

In and Around the Peninsula

B'nai Zion Association.

The Gardens branch held a most outstanding social film evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Friedman, 31, Virginia Ave. Mrs. Pearl Friedman presided. The guest speaker was Mr. B. Padowich, who spoke on "A Review of the First Year in Israel" in Yiddish; his talk was very much appreciated by those present.

Mrs. I. Abrahams, who was accompanied by Mrs. Rose Kahn representing the Israeli United Appeal (Women's Section), gave a most inspiring outline of the work and activities that are taking place daily and stressed the importance of co-operation and assistance.

The competition for a pair of candlesticks donated by Mr. and Mrs. I. Kurgan, 3, Rugley Road, was won by Mrs. Zhenovitch, Vredehoek Estate, and was presented to her by Mrs. Abrahams.

Mrs. Ch. Cohen, in a very able manner, thanked all the speakers, as well as Mr. Sachar, who so kindly loaned his machine and gave his personal services.

Mrs. Rose Kahn in a very witty speech thanked the host and hostess for their kind hospitality.

Mrs. H. Bravo, of Observatory, was hostess on Tuesday afternoon of last week to members of the Wizo Group of Observatory - Mowbray branch. This final meeting of the year was well attended and proved most enjoyable.

Early this year, Mrs. L. Hodes, the Chairlady of the branch, entirely reorganised the local Wizo Group. With the energetic co-operation of the conveners, Mesdames Snowise and Bravo, of Observatory, and Mesdames Walt and Stein, of Mowbray, meetings were arranged to be held weekly in members' homes throughout the year.

These meetings were consistently well attended, and the practical results have exceeded all expectations. One thousand and fourteen garments have been completed during this period, including many comforts for soldiers and children's cot sheets. It is noteworthy that the Group has been entirely self-supporting, due in some measure, to welcome gifts of material from individual members. A number of extremely successful Cultural meetings have also been held during the year in conjunction with the Wizo Group.

Woodstock and Salt River Talmud Torah School.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place on Thursday evening, 9th inst., when the Talmud Torah Hall was thronged with parents and children. Mr. B. Katzeff, Vice-Chairman of the congregation, presided and welcomed the gathering.

The pupils of the Talmud Torah, under the direction of Mr. I. Gulis, rendered a variety programme in Hebrew.

Mr. Gulis surveyed the School's activities during the past year and expressed his appreciation to all those who assisted him through the trying period.

After refreshments were served, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz addressed the parents and children and conveyed greetings and congratulations from the Cape Board of Jewish Education. He stressed that the foundation of the strength of the Jewish people was in its culture and it was to the Jewish houses of learning that from time to time our people fled for refuge from persecution. "This is our first prize-giving celebration since the establishment of the Jewish State," remarked Dr. Hurwitz, "and we can at least hold our heads up to-day with the other nations of the world." He con-

cluded by drawing attention to the marked deterioration in the number of pupils attending the cheder and exhorted the parents to take greater interest in their children's Hebrew education.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. I. Merkel, Chairman of the congregation, who paid tribute to all those who worked for the welfare of the institution.

Mr. Alex Rubin moved a vote of thanks to the various speakers and to the ladies who assisted in the success of the function.

Temple Israel Hebrew School.

The second Annual Speech Day and Prize Giving was held on Sunday morning, 12th December, before a large gathering in the Temple Hall.

Dr. E. I. Liberman, Chairman of the School Board, welcomed the guests and expressed appreciation of the splendid work done by the teaching staff during the past year. He thanked the Sisterhood for its generous support to the School, which made it possible to offer free tuition to the children. Rabbi David Sherman traced the history and achievements of the School during the past two years, during which time the School had grown from an enrolment of 38 children to an active registration of over 100 children.

The Rabbi stated "that the interest and the enthusiasm of the children was maintained on the high level through the principle of learning by doing. The children are not only taught what Judaism is but also have an opportunity to practise it beautifully and joyously."

