

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### Impressions of Palestine.

In the presence of a large audience on Thursday evening last, Miss Rosa Van Gelderen and Miss Hilda Purwitsky gave a vivid account of their impressions of Palestine from a visit to which they have just returned. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Cape Town Zionist Revisionists.

Miss Van Gelderen gave a clear picture of the happy conditions which existed in Palestine and of the work of upbuilding. She was particularly impressed by the close attention which was given to the children in Palestine, all of whom looked happy and well-cared for. She had also been much impressed by the health work being done, especially by the Hadassah Medical Organisation.

Miss Van Gelderen spoke with admiration of the value which was placed on *all* labour in Palestine. It was there, she said, one saw the dignity of labour being upheld.

Miss Purwitsky, speaking in more general terms, described the fascination which Palestine held for her. She and Miss Van Gelderen had come to Palestine with the intention of spending two days there; they had spent five weeks instead. Tel-Aviv for her held a particular charm—she loved its Jewishness and its aliveness. She had also been much impressed by the work that was being done in the Emek.

Dr. H. W. Altschul presided over the gathering, and a vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr. Kotlowitz.

### Union of Jewish Women.

A very well attended meeting of the S.A. Union of Jewish Women was held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. B. Nussbaum, the President of the Union, who recently returned to South Africa from a visit to Europe, delivered an address on her experiences overseas. At the outset a cordial welcome on behalf of those present was extended her by Mrs. L. Gradner, the Deputy-Mayoress.

Mrs. Nussbaum gave a vivid account of the work being done by some of the branches of the Union of Jewish Women.

In London she had been much impressed by the offices of the Union, which were housed in the very fine Jewish Communal Centre. The organisation of the Union there was a very powerful one. It embodied every woman's organisation and, standing for the public opinion of Jewish women, it carried tremendous weight. It had materially assisted the Russian refugees, it had a housing committee that erected flats for working girls and women of limited means, recreation schools, convalescent homes and many other interests. It did a tre-

Mrs. Nussbaum also visited the Union branches in Berlin and Hamburg. In both places the offices were in the Women's Hostels which were under the supervision of the Union Committee. The hostel in Hamburg was originally started for six homeless, working girls. To-day it was mostly occupied by elderly gentlewomen who were alone in the world and whose incomes were very limited. The inmates, as well as those who came to the hostels for meals, were very well cared for at a nominal fee.

Connected with the Union were also several convalescent homes in which payment was made according to the means of the patient. At present these homes, as also similar homes in Germany, were in danger of closing down as funds were not available and the difficulties at present were insurmountable.

### Rabbi Kahnemann.

There arrived in Cape Town by the "Winchester Castle" on Monday, Rabbi T. Kahnemann, of Ponevezys. Rabbi Kahnemann is one of the spiritual leaders of Lithuanian Jewry and is the *Rosh Hayeshiva* of the well-known Ponevezys Talmudical College. This is his second visit to South Africa.

Rabbi Kahnemann will preach at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Saturday, 19th inst., at 4.30 p.m., and at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Sunday, the 20th inst., at 5 p.m. He is a fine speaker and these opportunities of hearing him should not be missed.

### Oneg Shabbos.

The lecturer at the Oneg Shabbos tomorrow will be Mr. M. Natas who will speak on "The Influence of Chassidism on Hebrew Literature." The function will be held in the Zionist Hall and will commence at 5 p.m.

### A Concert.

On Sunday, 20th inst., the Cape Town Young Judeans hold their second function in connection with the Society's Seventh Birthday Celebrations, namely, a concert in the Old Shul, Government Avenue, at 8 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged and the proceeds are in aid of the Rainbow Fete.

### Mizrachi General Meeting.

The general meeting of the Mizrachi Association, at which the general elections took place, was held on Sunday evening at the Minor Zionist Hall. Mr. I. Shuel presided. The following committee was elected:—Hon. President, Rabbi Mirvish; Chairman, Mr. I. Shuel; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sandler;

Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. Pasvolsky; Committee: Rabbi Gervis, Messrs. Bernhard, Chideckel, Dorogov, Rev. Abrahamson, Rev. Lipshitz, Messrs. Kalverisky, Melmed, Pogrand, and Sachs.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, outlined the position of the Society. Rabbi Mirvish spoke on the difficulties confronting the Mizrachi, and expressed the opinion that most South African Zionists were Mizrachi at heart though they did not reveal themselves as such because they took the ideals for which the Mizrachi strove for granted.

