

In and Around the Peninsula

Bnoth Zion Association.

Mr. S. Herman addressed a well-attended meeting, which took place at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 11th inst. Mrs. M. Segal, who presided, welcomed among those present two visitors, Mrs. Spilkin of Port Elizabeth, and Mr. Goldus of Johannesburg. She urged the members to give of their best to all the efforts that were being made to strengthen Israel.

Mr. Herman said that on his return to South Africa from his sojourn in the U.S.A., he was impressed with the intensified Zionist work in South Africa. He paid tribute to the work of American women through their organisations, Hadassah and Pioneer Women.

He gave the audience a first-hand story of the human side of our work at Lake Success. The Jewish case was based on Jewish need. Five million Jews in America stood to the support of the idea of a Jewish State. The Jewish strength in Palestine itself was a factor to be reckoned with. These three factors entered all the time into the thinking of the delegation at Lake Success. Most of the members of the delegation were conscious of how the Jews were knocking at the gates of Palestine. American Jewry expressed vividly its solidarity with the Jewish State. There was a sense of urgency, and Moshe Shertok described the situation as "a continuing struggle."

Jewry to-day passed through certain critical stages in that struggle. Mr. Herman described in detail the personnel that composed the Jewish delegation, their intimate contacts with other delegations and the part played by certain South African Jews at Lake Success, amongst whom were Arthur Lourie, Michael Comay and Abba Even. He cited Jewish friends, among whom were Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Wingate, Bartley Crum and Sumner Welles, who helped them in their work. Public opinion he considered as a great force that helped to win the resolution for a Jewish State.

The future of the Negev, said Mr. Herman, would be the future of a desert if it became Arab. On the other hand, for the Jews it would be the hinterland of a developing Jewish State that would take in millions of Jews. He felt confident that the struggle would end in Jewish victory.

Union of Jewish Women.

The monthly Members' Meeting of the Union of Jewish Women, Cape Town branch, took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 9th November.

Mrs. Meryl Bane, in the absence of Mrs. D. Harris, was in the chair, and, before proceeding with the business of the afternoon, asked the meeting to rise as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes, President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, whose death is a great loss to Jewry.

The congratulations of the meeting were extended to Mrs. H. Blumberg, Vice-Chairman of the branch, on the occasion of the engagement of her son, and to Mrs. H. M. (Pat) Harris, a member of the committee, on her son's Barmitzva. A welcome was extended to Miss Chesnow of Paris, who had been attached to the A.D.J.C. in that city, and was now settling in Cape Town, and to Dr. Surduts, who is in this country on a visit from Paris. Another visitor to the branch was Mrs. B. Katz, of Bulawayo, formerly a member of the office staff.

The result of the "Children's Day" Stall, held on 5th November outside Stuttafords, was £306. Mrs. L. Frank and Mrs. Z. Maister were the conveners. The Concert for Orphanage Children, which is an annual event, was once again organised by Mrs. A. Bloomberg and the Union of Jewish Women, and the sum of £445 was raised. This year the proceeds were

divided between the Athlone School for the Blind and the Kensington Creche. The proceeds of a Card Party held at the home of Mrs. L. Mirvish on 28th October, and a Rummage Sale convened by Mrs. R. Gerber on 3rd November, went towards this total. The branch participated in two street collections, one for Maitland Cottage Homes and the other for Animals' Dispensary.

Mrs. Enid Alexander addressed the meeting on the Israeli United Appeal, with special reference to the "Day in the Country," which will take place on 16th January, 1949, at the farm of Mr. Louis Roy in the Lynedoch district. She also spoke of the "Wonderland City Fete," which will be held at the City and Drill Halls on 22nd and 23rd February, 1949.

A precis of reports on the Hebrew University, which have been received by the branch, was given by Mrs. B. A. Levitas. Mrs. A. L. Movsovic announced that a "Jewish Book Week" would take place and was being sponsored by the Cape Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies, the Western Province Zionist Council, Cape Board of Jewish Education, and the Cape Town branch of the Union of Jewish Women.

After tea had been served by the Executive Committee, who acted as hostesses, Mrs. Bane introduced Mr. Frank Gale, Deputy Town Clerk of the Cape Town City Council, who spoke on "How Our City is Run." His most informative talk enlightened his listeners on many aspects of the administrative side of the City Council's work, and was of great interest to all. Mrs. B. R. Shwer, in proposing a vote of thanks, expressed the gratitude of the members to Mr. Gale for his kind offer to arrange a conducted tour of the various Municipal projects.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi (Omen) Organisation.

The Annual General Meeting of the Woodstock branch was held on Thursday, 28th October, at the residence of Mrs. E. Munitz. Mrs. Z. Gans presided and welcomed the large gathering and Mrs. P. Marks, Vice-Chairlady of the Organisation. The Chairlady gave a survey of the year's activities and thanked the ladies for their co-operation and assistance given to her. She hoped that they would continue in the same spirit as in the past. A message of congratulation and good wishes for the future success of this branch was read from Mrs. B. Broide, Chairlady of the Vredehoek branch. Mrs. Marks gave an interesting address in Yiddish on the "Youth of Israel," and appealed to the ladies to give their support to those so sorely in need. A bottle of liqueur was donated and won by Mrs. A. Merkel, of Queen's Park Avenue.

The elections resulted as follows: Chairlady, Mrs. Z. Gans; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. Ch. Lipschitz; Secretary, Mrs. E. Munitz; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. R. Katzeff; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Baran; Committee: Mesdames J. Gulis, N. Munitz, A. Korodetz, E. Gross, A. Merkel, M. Goloshevsky, J. Kopelowitz, Ch. Sharfman, Weiner, Shumacher, R. Katz, M. Katz, H. Kurliandzik, I. Zackon, Smith.