A series of dramatisations, sketches and quizzes were presented by the various classes, representing some of the work done in the class room. Dr. H. Freund, assisted by Mrs. C. Liberman at the piano, led the gathering in a programme of Palestinian songs.

The Cooper Floating Trophy, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Max Cooper to the house which had done the best all round work during the year, was won by Haifa House, of which Shirley Lewin is the captain.

The Sisterhood prizes for the best attendance and progress were won by: Angela Harte, Sonya Hirschman, Leonard Israelski, Myran Landau, Shirley Lewin, Francis Liebeck, Laurence Milner, Rufus Moss-Rendell, Barry Mosselson, Ellen Spier, Beryl Stern, and David Woolf. Special awards for members of the children's choir were also presented by the Sisterhood to the following: Carole Cameron, Elaine Cohen, Denise Domery, June Feitelberg, Barbara Gluckstein, Tanya Goldfoot, Valerie Liberman, Rufus Moss-Rendell, Vivienne Myers, Renee Raff, Marion Walder and Iris Weiner.

Mr. I. Hickman presented prizes to the winners of a competition for the best Scrap Book on modern Palestine as follows: 1st Division, Ellen Spier; 2nd Division, Barbara Leftwich; Honourable mention: Norman Marine and Roslyn Matthews; 3rd Division, Carole Cameron and Tanya Goldfoot; Honourable mention, Shirley Lewin.

The judges were Mrs. P. Marcus and Mrs. E. Sperber.

A Chanukah party for the children of the Congregation will be held on Thursday, 30th December, at 3 p.m. in the Temple Hall.

Memorial Service for Latvian Jewish Martyrs.

A Memorial Service, arranged under the joint auspices of the Kurland-Livland and the Dvinsk Societies, was held at the Beth-Ha-Medrash Hechadash on 9th December for the martyred Jews of Latvia. The Maariv Service was impressively intoned by Cantor Rudy and the *El Molei Rachamim* was rendered with deep feeling by Cantor Katzin. The sermon was

delivered by Chief Rabbi Prof. I. Abrahams.

Speaking in Yiddish, Rabbi Abrahams said that our brothers and sisters in Europe, who fell at the hands of the Nazis, were an integral part of ourselves. In their annihilation a part of our own life was destroyed. They died like heroes, bequeathing to us by their death an immortal Testament of Faith. Yet to speak of their extermination is not wholly true. Sifrei Torah never perish in their entirety: the parchment may be burnt, but the eternal letters of God fly away to take root elsewhere. Every Jew is a Sefer Torah; he is inspired in some measure by the deathless ideals of Judaism. The bodies of our fallen brethren succumbed to the savagery of the Nazi beasts, but their souls will live on in Israel Arisen, and in K'lal Yisrael throughout the world. The tears we shed for our *Kedoshim* must become the seed from which shall spring up the future harvest of achievement of Israel Redeemed.

Tanach Circle, Vredehoek.

The Tanach Circle meet at the Vredehoek Synagogue every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The lecturer is Rabbi N. L. Marcus.

At a meeting of the Circle the following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Mr. I. Malamed; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Feintuch; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I. Kurgan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. Rosenthal. Committee members: Messrs. S. Lanzkowsky, J. Oblowitz, I. Friedland, S. Greenblo, W. Jacobson, M. Cohen, M. Kahn, J. Ment.

The lectures are particularly well attended and the Executive and Committee extend a cordial welcome to all interested in the fascinating study of the Tanach.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi (Omen) Organisation.

A very successful Charity Evening, under the auspices of the Woodstock-Observatory branch, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Zackon, 29, Wrensch Road, Observatory.

There was a large attendance and a substantial sum was raised for refugee children in Israel. A box of chocolates, kindly donated by Mrs. Ch. Lipschitz, Observatory, was won by Mrs. Brooks, of Gardens, Cape Town. Thanks are due to the organisers and those who participated.

