abrahams.

There was a large gathering at the meeting of the Claremont Branch of the Wizo Knitting and Sewing Group, held at the residence of Mrs. Hessen, Rondebosch, on Thursday, 14th August.

The Chairlady, Mrs. Sarif presided and welcomed all members and visitors.

Mrs. Bex Reichlin read a paper on "Jewish Women in the Temple and

Synagogue," with quotations and references to the age-long association the Jewish women have always had with the Synagogue.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Sarif to the speaker for her enjoyable and enlightening talk, also to the hostess.

Sea Point Massadah Association.

Study Circle.—The Study Circle has recommenced under the conensorship of Mr. Lionel Phillips, and meetings are held fortnightly on Sunday evenings at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mount Nelson Road.

Two meetings were held during the month. At the first, on Sunday, 3rd August, the speaker was Mrs. Bex Reichlin, who took as her subject "Chassidic Judaism." Mr. S. M. Levin presented a news commentary, and Mr. Phillips an informative quizz.

At the second meeting on Sunday, 17th August, Mrs. Sadie Levine reviewed Bartley Crum's "Behind the Silken Curtain." Mr. S. M. Levin presented another news commentary, and Mr. Phillips the quizz, both of which are regular features of the Study Circle. Miss Isabel Rabinowitz, who has just returned from Eretz Israel, gave an impromptu talk on the founding of the S.A. ex-servicemen's settlement of Maayan Baruch, in which she participated.

A feature of all Study Circles is discussion among members, and it is gratifying to note that both meetings were exceptionally well attended.

Chug Ivri.—The last meeting of the Chug Ivri (Hebrew-speaking Circle) took place on Friday evening, 8th August, at the residence of Miss M. Gering, Gorleston Road. Mr. I. Sachar was in the chair, and discussion took place on the news and other topical subjects.

Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

A highly successful Brains Trust evening was held on 12th August, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Dickman, "Aintree," Davenport Road, Vredehoek.

Massadah were hosts to the Vredehoek Cultural Circle and the Women's Mizrahi, and over ninety people listened to the team comprising Mrs. Mary Segal, Messrs. Eric Rosenthal, Gerald Gordon and S. M. Levin. Mr. S. H. Rechtman acted as question master.

Questions covered points such as—the Palestine reprisals and anti-Semitic outbreaks; whether British troops should be withdrawn from Palestine; the ability of the Yishuv to defend itself against possible Arab attacks; the Jewish attitude to the colour problem; the advisability of organising Zionist fund-raising campaigns into one annual drive; the desirability of publishing our own daily newspaper; intermarriage with Royalty; whether the world is progressing or retrogressing morally and spiritually.

After the interval, during which refreshments were served, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman. (Will Hasofer kindly note no action is pending between the question master and the chairman, the matter having been settled out of court.)

Zionist Socialist Party.

A large crowd attended the "Brains Trust" arranged by the Cape Town branch, which was held at the Minor Zionist Hall on Tuesday night, 19th August. The team was composed of Mrs. H. Lieberman, Messrs. Z. Avin, A. M. Melamet, S. Rubinstein with Mr. Simon Abel acting as question master.

A number of questions were asked on topical problems such as the Histadruth, the Hagana, the part played

by Yiddish in the Galuth and the British interests in the Middle East.

Cape Mizrahi Organisation.

A representative gathering attended the Tanach Study on Monday, 18th August, at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall, Cape Town.

Rabbi M. Morgenstern presided and Rev. A. Kaufman conducted the Study of Chapter 4 of the "Book of Joshua" which he presented in a most elucidating manner. He dwelt very ably on the events and circumstances prevailing at Joshua's time, which led to the crossing of the Jordan. A very interesting discussion followed, the subject of which was the "Memorial of the Twelve Stones" set up by the Israelites in memory of the crossing which brought about historical events bearing everlasting fruits for generations to come.

After questions were asked by the audience and very ably answered by the lecturer and chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Rev. A. Kaufman and Rabbi M. Morgenstern by Cantor A. Immerman.

Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation.

Councillor A. Bloomberg, M.P., Mayor of Cape Town, addressed the Open Forum of Temple Israel, the Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation, on Tuesday, 12th August, on "Jewish Citizenship."

With a wealth of factual material and illustrative anecdotes, the Mayor discussed the lives and careers of outstanding Jews in Britain and the Dominions, who had made significant contributions to the upbuilding of the British Empire. In a study which indicated exhaustive research and penetrating insight, he developed the thesis that there need be no conflict between our loyalties to the Jewish faith and our obligations of citizenship.

In the absence of Dr. Kramer, President of the Congregation, Mr. S. Roy, the Vice-President occupied the chair, during the meeting. Dr. J. H. L. Shapiro, Chairman of the School Board of Temple Israel, proposed a vote of thanks.

A reception, in honour of the Mayor and Mayoress, was held in the Community House, after the meeting and tea was served by the Sisterhood.

