

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Zionist Conversazione.

An exceedingly large gathering attended the Zionist Conversazione on Tuesday night. Dr. S. E. Kark acted as host, and at the outset extended a very hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. L. Policansky, of Tel-Aviv, who are at present on a visit to South Africa. They were all, he said, extremely glad to have back with them, even if only for a little while, these two ex-South Africans who were held in such great affection and esteem by all who knew them here. They would always receive an exceedingly warm welcome whenever they paid a visit to this country.

Mr. Policansky responded, expressing thanks on his own and his wife's behalf for the welcome which had been extended them. He spoke briefly of the growth which was taking place in Palestine even since his last visit to Cape Town some three years ago. The Jewish population had increased till it was to-day some 250,000. There were portions of the country which were practically unrecognisable even to those who had been there only a short time back.

After the Jewish news had been read, Mr. H. M. Bloch proceeded to initiate a discussion in which a large number participated.

Mr. Bloch questioned whether, despite the fact that the financial results had been so very satisfactory, the last Keren Hayesod campaign had been a success. He tested the strength of the Zionist movement not by the financial contributions to Zionist funds but by the number of people who were really imbued with true Jewish national feeling and who co-operated in the ordinary every-day Zionist work. Judged by these standards he was prepared to say that the Zionist movement in South Africa had made no progress during the last fifteen years. Ninety per cent. of those who contributed to Zionist funds did so not necessarily because they were Zionists.

As for the movement outside South Africa, the same could be said. Compared with nationalistic movements in other countries, allowing even for tremendous advantages on the side of the latter, the Zionist movement insofar as the number of its adherents was concerned, lagged very far behind.

Among those who participated in the discussion were Messrs. B. Mirvish, E. Charloff, J. Gitlin, Kottowitz, M. Alexander, D. Getz, Dr. H. W. Altschul and J. Herstein.

Musical items were rendered by Miss F. Rogoff who gave a pianoforte solo and Mr. Fagan who sang.

Oneg Shabbos.

Dr. H. W. Altschul delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Marranos" to the Oneg Shabbos gathering on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Cohen presided.

The lecturer gave a graphic description of the mental and physical sufferings of the Marranos—the Jews who were compelled to adopt Christianity against their inner convictions during the time of the Spanish persecutions. He described the tragedy of Jewish life in Spain during the 14th and 15th centuries when the Church was rabid in its persecution of the Jews and the inquisition with its indescribable torture was established.

Cantor Konviser and his young son rendered several songs to the great delight of the large audience.

A Barmitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Wolff and their son, Bernard Lionel, were the recipients of many congratulations during the week-end on the occasion of the latter's becoming Barmitzvah. Young Bernard read Maftir and the Haftorah at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Saturday morning and on Sunday afternoon a reception was given by his parents at their residence in Sea Point.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Wolff have only recently settled in the Cape, they have earned for themselves many friends. Mrs. Wolff is an active communal worker and is associated with a number of charitable as well as national organisations in Cape Town. It is not surprising, therefore, that a large gathering of friends and colleagues assembled at her residence on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah, and Master Lionel responded in a very neat little speech. The Mayor, Mr. L. Gradner, proposed the toasts of the parents, to which both Mr. and Mrs. Wolff responded. The toast of the grandparents was proposed by Mr. A. M. Abrahams and Rev. Rosenberg, of Pretoria (Mrs. Wolff's father), responded.

Among those present were Mrs. L. Gradner, Mrs. Rosenberg (Mrs. Wolff's mother who, together with her husband, had come to Cape Town specially for the occasion) Mrs. A. M. Abrahams, Mr. and Mrs. L. Segal, Mr. and Mrs. I. Mauerberger, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stodel, Mr. and Mrs. P. Press, Mr. B. A. Crasnow, Mrs. M. Zuckerman, Mrs. H. Glaser, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. Hurwitz, Mrs. Isidor Cohen, Rev. and Mrs. P. Rosenberg, Mr. A. M. Jackson and Mr. E. H. Kloot.