Rabbi Gurniansky, who has recently arrived from Palestine, was the next speaker. He conveyed a message to the South African Mizrachi and spoke enthusiastically of the life and activity which characterised Eretz Israel to-day.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis, the next speaker, stressed the great task of the Mizrachi in the Diaspora and the part it should play in strengthening Judaism outside Eretz Israel. Orthodox Jewry should be organised, and only by organisation could anything be accomplished. The Mizrachi should, for instance, take a particular interest in such vital matters as Hebrew education in South Africa.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

### Philanthropic Ball.

The annual Philanthropic Ball takes place in the City Hall on Wednesday, 23rd August.

The Ball is being held in aid of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, and few institutions are so much in need of public support as is this one, which is doing an enormous amount of work in relieving poverty and distress in the Peninsula. In the difficult economic conditions through which we are passing at present, the Board's resources, considerably diminished, have been taxed to the utmost, and it is therefore most urgent that the Ball should prove a success.

All arrangements are being taken to ensure that it is a success, and it is hoped that the Jewish public of the Peninsula will give it the support it deserves.

### Claremont Hebrew Congregation.

The annual general meeting of the Claremont Hebrew Congregation took place in the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday last. The results of the elections to the committee were as follows:—Chairman, R. Newstead; Vice-Chairman, J. Sebba; Treasurer, G. Fine; Secretary, J. Levy; Committee: Messrs. M. Wilk, M. Rappaport, E. Tafelstein, H. Gorfinkel, W. Freedman, A. Katz, J. Gerber, E. Singer and R. Dorfman.

Captain Friedman proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers for the splendid work they had done for the Congregation during their period of office. Mr. Newstead seconded. The new Chairman paid a special tribute to Mr. H. Gorfinkel (the retiring chairman) for his efforts in the interests of the Congregation and expressed the hope that he would continue his good work in the capacity of committee member.

### Wynberg Jewish Circle.

At a meeting held on the 14th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Berelowitz, Benjamin Road, Wynberg, Mr. B. R. Matz read a paper on Mr. J. Fitzgerald Lee's book, "The Great Migration." Mr. Matz dealt with the story of the Exodus and discussed the author's view that the story of this migration incorporates incidents which belong to a much earlier and far greater migratory movement which took place approximately four thousand years B.C., its course proceeding from tropical America along the Western side of the Rockies, across the frozen Behring Strait into Asia, and thence in a south-westerly direction until it reached the Valley of the Nile.

Dr. C. Kaufman presided. The subject was thrown open to discussion, in which the Chairman and Messrs. Tickin and J. L. Feinberg took part. After Mr. Matz had replied to the criticisms voiced, the meeting terminated, with votes of thanks to the speakers and to the host and hostess.

### Dance at Wynberg.

On Thursday, August 24th, a dance is being held at the Royal Hotel, Station Road, Wynberg, the proceeds of which are in aid of the S.A. Fund for German Jewry.

The dance will be one which should provide an excellent night's entertainment for all those who attend, as it is being held in one of the Peninsula's best dance halls, with Stan Thomas' Orchestra in attendance. The tickets are very reasonably priced and are obtainable at the doors.

As an interlude, the pupils of the well-known Peninsula dancing teachers, the Hayward Sisters, will entertain with a number of items.

It is hoped that this dance, in aid of so worthy a cause, will be well attended.

### An Attractive Function.

The function which takes place in the Zionist Hall this Sunday evening to mark the opening of the Eighteenth Zionist Congress in Prague on the 21st August, promises to be a very enjoyable one. An attractive musical programme has been arranged on which figure items by members of the Jewish Theatrical Company, which opens its season in the Zionist Hall to-morrow night. Those who intend being present at Sunday night's function are advised to come early in order to secure their seats.

### Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

On Sunday last the Muizenberg Young Israel Society held a "Newspaper Evening and Song Tea." In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mirlin, took the chair. He opened the meeting by reading the news service. Mr. Mirlin then called upon certain members to read prepared articles on various subjects, some of them humorous, and some serious. Several very good articles were submitted.

The Song Tea was also very successful, and to the best and most original examples prizes are to be given. The evening ended with a dance.

### Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A meeting of the Hebrew Teachers' Association will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 20th inst., at 4 p.m. Important matters will be discussed, and all members are asked to be present. An address by Mr. M. Natas on "Games and their Educational Value" will be delivered.

### Wynberg and Claremont Zionist Association.

The annual general meeting of the above was held in the Zionist Hall, Mortimer Road, Wynberg, on Thursday, 27th July.