These Open Forum meetings are part of the expanding cultural programme of Temple Israel and will be resumed after the High Holy Days.

Cape Town Jewish Youth Club.

Jazz recordings were played to a large audience that filled the club room at the last Cape Town Jewish Youth Club meeting held on Sunday, 17th instant. Mr. L. Fridjhon, who very kindly consented to place his collection at the club's disposal, selected and presented the records. Preceding the playing of each disc a short comment was given as a pointer to aid appreciation and also to serve as enlightenment for those unacquainted with modern jazz. The function was very well attended and proved most enjoyable.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.

A very successful meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Z. Davidson, to celebrate the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Oranjezicht-Tambores Kloof branch. The Chairlady, Mrs. Davidson, welcomed all members and visitors, and gave a most interesting general report of the year's activities. She urged members to enter into a period of renewed activity in the coming year.

Miss Phyllis Cohen who has recently returned from Eretz Israel, delivered a most informative travel talk depicting scenes and life there. She also sang a Yemenite melody which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Tisa Charchat who also returned from Eretz Israel recently, brought greetings of goodwill from the Mizrahi headquar-

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Social & Personal.

Prof. Rabbi and Mrs. I. Abrahams wish to thank their many friends very warmly for the kind expressions of congratulation and good wishes conveyed to them on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of their arrival in this country.

Mr. H. M. Bloch, K.C., left on Tuesday by air for Europe and the United States and will return towards the end of the year. He will be joined later by Mrs. Bloch.

Pinn - Kassel.

The marriage of Marcia, youngest daughter of Rev. S. Kassel and the late Mrs. R. L. Kassel, of Cape Town, and Leonard, only son of Mr. D. Pinn and the late Mrs. L. Pinn, of Cape Town, formerly of Gordons Bay, took place at the Great Synagogue, on Sunday, 17th August.

Rabbi I. Abrahams assisted by Cantor B. Rome, officiated.

A Luncheon was held after the ceremony at the Zionist Hall and was attended by a large gathering.

Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. The bridegroom responded.

Dr. C. Resnekov proposed the toast of the unterfuhrrers and announced that the guests, were inscribing the names of the young couple in the Golden Book. Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish also spoke. Rev. Kassel responded.

SILVER WEDDING.

PRISMAN—HILL. — Married on 22nd August, 1922, by the late Rev. A. P. Bender, at the Great Synagogue, Cape Town, Freda Hill to David Prisman. At Home, 25 Belvedere Avenue, Oranjezicht, Sunday 24th August from 5 p.m.

The name of Mrs. G. Trevor was inadvertently omitted from the list of the new Executive Council of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies published in the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle" of 15th August.

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by

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these Critical Times,"

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שבת

Sabbath commences on 22nd August at 6.2 p.m. and ends on 23rd August at 6.48 p.m. Portion of Law: Shofetim, Deuteronomy, chps. 16 to 21. Haftorah: Onochi Onochi, Isaiah, chp. 51.

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Wynberg Talmudical Society.

SIYUM HAGODOL.

A large and representative gathering attended the Siyum Hagodol on Shisho Sidrei Mishnah held on Monday, 4th August, at the Communal Hall, Wynberg. The function proper was preceded by a Ma'ariv Service in the Synagogue, impressively conducted by Cantor M. Katzin and choir, who also movingly intoned the Hazkaroth in memory of our brethren overseas and for past members of the Chevrah Mishnaoth.

Mr. B. Nossel, Chairman of the Talmudical Society presided, and Rev. Gordon then completed the study of the Mishnah after which the gathering stood in respect to the sacred memo-

B. Philips, Chairman of the Muizenberg Talmudical Society, and by Mr. B. Margolis, Chairman of the Claremont Talmudical Society. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock, Rev. S. Schwartz and Dr. A. Birnbaum.

The Hadran was delivered by Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner. In an impressive and highly instructive Halachic discourse the Rabbi traced throughout the whole Talmudic scene the fundamental differences between the two great schools of Tannaitic thought, the schools of Hillel and Shammai, linking up the teaching of the last Mishnah with that of the first, and showing how Shammai and his disciples represented deep, earnest idealism, in addition to the practical wisdom of Hillel. The Rabbi concluded his address, which evoked great interest, by appealing to the audience to support actively the Society in its sacred work, paying high tribute to Rev. Gordon for his per-



Left to right: Rev. I. Frank, Mr. T. M. Penias, Rabbi M. Morgenstern, Mr. B. Nossel (Chairman), Rev. Ch. Gordon, Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, Mr. B. Phillips, Cantor M. Katzin, Mr. S. M. Kaplan, Dr. S. Lewinson, Mr. B. Margolis.

ries of the late members of the Society: Mr. E. Briss; Mr. P. Maissel; Mr. W. Rifkil; Mr. L. Chait and Mrs. Jaffe, and the traditional Kadish was recited.