C.T. Maccabee Organisation.

The Annual Ball takes place on the 4th August (Saturday) at the Hotel Edward, Mill Street, Cape Town. As this affair will be an outstanding social success all members are requested to attend and join in the fun.

The fortnightly cultural meeting will be held on the 7th August at 8.15 p.m. at the Zionist Hall. Members are requested to note the change of venue on this occasion.

The bi-annual general meeting will take

place on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at the Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m.

Members are requested to note that the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall will not be available on Saturday or Sunday, the 4th and 5th instant.

Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Ladies' Society.

A committee meeting of the above Society was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on Thursday, 18th July, to elect a Chairlady and Secretary for the Society. The committee was elected at a general meeting of the members of the Society.

Mrs. B. Bloch opened the meeting in her capacity of Acting Chairlady. She asked for nominations for Chairlady. Mrs. B. Bloch was unanimously elected to this position. Mrs. Shein and Mrs. S. Marks were elected Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Both Zion Branch at Woodstock-Salt River.

The first meeting of the above Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Marks. Mrs. B. Bloch opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chairlady. Mrs. S. Marks was unanimously elected.

Arrangements were made to canvas Woodstock and Salt River for more members for the Society and to increase the number of donations to the Keren Hayesod.

The news-sheet was read by Mrs. S. Marks. The next meeting of the Society will be held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov on Thursday, 23rd August, when Mrs. Mibashan will deliver an address.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

On Friday last a Junior Fireside Evening was held. This was followed by the fortnightly meeting of the Society on Sunday. The meeting took the form of a debate, many members taking part in the discussion. This shows the keenness of members in the cultural activities of the Society.

The next meeting will be the Senior Fireside Evening to be held on Friday, August 3rd.

Talmud Torah Boys' Minyan.

The Talmud Torah Boys' Minyan celebrated its eighth anniversary on Saturday morning, 28th inst., at the Talmud Torah Hall.

There was a large gathering of young boys present.

Mr. J. Levin and Mr. Kaplan, the Shamus, officiated at the morning services, while Mr. I. Sudat rendered the Musaph Services.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. Levin, the Principal, and Mr. E. Kupowitz, the Chairman, Mr. Z. Avin delivered the usual address in Hebrew. He paid tribute to the late Mr. J. Homa, the founder of the Minyan eight years ago, and was pleased to see that the Minyan was doing progressive work.

Among those present were Mrs. Homa, Miss Homa, Mr. J. Ebitz and Mr. B. Levin.

Mr. Padowsky made the Brocha, after which refreshments were served to the boys, under the supervision of Mr. L. Peires and Mr. A. Friedgood.

Mr. Heinz Hirschland.

Mr. Heinz Hirschland, who is to play on Thursday night at the Cape Town Orchestra Symphony Concert, is a recent arrival from Germany with a fine reputation as a pianist, teacher and accompanist.

Mr. Hirschland is a pupil of the world-famous Arthur Schnabel, under whom he studied for several years. He taught in Berlin, and besides giving many concerts in various cities in Germany, he made successful concert tours in Italy, Switzerland and Spain. His arrival in Cape Town is a considerable asset to musical circles here.

On Thursday night, when he makes his first public appearance in South Africa, he will play Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto in C Minor.

Memorial Meeting at Woodstock

Under the auspices of the Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle a memorial meeting for the late Chaim Nachman Bialik will be held on Thursday, 9th inst., at 8 p.m. at the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock. Prominent speakers will address the gathering. All are welcome.

Lecture by Rabbi Gervis.

At the meeting of the Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, Woodstock, Rabbi I. M. Gervis lectured on "Rabbi Yehudah Halevy."

At the outset the lecturer drew a parallel between Bialik and Rabbi Yehudah Halevy who wrote and spoke to the nation in, more or less a similar way, although one had lived eight hundred years later than the other.

