

In and Around the Peninsula

Both Zion Association.

A Cultural Afternoon was held under the auspices of the Kenilworth and Claremont branches at the residence of Mrs. Hammerschlag, Brackley, Cumnor Avenue, Kenilworth, on Tuesday, 18th May.

Mrs. Harris, in the chair, introduced the guest speaker, Rabbi D. Sherman, who gave an interesting address on the Background of American Zionism and the factors and influences governing American Policy to-day. To us, he said, the role played by America in the Palestine issue was somewhat confused, but he went on to illustrate the factors underlining these issues. He dealt in detail with the Zionist policy of espousing partition, the subsequent change of mind, and the speed with which they recognised the new State of Israel.

The Rabbi also gave a detailed picture of the Emergency Committee headed by Rabbis Stephen Wise and Hillel Silver, their background and personalities and the difficulties which confronted them. He described how the reversal of partition was engineered and the factors influencing this decision. However, the Jewish State was presented as a fait accompli; the Haganah victories made a deep impression on public opinion. In conclusion the Rabbi stated that if the Yishuv are given the tools, they will finish the job.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mrs. Tuch.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi (Omen) Organisation.

An exceptionally large gathering participated in a Bring and Buy Sale under the auspices of the Gardens and Vredehoek branches on Tuesday, 18th May, at the residence of Mrs. J. Reingold, Vredehoek Avenue; the function was a great financial success. Mrs. E. W. Kirzner thanked members for their assistance and support, and appealed to them to do even more at this crucial stage. The winner of the cigarette box competition was Mrs. Paula Friedman, and the box of chocolates, Mrs. R. Kossowitz.

A well-attended and successful meeting of the Woodstock branch took place on Wednesday, 19th May, at the residence of Mrs. R. Katzeff, Milner Road. Mrs. Z. Gans, the chair-lady, welcomed the guest speaker, Rev. S. Schwartz, and the gathering. Rev. Schwartz outlined the present position, and during the course of his address compared the situation to-day with that of olden times. He stressed the need for unity at this stage of our history. A bottle of champagne, kindly donated by the hostess, was won by Mrs. Gross. Mrs. I. Merkel proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for his inspiring talk, and to Mrs. Katzeff for her generous hospitality.

Massadah Association of Vredehoek.

Two very successful functions have been held recently. The first was a Pesach Evening at the residence of Miss V. Bailen, Mill Street, and was organised by Miss Freda Rabinowitz, who gave a very illuminating and instructive address on the Festival of Pesach. In addition suitable poems were read by Miss Beryl Honikman and a story by Mrs. Joan Friedgood, which were followed by an impromptu Quiz, Ladies vs. Gentlemen. The evening concluded with Hebrew singing.

The second function was a Living Newspaper, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedgood, Maynard Street, on 18th May. Mr. J. H. Hanson was the Editor and a varied number of interesting "pages" were submitted by several contributors. Mrs. M. Hanson presented an up to the

minute news service, Mrs. Jane Dickman read a moving article, "Boys of the Haganah," while Mrs. M. Seltz added a touch of humour with "The New Look in Israel." The Editorial, which surveyed the present situation, was followed by an article of maritime interest prepared by Miss V. Bailen and a story read by Mrs. J. Friedgood. An "Open Forum" brought the Newspaper to a close.

Magen David Adom.

Generous donations have been swelling the funds of Magen David Adom and indicate growing interest in and awareness of this essential service.

Mr. Solly Wise has donated £14 0s. 6d., money raised by means of a function at home.

From the Estate of the late Israel Goldberg a bequest of £25 has been forwarded by Mrs. Ethel Goldberg for immediate use in Palestine.

The Shifrin family of Wynberg remitted £26 5s. directly to Magen David Adom, Johannesburg.

By means of a Dance the Muizenburg Massadah raised £30, which was contributed towards Magen David Adom funds.

The Organisation of Sub-Committees for Magen David Adom throughout the Peninsula is progressing.

On 12th May the inaugural meeting for Oranjezicht was held at 13, Marmion Road, the home of Mrs. Nurok. Mrs. A. J. Levin (Hon. Secretary of the Cape Town branch), addressed the gathering, and subsequently a Committee was elected, consisting of the following: Mrs. B. Rostovsky, Organising Secretary; Mrs. Blacher, Treasurer; Mesdames Burman, I. Purlandish, L. Chasiu, F. Sachs, H. Hoberman Ticktin, Kovalsky, Nurok, Gurland.

This Committee set to work immediately and has to date raised £45 from membership subscriptions.

On 13th May an inaugural meeting at Sea Point was held at the home of Mrs. Meyers, 214a, High Level Road. Mrs. I. Hurwitz presided over the meeting which was addressed by Mrs. R. Lipkin, who has just come from Palestine. She spoke on life in Palestine, and the amazing spirit in which our people are carrying on undaunted. Mrs. J. Weinreich also spoke, stressing Magen David Adom work in Palestine.

A Committee was elected consisting of the following: Chairlady, Mrs. Hurwitz; Vice-Chairladies, Miriam Herman and Edna Berger; Secretary, Estelle Tuchten; Treasurers, Mrs. Mibashan and Mrs. H. Blacher. Committee: Mesdames Daitsh, Len Friedman, Heneck, Gesundheit, Abel, Siron, Varkel, Sass, Tilly Katz, Selkon, Newman, Rothstein, Obeler, L. Monis, Levitt, Futeran, Kaplan, Goldie Sacks, C. Friedman.

At a meeting held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Gans, Victoria Road, Woodstock, Mr. E. Charlauff, of Cape Town, explained the significance of the M.D.A. in Palestine to-day, and emphasised the great role it is playing in the present struggle for the Jewish State of Israel.