At the Seudat Mitzvah, Mr. B. Nossel, supported by the President of the Congregation, Mr. A. M. Matz, extended a very hearty welcome to the Rabbis and Reverends, as well as to the many representatives of the Peninsula Congregations who came to participate in the Simchah. Stressing the importance of the Simchah to the Talmudical Society, Mr. Nossel mentioned that the Chevrah had now four times completed the cycles of the whole Mishnah, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering which showed that the Simchah was not confined to Wynberg alone, but was such to the whole community. On behalf of the audience thanks were expressed in responses made by Mr.

severance in the teaching of the Talmud.

The Chairman called on the Rabbi to present Rev. Gordon on behalf of the Talmudical Society with two silver sugar basins and fongs, on the occasion of his silver wedding. In his reply and address, Rev. Gordon too, took Hillel and Shammai as his theme, explaining in a highly satisfactory manner the Agadic Mishnah which rounds off the Talmud; he appealed for co-operation through harmonious efforts in the Community.

Rabbi M. Morgenstern spoke on the first Mishnah of the Talmud and on the great importance of Torah study for the survival of our people.

Songs sung by Herzl Konvisser and Cantor L. Baron, delighted all present. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. I. Zinman, Vice-President of the Congregation, and the successful function closed with Communal Grace after Meal and with Hatikvah.

and others, and the handwork exhibition stall in particular has some very tempting articles for sale. Other attractions will be found at the home-made delicacies and cake stalls; teas will be served throughout the day. Included in the day's plans is an afternoon party for children, and the day will be brought to a successful conclusion by an informal dance in the evening. The latter is being organised by the Sea Point Branch of the Massadah Association and tickets are being issued at 7s. 6d. per couple.

Interesting details of the novel J.N.F. Yomtov Postal Service, which will be a special and timely feature of this Bazaar, will be published in the next issue.

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ters and gave her impressions of the wonderful work being done for the children in Palestine. A Palestinian brooch was raffled. A large gathering enjoyed the news from the Homeland which gave members inspiration for future efforts.

Muizenberg Talmudic Society.

A Siyum on Ein Yaacov was held at the Imperial Hotel on 17th August (1st Elul). Mr. B. Phillips was in the chair and extended a hearty welcome to Rabbi M. Morgenstern and to all the other visitors present from the various institutions.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. I. Matz, the lecturer of the Talmud and Ein Yaacov, who spoke from the Halachic aspect, and Rabbi Morgenstern who spoke about the close relationship that had always existed between Halachah and the Hagadah in the sphere of Jewish literature. Mr. M. Barnett, Chairman of the Muizenberg Congregation, expressed the good wishes of the congregation to the Society.

Mr. E. Korff, the Vice-Chairman of the Talmudic Society, handed over a set of the Babylonian Talmud which was presented by the Rev. S. Kaplan of Oudtshoorn to the Muizenberg Society.

Mr. J. Lehrman, the Hon. Secretary of the Society spoke about the foundation of the Society. He laid stress on the beauty and importance of the Hagadah. The speaker also pointed out that to understand the true spirit of Jewry and Judaism, one must study the Hagadah, and he concluded with the words of Bialik that the Hagadah is the Beth Chayenu and the Otzar Nishmateinu.

Among the other speakers who gave interesting addresses were the Rev. M. Cohen, the Hon. Secretary of the Gardens Talmudical Society, and Mr. M. Rechtman, Chairman of the same

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Obituary.

MICHAEL DIRMEIK.

The death took place last week, as a result of injuries received accidentally, of Michael, second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dirmeik, of Parow.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the parents and family in their tragic loss.

DEATH.

MIRVISH.—Rabbi Moses Chaim, passed away peacefully, 2nd Elul 5707. Deeply mourned by Rabbi Dr. E. W. Kirzner, President, Committee and officials of the New Hebrew Congregation. T.N.Z.B.H.

MIRVISH.—Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish passed away on Sunday, 17th inst. Deeply mourned by Abattoir Shochem.

CONSECRATION.

SHAPIRO.—The consecration of the tombstone in memory of the late Dr. Herman Louis Shapiro, Wynberg, will take place at Pinelands Cemetery, on Sunday, 24th August, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends kindly attend.

SIMENHOFF.—The Consecration of the tombstone in memory of the late Mark and Reva Nessa Simenhoff will take place at the Pinelands Jewish Cemetery on Sunday, 24th August, at 11.30 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend.

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Society as well as Rev. I. Frank, Mr. E. Levite, Principal of the Talmud Torah and Mr. N. Joffe, Cantor L. Goldwasser; the Rev. Frank and Mr. J. Lehrman entertained the company with appropriate songs.

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Forthcoming J.N.F. Bazaar at Sea Point.

Mrs. A. Lieberman, President of the Bnoth Zion Association of Cape Town, will officially open the J.N.F. Bazaar which is being held in the Sea Point Town Hall on Wednesday, 10th September, under the auspices of the Green and Sea Point Branch of the Bnoth Zion. The opening will take place at 10.15 a.m. sharp.

A preview of some of the articles for sale would forecast a major event in the shopping life of Sea Pointers