Proceeding, Rabbi Gervis spoke of Yehudah Halevy as of the greatest Hebrew poet and literary giant of his period, for in his poems he expressed the spirit of the life of the Jewish people whom he loved. He devoted his life entirely to the ideal of the Jewish people and eventually went to Palestine, at that time an exceedingly dangerous undertaking.

In the discussion which followed many members participated. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Dr. C. Resnekov, the meeting was presided over by Mr. A. J. Basker, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Marks and seconded by Mr. B. L. Rubik.

Woodstock-Salt River Junior Zionists.

The annual Charity Concert (funds to be devoted to the Chalutz Scheme and Keren Hayesod) will be staged on Sunday, 12th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock. The two plays and sketches are being produced by Mr. M. Lazarow and acted entirely by members of the Society.

There will also be singing, dancing and novelty items, etc.

Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild.

On Tuesday, 24th July, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Dickman, "The Bend," Pinelands, a meeting of the above Society was held. Dr. Lizerbrum was in the chair and presided over a gathering of about forty people. Dr. Gross read an essay on "Jewish German or German Jew."

A discussion followed in which several interesting questions were answered. Tea and refreshments, kindly provided by the hostess, were served.

A Hebrew sing-song followed and the meeting concluded with Mr. Abe Roberts thanking the speaker and Dr. Altschul pro-

posing a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

The annual dance of the above Society will be held at the Hotel Edward on Saturday, 18th August, 1934. Tickets are obtainable from the President, Dr. Lizerbrum, or members.

A Concert.

A grand concert under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 12th inst., in aid of Palestine Labour Funds.

Bialik Memorial Evening.

A memorial Evening to the "Shloshim" of Chaim Nachman Bialik will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 5th inst., under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party. All are welcome.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The annual general meeting of the Hebrew Teachers' Association will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Cape Town, on Monday, 6th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Young Judean Concert.

On Sunday, 5th inst., the Cape Town Young Judeans are holding a concert in the Old Shul, Government Avenue, in connection with the Society's eighth anniversary. Admission will be on donation of 1s. for adults and 6d. for children and the proceeds will go towards the Chalutz scheme.

In Brief.

The engagement is announced of Lily, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Sonenscher, of Salt River, and Dr. D. B. Lewis, of Elsies River, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lewis, of Stellenbosch.

The engagement is announced of Pearl, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Lazarus, of Tamboers Kloof, and Harry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gelb, of Stellenbosch.

Mr. Henry Hermann left on Wednesday on a short visit to Johannesburg.

Mr. Benzion S. Hersch arrives in Cape Town during the week-end from Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Satusky, of Muizenberg, returned to Cape Town on Monday by the "Warwick Castle" from a trip to Europe.

Mr. J. Herstein leaves during the week-end on a short visit to Kimberley.

Mr. L. Policansky, Jnr., leaves to-day by the "Kenilworth Castle" on a trip to Europe and the Continent.

Dr. J. Friedlander, of Woodstock, left this week to take up an appointment at Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg.

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Paarl Junior Zionists.

(From a Correspondent.)

An impressive Bialik memorial meeting was held in the Talmud Torah Hall. At the outset the Chairman (Mr. Jacob Levinsohn) paid a tribute to the late Mr. J. Rabinowitz, and the audience stood as a mark of respect.

Mr. Levinsohn briefly spoke on the life and works of Bialik, and read several of his poems.

Mr. Z. Avin, of Cape Town, gave a detailed account of Bialik's youth, his further career, and his works. During his visit to Palestine a short while ago he had met Bialik personally, and was struck by his simplicity and his antipathy to any form of display. Mr. Avin mentioned the important part Bialik played not only in the literary world but also in the communal life of Palestine, and of the remarkable influence he exerted on the Yishub.

Mrs. Hayman read several of Bialik's poems.

Mr. E. J. Horwitz proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Avin, which was seconded by Mr. S. Miller.

The meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

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