Combined Muizenberg Mizrahi Organisation.

An Oneg Shabbat under the auspices of the combined Muizenberg Mizrahi Organisation took place on Friday evening, 5th November, at the Esplanade Hotel. Mrs. T. Kagan, Chairlady of the Muizenberg Women's Mizrahi, presided and welcomed the gathering and the guest speaker, Mr. Iser Goldberg, the well-known American journalist. Mr. Goldberg spoke on the development of Jewish life in America. Songs were sung by Mr. Lehrman. Rabbi J. Weinberg proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Sea Point Women's Mizrahi.

The following names were inadvertently omitted and should be added to the names of the committee elected on 28th October, viz.: Mesdames B. Rubinstein, G. Globus, B. L. Rubik, I. Kawitzky, B. Marks, L. Rutenberg, L. Waynik, T. Charchat, A. Yach, and L. Josman.

Woodstock and Salt River Cultural Circle and Bnoth Zion.

A combined social was held on Thursday evening, 4th November, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock. Mr. Z. Galloon presided and welcomed the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Iser Goldberg, of New York. Mr. Goldberg spoke about the great interest taken in Jewish culture by the Jews in the South American countries. He spoke about the very important work done by the Yivo and appealed for support for the Yivo and for subscribers to the Jewish Encyclopaedia.

The winner of the diamante watch donated by Mrs. Z. Galloon in aid of the Israeli United Appeal was Mrs. G. Gelbart, of 15, Milner Road, Woodstock.

A vote of thanks to the speaker and to the hostesses, Mesdames Beimele, Boyd, Blachowitz and M. Katz, was proposed by Mr. I. Merkel.

Oranjezicht Bnoth Zion.

A well-attended members' meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sher, Montrose Avenue, Oranjezicht, on Monday, 1st November.

Mrs. Berelowitz, from the chair, welcomed the large gathering and then gave a resumé of activities since June. A very interesting paper, "Political Survey" by Richard Crossman, was then read by Mrs. Abromowitz.

Mrs. Lieberman spoke on "Minority Rights." She said the Jews no longer faced the world as a deprived and homeless people, but now had their own State. Statehood, however, carried obligations as well as privileges. Formerly the Jews were formed in social groups and were a problem to themselves and to others, but for the first time in history they could now come out into the open. The Jew in the Galuth had built up a means of defence through Zionism, for minority rights must be backed up substantially by a means of defence. As a minority group the Jews were using their political strength to prevent the happenings of 1937. American Jews had learnt their lesson from Germany.

After tea a discussion was held, and the meeting then ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, hostess and Mrs. Abromowitz by Mrs. Markowitz.

Muizenberg Tanach Society.

On Friday night, November 12, the Tanach Society met at the Talmud Torah to hold the "Siyum" of the book of the Minor Prophets. Mr. E. Levite, the lecturer of the society, very ably expounded the last chapter of Malachi. Rabbi J. Weinberg then spoke of the importance of studying the Tanach.

Mr. L. Seftel thanked Mr. Levite for the services he rendered to the society and for the way he was imparting the knowledge of the Tanach to the members of the society.

It has been decided to hold the meetings of the society every Friday night at the Talmud Torah. People who are interested in the study of the Torah are requested to communicate with Mr. L. Seftel or with the lecturer, Mr. E. Levite.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi (Omen) Organisation.

A meeting of the Muizenberg branch was held at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Cohen, Holland Road. Mrs. T. Kagan, chairlady, presided and reported that 20 food parcels had been sent to Mrs. Herzog in Jerusalem in the name of the Muizenberg branch to be distributed to those in need. A resolution to send a further 25 parcels was unanimously passed. A sum of £109 14s. 3d. was brought in by the ladies of the committee. It was announced that the winner

of the child's pram set, kindly donated by Mrs. B. Sandler of 71 Kloof Road, Sea Point, had been won by Mrs. Kagan. A large sum was raised through this effort.

Zionist Socialist Party.

The conference of the Western Province Zionist Socialists took place on Sunday, November 14, at the Zionist Hall.

There was a full attendance of delegates from the Cape Town and country branches as well as Chaver Alexander Lewin, member of the Praesidium of the party in Johannesburg, and Chaver M. Rutstein, both of whom addressed the conference on their recent visit to Israel.

Chaver E. Kluk, in submitting the chairman's report, stressed the important role awaiting the party in the political life of the Galuth and also reviewed the activities of the party for the past year. Chavera D. Melamed submitted the financial report.

After a keen discussion, during which resolutions affecting the future work of the party were adopted, elections took place for the W.P. Council Executive, and the following were elected: Praesidium, Messrs. I. Bitnun, L. Karabelnik and M. Melamed; hon. treasurer, Mrs. D. Melamed; hon. secretary, Mrs. R. Decktor; members, Mrs. H. Lieberman and Messrs. M. Astrinsky, I. Hariton, E. Kluk, B. Padowich, B. Singer and K. Zabow.

New Hebrew Congregation Ladies' Guild.

The fortnightly meeting of the above Guild was held on Monday, 15th November, at the Synagogue Hall.

Mrs. N. Kagan presided and cordially welcomed the large gathering of members. Respect was paid to the passing of Dr. Magnes. Hearty congratulations were extended to Mrs. B. Broide on the birth of twins.

The Chairlady then gave details of the Wonderland Fete effort. The Guild will run a Coffee Stall.

Rummage is being collected for a sale to be held next Tuesday, and members and friends are asked to send parcels to the Synagogue Hall, 54, Roeland Street.

A Bring and Buy Sale will be held on Monday, 29th November, in the Synagogue Hall. Members and friends are invited to attend.

A vote of thanks was extended to the hostess, Mrs. M. Levin.

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