The Chairman, Mr. L. Levy, in reviewing the year's work, declared that, considering the times, he was satisfied with what had been done.

Claremont's contribution to the Dunam Drive had been very creditable and he thanked Messrs. Gorfinkel and Gerber for their work in this connection.

The sale of Shkolim was also satisfactory, due chiefly to the work of the Revs. Gordon and Abrahamson, to whom thanks were due.

Both Mr. Levy and the Secretary, Mr. I. Zinman, announced their inability to hold office any longer. The following committee were elected: Chairman, Mr. L. E. Berman; Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. R. Matz; Treasurer, Mr. I. Schock; Secretary, Mr. M. Maisel; Committee: Messrs. H. Gorfinkel, J. Gerber, A. Katz, L. Levy, S. Braude, I. Yudelman, S. Galloon, I. Zinman, S. Kaplan; Auditor, Mr. B. Preiss.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Secretary and Auditors.

### Cape Town Maccabee Organisation.

Dr. Ernest E. Lazarus will deliver a lecture to members of the above Society at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall on Sunday evening, 20th inst. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The lecture will be on "The Hygiene of Adolescence." An interesting evening is promised.

### Barmitzvah.

NEWMAN.

The Barmitzvah was celebrated last Saturday of Henry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newman, of Sea Point, who read a portion of the Law at the Great Synagogue, Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman are both well-known members of the community, and it is not surprising, therefore, that the reception held at their residence on Sunday afternoon in celebration of this happy event, should have been as well attended as it was.

During the course of the afternoon Mr. Rael Gordon proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah and at the same time referred to the active interest Mr. Newman showed in communal affairs. The Barmitzvah responded suitably, as did Mr. Newman.

Mr. Newman has donated the sum of £20 in order to have the name of his son inscribed in the Golden Book in commemoration of this happy occasion.

SACKS.

Boris, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sacks, became Barmitzvah last Saturday when he read Maftir at the Roeland Street Synagogue.

In celebration of the event, a reception was held at the residence of the parents on Sunday evening, when a large gathering assembled to felicitate the Barmitzvah and his parents. Toasts were proposed by Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish, Mr. Shuel and Rev. Fagan and were responded to by the Barmitzvah and Mr. Sacks, the father.

### In Brief.

The next Zionist conversazione takes place in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst.

Advocate Philip Millin and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, returned to South Africa on Monday by the "Winchester Castle."

The marriage was solemnised at the Gardens Synagogue on Tuesday morning last of Dorothea, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bashew, of Sea Point, to Harry Stolly, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Stolpinsky, of Sea Point. Rev. A. P. Bender, assisted by Rev. L. Kirschner, officiated, and the solo renderings of Mr. Boris Rome added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

A reception held at the residence of the bride's parents after the ceremony was well attended. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Rev. Bender.

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Mr. Zalman Zuckerman, son of Mr. J. Zuckerman, leaves to-day by the "Carnarvon Castle" for London where he will continue his medical studies.

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Mr. P. Policansky and Mr. Myer Joffe left on Wednesday by air-liner for Palestine on a short business trip. There was a large gathering at the aerodrome to bid them farewell.

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Miss Rosa Van Gelderen will address a meeting in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon, 22nd inst., under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association. All are welcome.

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Cable news has been received that Mr. Kalie Sandler, B.A., B.Com., of Cape Town, formerly of Robertson, has passed the final examination of the Society of Accountants and Auditors.

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The marriage will be solemnised in the Great Synagogue on Sunday, 20th August, at 7 p.m., of Jack, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kaimowitz, 135, Buitenkant Street, Gardens, Cape Town, and Kalecia, youngest daughter of Mrs. Gitel Ehrlich and the late Mr. Ehrlich of Poland. Reception at the Zionist Hall.

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The marriage of Judith Goodman to Cantor Morris Katzen will take place on Tuesday, 22nd August, at 3 p.m., in the Muizenberg Synagogue.

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Among the passengers leaving by the "Carnarvon Castle" to-day are Mr. Meyer Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaufman, of Maitland, and Mr. D. Nochomowitz, of the Strand, who are proceeding to London to continue their studies.

## DEATH.

DAVIDOWITZ.—Esther, mother of D. L. and Kolly Davidowitz, passed away peacefully on 16th August, 1933, at Riga, Latvia. Shiva at Rheedeville, Cromer Rd., Muizenberg. Service at 6.30 p.m.

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