

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Secretaries of Societies are kindly asked to send in reports of functions the same week as they occur. Late reports will not be inserted in future.—Editor.

Bnoth Zion Association "At Home."

A well-attended meeting of the Bnoth Zion Association was held in the Zionist Hall last Tuesday afternoon.

Adv. M. Oblowitz presided and introduced the lecturer, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, who chose as his subject "Achad Ha'am—Zionist and Philosopher." This addressed proved most interesting and informative.

In his introduction Rabbi Gervis said to-day more than ever Zionism should be studied and discussed not only as an answer to Hitlerism but as an answer to all problems that beset Jewry throughout the world.

The thorough understanding of Achad Ha'am's philosophy of Zionism propounded more than four decades ago is able to give this answer to the complexities of Jewish life to-day.

The memory of Asher Ginsberg has been perpetuated by the pseudonym with which he signed his articles and as Achad Ha'am, meaning "one of the people" this great Zionist and philosopher will ever be remembered.

He saw that the Jews of Russia, in his time, bowed down by persecution accepted their condition as the decree of fate and did nothing to improve their status. He, together with Pinsker and a small band of people, the Bne Moshe, endeavoured to inculcate a spirit of restlessness in their people and dissatisfaction with the intolerable state of affairs. They realised that the awakening of the national pride in the Jews of Russia would be reconciled to the ignominious treatment meted out to them.

Achad Ha'am was dissatisfied with the type of Chalutzim who were going to Palestine, because they were forced to leave their villages and because they were not imbued with the inner urge that should have driven them to brave hardships for the purpose of building up Eretz Israel as a national home for all Jewry. On contemplating the mentality of his people in Russia and the types he saw at the Wailing Wall in Palestine he was convinced that before Eretz Israel could be rebuilt the people would have to be rebuilt and their national ego which had been obliterated restored to them. He averred that the memory of the past and the outlook for the future were necessary for the awakening of this national ego. Thus to him Judaism had two functions, historical and national. He saw no dividing line between Jewish nationalism and religion and maintained that "more than the Jewish people have observed the Sabbath has the Sabbath kept them."

To Achad Ha'am the people in the Galuth were as important as those in Palestine, and he looked forward to the day when Pales-

tine with a Jewish majority would be a cultural centre from which rays would emanate that would enlighten Jews throughout the world. But to him it was all important that there should be a mutual contribution between Jews in the Galuth and Jews in Eretz Israel.

During the course of the afternoon two interesting extracts were read by Mrs. R. Friedlander from "The Ploughman."

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed by Mrs. I. M. Hurwitz.

Cape Town Herzlia.

On Sunday, 11th inst., a very interesting lecture was delivered to the above Society in the Old Synagogue by Dr. I. M. Hurwitz on the subject "The Motives Underlying the Balfour Declaration." Dr. Hurwitz dealt chiefly with the Gentiles' point of view, quoting passages from contemporary newspapers to emphasise his statements. During the evening a paper on "The Life of Lord Balfour" was read by Miss F. Jaffe.

The next meeting of the Society will be a Chanukah evening to be held on Sunday, 2nd December, at the Old Synagogue, Gardens.

Vacation Courses for Hebrew Teachers.

The Board of Hebrew Education, in co-operation with the Hebrew Teachers' Association, is arranging a vacation course for teachers commencing on January 6th for one week. Details will be announced later.

Forthcoming Wizo Conference.

The election of delegates to the forthcoming Wizo Conference to be held in Palestine will take place at a full meeting of the Women's Council to be held in Johannesburg on the 26th inst. Societies are asked to submit their nominations immediately.

Inmates of Cape Jewish Aged Home Entertained.

In celebration of the marriage of their daughter Cecila to Mr. Fritz Raphaely, Mr. and Mrs. Woolf Harris on Tuesday 13th inst. gave a special luncheon at the Institution to the inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home.

Mr. H. Rosen proposed the toasts of the young couple and also expressed the thanks of the Inmates to Mr. and Mrs. Harris for their thoughtfulness in providing an excellent repast.

Mr. W. Harris in his reply paid handsome tributes to the great services rendered to the Home by Mr. Rosen, the President, Mr. Pinn, the Treasurer, and to Mrs. M. Rosen and Mrs. E. Lewis, Chairlady and Vice-Chairlady, respectively.

Mr. L. Raphaely expressed his own and his wife's great pleasure at being able to be present, and Mr. Fritz Raphaely also spoke.

Hittadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Circle).

A very interesting meeting took place at the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 11th inst., when various aspects of "Binyan Haaretz" were discussed. Mr. M. Ben Arie spoke on "Eretz Israel and Her Neighbours," Mr. M. Natas on "Eretz Israel and Labour," Mr. Z. Avin on "Eretz Israel and Education," and Mrs. J. Mibashan on "Eretz Israel and Women."

Jewish National Fund.

The Card Party in aid of the Jewish National Fund arranged by the Gardens-Oranjezicht Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association will take place at the City Mansions Hotel, Hope Street, on Tuesday afternoon, 27th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

Zionist Socialist Party.

On Sunday, 18th inst., the third annual general meeting was held at the Party Club. After the Chairman's report, the Financial and Literature Department's reports were submitted and unanimously adopted.

A new committee was elected consisting of the following: Z. Avin (Chairman), G. Telem (Vice-Chairman), M. Melamed (Hon. Secretary), G. Laden (Hon. Treasurer). Committee members: Misses D. Radowsky, R. Reading, B. Strul and Messrs. S. Bloch, B. Padowich, H. Paxter and Z. Kagan.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected committee on Tuesday night a plan of future activities was worked out.

The first internal function will take the form of an "At Home" to be held on Saturday night the 24th inst., at the Party Club. A review of the present position of the Zionist Socialist Movement as well as the proposed activities of the Party for the near future will be given.

All members and sympathisers are cordially invited.

Bnoth Zion Association (Woodstock-Salt River Branch).

A social evening was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Furman, Woodstock, on Thursday, 8th inst. Mrs. S. Marks was in the chair.

Miss R. van Gelderen gave a graphic description of Palestine and spoke specially about the work of the Wizo, Hadassah and Nathan Straus Centes.

Miss H. Purwitzsky gave her impressions of the Wailing Wall.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. L. Katz, and seconded by Mrs. S. Marks, who also thanked the hostess for her kind hospitality.

Bnoth Zion Association (Maitland Branch).

A social evening was held at the residence of Mrs. S. Sieff, Main Road, Maitland, last Monday evening. There was an excellent attendance. Advocate H. M. Bloch in an eloquent address stressed the importance of maintaining the Jewish tradition in the home and thus strengthening the link between Jewish generations and safeguarding the individuality of our race.

Mrs. S. Gesundheit represented the Cape Town Executive.

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



Bnoth Zion Association (Green and Sea Point Branch).

An "At Home" will be held at the residence of Mrs. Wise, "Myoora," Kloof Road, Sea Point, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at 3.15 p.m. Mrs. Jacobson, of Johannesburg, will address the gathering.

Rondebosch-Claremont-Wynberg Branch.

The monthly meeting will take place at the Royal Hotel, Wynberg, on Monday, 26th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Councillor A. Z. Berman will speak on "Common Misconceptions in Jewish History."

Cape Maccabee Organisation.

The annual Maccabee Camp will be held at Muizenberg from 24th to 26th December. All those desiring to participate are asked to communicate with the Secretary, P.O. Box 3057 not later than the 15th December.

Wynberg Hebrew Congregation.

The annual general meeting of the Wynberg Hebrew Congregation took place at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 11th inst., and was well attended.

Mr. P. Maisel, who was in the chair, gave a detailed review of his committee's activities during the year and referred to the various campaigns organised in Wynberg on behalf of overseas and local institutions. The budget of the Congregation amounted, according to the balance sheet, to approximately £1,500 was not affected in the least in spite of the many calls. The committee propose building a Communal Hall for which purpose £1,000 has already been contributed by the members.

The Chairman expressed his sympathy with the relatives of the members who died during the year and welcomed Mr. A. M. Matz, the Hon. Treasurer, who returned recently from an extensive tour in Europe and Palestine.

The report and balance sheet were then unanimously adopted.

The election then took place and the following gentlemen were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year: Mr. S. M. Kaplan, President; Mr. A. Anziska, Gabai for life; Mr. J. Freedman, Hon Treasurer. Committee: P. Anziska, A. Bloch, L. Chait, G. Galloen, A. Katz, P. Maisel, A. M. Matz, M. Mendelsohn, V. Rifkin, S. Wolman. Messrs. I. Schock and L. Michaelowsky were appointed as auditors and Mr. A. M. Matz as trustee in place of the late Mr. M. Zinman.