After Mr. Charlauff's address, a Magen David Adom group was inaugurated in Woodstock. The following are the office-bearers: Dr. A. J. Gans, Chairman; Mr. M. Munitz, Vice-Chairman; Treasurer, Mr. M. Katz; Hon. Secretary, I. Gulis; Ladies' representative, Mesdames I. Merkel, A. L. Furman, R. Korodetz, Z. Galloon. Committee: H. Katz, E. Talmud and Rev. L. Baron.

Dvinsk Society, Cape Town.

The following were elected to the Ladies' Committee: Chairlady, Mrs.

M. Oboler; Joint Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. J. Faktor and Mrs. L. Stein; Treasurer, I. Zachodin; Honorary Secretary, Mrs. H. Katzen. Committee ladies, Mesdames A. Sagov, J. Truppel, M. Washkansky, S. Faktor, F. Wachtel, S. Krasin, M. Weinstein, H. Ravden, I. Kellner, I. Zeldin, M. Back, H. Shapiro, I. Zinn, B. Spiller, G. Ginsburg, B. Kalkenstein, D. Feinstein, H. Rabinowitz.

Herzlia Kindergarten Parents-Teachers' Association.

A very successful meeting was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday evening, 18th May.

The guest lecturer was Dr. A. Palley. His subject was "Parentage the most difficult profession," and he dealt in detail with the psychological, cultural and physical aspects of child upbringing.

Discussion followed and many questions were put to Dr. Palley on the subject of his address.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Palley was moved by Mrs. Moss.

Histadruth Ivrit.

A Symposium was held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 16th May, on the subject "The Jewish State in the Making." Dr. A. Birnbaum spoke on the Jewish State and the Zionist organisation in exile, emphasising the great tasks yet ahead of the organisation mainly in the work of immigration, education and hachshara.

Mr. J. Blesovsky discussed the educational aspect of the Jewish State, stressing the need for uniformity in education. Mr. H. Rivlin spoke about religion in Israel.

A discussion on these subjects will follow at the next meeting.

Hebrew Teachers' Association, Cape Branch.

A very well attended meeting took place on Monday, 24th May, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Cape Town, to discuss current business of the Association. After concluding the business part of the meeting, the members took part in a discussion on the subject "Hebrew Education in the Diaspora and the Jewish State."

Mr. Z. Avin started the discussion with a thought-provoking talk on the subject. He put forward the problems that Hebrew education would have to face with the creation of the Jewish State. He said that Hebrew education might have to face a new movement of assimilation. Hebrew education might also have to take on a more national trend than a religious one. Very great stress would have to be laid on the teaching of the Hebrew language, which has become now a language of a State. Hebrew education would have to concentrate more on the upbuilding of our State.

Mr. Avin's talk was followed by a lively discussion, in which many of those present participated. It was decided to continue with the discussion at the next meeting of the Association.

S.A. Jewish Appeal—Women's Section.

A very enjoyable dance, organised by the Highwick Group of the S.A.J.A., was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, Woodlands Heights, Wynberg, on Saturday, 15th May. The significance of that date in the story of Israel lent an air of special festivity to the evening, and the gaiety of the dancers was enhanced by their devotion to the cause they were benefiting. A spirited American auction augmented the funds considerably. As this is the first venture of the Highwick Group, its convener, Mrs. Walter Phillips, and her helpers (who included members of the Flower Group) are to be warmly congratulated on a very fine achievement. The S.A.J.A. Women's Committee wishes to express its grateful thanks to them, and to Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen

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Parow Hebrew Congregation.

SIYUM HATORAH.

The Parow Hebrew Congregation celebrated the acquisition of a new Torah at a very successful Siyum held in the Communal Hall, Parow, on Sunday, 6th May.

The Torah was presented to the Congregation by Mr. Walter Levy and his father, Mr. Julius Levy, and was obtained in Eretz Israel by Rabbi B. Lipshitz of the Parow Congregation.

The function took the form of a service, followed by a supper, the guests of honour being Prof. Rabbi Israel Abrahams and Cantor Boris Rome. Cantor Rome conducted Maariv and Rabbi Lipshitz conducted the ceremony of Siyum.

Dr. J. Karpas, Chairman of the Parow Congregation, in his address of welcome, related the history of the Congregation from the days when a Minyan could only be obtained by inviting friends and well-wishers from Cape Town to a service held in a private home, until the present day. He stated that the Community had increased to such an extent that additional ground had been purchased on which it was intended to build a Synagogue in the not too distant future.

After an introductory speech by Rabbi Lipshitz, Mr. W. Levy in a few moving words dealt with his family's history, and his reasons for the presentation of the Torah.

Rabbi I. Abrahams then delivered a magnificent and inspiring address on the significance of the Torah in Jewish life. He said that the fulfilment of all the hopes of Jewry, past, present and future, lay in the teachings of the Torah. Furthermore, the peoples of the world would not achieve peace until the philosophy and code of human behaviour, as set forth in the Torah, became the foundations of international relationships.

During supper Cantor Rome rendered a few songs appropriate to the occasion, which were received with acclaim.

Mr. W. Freedberg, Secretary of the Congregation, proposed the votes of thanks at the conclusion of a most inspiring function.

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for the courteous hospitality of their home.

Bris Melah.

The Bris Melah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Michels took place at the Delherbe Nursing Home on Thursday, 20th May; a luncheon was held at the Zionist Hall and a large number of relatives and friends attended. Mr. J. Talberg was in the chair. Rabbi Israel Abrahams proposed the toast of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Traub and Mr. and Mrs. A. Michels; Mr. H. Benson spoke on behalf of the Vredehoek Jewish Cultural Circle and Mr. O. Friedman on behalf of the Vredehoek Jewish Ladies' Guild.

The grandparents inscribed the infant's name in the Sefer Hayaed.

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