The Ponevez Landsmanschaft.

A large gathering attended a very successful concert under the auspices of the above Society held at the Muizenberg Pavilion on Thursday evening, 16th December.

The programme consisted of songs by Lilli Anderson and Cantor A. Rudy; humorous reading by Geo. Laden; Piano Accordion by Walter Morgan; Cantabile Trio, directed by Walter Swanson; Dances by Gilda Lemonsky, Joyce Marcus, Cecily De Vote—Pupils of Freda Fernandez Stage School of Dancing, and a One-act comedy in Yiddish by Sholem Aleichem, produced by B. Padowich, with the cast of B. Rod as Menachem Mendel, M. Kretzmer as Lamternshisser, I. Levin as Bakfish, S. Schneider as Terkeltoib. G. Ichlove acted as prompter.

All items as well as the play were very well received by the audience. The evening was both a social and financial success, and the Ponevez Landsmanschaft and Israeli United Appeal, in whose aid this concert was held, will benefit substantially.

The organisers of the concert must be congratulated on the fine programme arranged.

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Social & Personal.

Miss Esther Hoffenberg, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. E. Hoffenberg, who was assistant translator to the Provincial Administration, has been appointed translator to the Central Translator's Bureau, Pretoria.

The marriage of Rae (Orkie), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Shapiro, 1, Virginia Court, Gardens, Cape Town, to Louis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chesed, of Upington, will be solemnised at the Roeland Street Synagogue, Cape Town, on Sunday, 26th December, at 7 p.m.

The marriage of Sarah, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Saks, of Pretoria, and Dr. Issy Berelowitz, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Berelowitz, of Oranjezicht, Cape Town, will be solemnised at the Paul Kruger Street Synagogue, Pretoria, on Sunday, 26th December, at 2.30 p.m.

The marriage of Lorna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kaplan, of Sea Point, and Lew, younger son of Mr. Max Fagin and the late Mrs. Fagin, of the Gardens, took place at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, Cape Town, on Thursday, 16th December.

The marriage took place in Tel Aviv on 30th November of Max, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Meyerowitz, of Cape Town, and Ann Hoftman, of Tel Aviv.

The engagement is announced between Lionel, son of Mrs. F. and the late Mr. S. Bear, of Johannesburg, and Riva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, of Schoonder Street, Cape Town.

Mr. M. H. Goldschmidt left during the week-end on a visit to Israel.

SENDER — KOWEN.

The marriage of Queenie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kowen, of Upington, to Dr. Barry Sender, son of Mrs. M. Mofowitz and the late Mr. B. Sender, took place at the Upington Synagogue on Saturday night, 11th December. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kwiatkovsky.

The maid of honour was Miss Ida Kowen and the bridesmaid was Miss Mary Sender. The flowergirl was Miss Dora Esther Kowen. Mr. Harold Sender was the bestman. The pole holders were Messrs. S. Kowen, J. Kowen, R. Hummel and S. Odes of Kimberley.

A reception was held at the Upington Hotel. Mr. B. Wolf proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom.

DICKMAN — ROSSMAN.

The marriage of Zita, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rossman, and Lee, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Dickman, both of Virginia Avenue, Cape Town, took place on Sunday, 19th December. The ceremony was performed in the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shifrin's residence, Glenbrook, Hendon Road, Wynberg. Rabbi J. Weinberg officiated, assisted by Cantor J. Passman.

The poleholders were Elie, Morris and Isidore Shifrin, cousins of the bride and Aubrey Dickman. The duties of bestman were performed by Abe Rossman, brother of bride, and Asher Rossman acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Golda Frank was Matron-of-honour and Joyce Nurok was the bridesmaid. Rabbi Morgenstern proposed the toast of Israel and Mr. Stone that of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. A. Shifrin, uncle of the bride, proposed the toast of the parents. The young couple are making their home in Johannesburg.