The same evening the Talmud Torah general meeting also took place. The Chairman, Mr. S. Galloen, was highly complimented on his strenuous work for the improvement of the local Talmud Torah School. He was unanimously re-elected for another year and in thanking the members and subscribers Mr. Galloen pointed out that although much had been already achieved in the field of Jewish education, still more could be achieved if parents would only realise the enormous importance of systematic Hebrew teaching which is the aim of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education. The same committee were re-elected and the following three gentlemen were co-opted: M. Goldsmith, M. Gulden and A. Shifrin.

Hebrew Kindergartens.

The children of the combined Hebrew Kindergartens will give a Chanuka concert on Sunday, 9th December, at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

United Hebrew Schools.

The annual general meeting will be held on Sunday, 2nd December, 1934, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A meeting of the Hebrew teachers took place on Sunday, 18th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall.

The main object of the gathering was the revision of the syllabus.

The Chairman, Mr. Berezinsky, stressed the importance of having one syllabus introduced in our Hebrew Schools.

The syllabus was then discussed by a large number of teachers and thoroughly revised.

At the end the Chairman welcomed the private teachers who were to become members of the Association and expressed the wish to see shortly a strong and active body of teachers formed in the Cape.

All the private teachers who have not yet joined the Association are kindly asked to communicate with the Secretary, 2, Flower Street, Cape Town.

The Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Sewing Circle.

To conclude the session of the above Society for 1934 and to mark the sending of a parcel of children's garments to the Child's Welfare Centre in Tel-Aviv, Palestine, a successful tea was given by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. Segall, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. at the residence of Mrs. D. Shames (Chairlady). The Society hope to resume work again after the summer season.

Social and Personal.

Mrs. Yetka Levy-Stein left for Durban by train on Tuesday.

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Mr. J. Stoller, President of the Kimberley Zionist Society, has arrived in Cape Town on a short holiday visit and is staying at the Balmoral Hotel, Muizenberg.

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The marriage of Nellie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Zadik, of Tamboers Kloof, Cape Town, and Isaac, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Lemkus, of Harrismith, took place quietly at the Gardens Synagogue on Thursday, 15th inst.

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Mrs. Sarah L. Cohen, of "Davaar," Hof Street, Cape Town, thanks all friends for their kindness and sympathy during her illness. She is leaving next week for Benoni, Transvaal, where she will spend some time with her parents recuperating and bids all friends good-bye.

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The Dorshei Zion Association are holding a Grand Chanuka Concert on Sunday, 2nd December, at 8.15 p.m. Cantor Konwiser and the newly-formed Cape Town Choir "Hazomir" will participate. A very enjoyable evening is assured.

Zionist Conversazione.

"THE ETERNITY OF THE JEWISH NATION."

Mr. J. S. Judelowitz, of Johannesburg, was the speaker at the fortnightly Conversazione held at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday night. The subject was "The Eternity of the Jewish Nation," and the lecturer dealt with this in a very interesting manner; although the subject was a serious one the lecturer's witty and humorous remarks—often of an ironical nature—lent a lighter tone to what he had to say.

Mr. Judelowitz said that the reason for the "Eternity of the Jewish Nation" was a riddle to the whole world. The solution was, according to the lecturer, that we were always in the position of fighters—fighting keeps people awake and alive. The real name of the Jew is Israel, "he who strove with God."

In our whole history, said the lecturer, there was no book to encompass the Jewish fight. Flavius was the greatest in this respect, but his "Jewish Wars" was written in a foreign language and in a foreign country. Graetz, the greatest historian, did not know or understand the Jews, for he had never lived where Jews fought and suffered. Our misfortune was that we studied Jewish literature but did not know Jews as they are.

There were two reasons for the immortality of the Jewish people, said the lecturer: the longing for Eretz Israel and the attraction towards the Diaspora. A people was created by its enemies—Pharaoh was the first one to give us the name of a people, not separate tribes, and that was when the whole nation was in exile.

On their own soil the people did not heed the words of the prophets and there was a fight not only between two parties but two ideas—State and God. All history was a succession of rise and fall but what may seem a fall to others often seems a rise to those living in that period. There was a will to live in the Jewish people, and that was why we could follow the funerals of our enemies.

A discussion followed in which Dr. I. M. Hurwitz, Mr. A. Levin and Mr. B. Mirvish participated. The lecturer replied.

Miss R. Kantor rendered a pianoforte solo and Mr. Herison (accompanied by Miss Kantor) songs which were very much enjoyed.

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