

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Woodstock and Salt River Junior Zionist Society.

After a brief recess the Society re-assembled last Thursday at a welcome evening held in the local Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. D. Lazarow was in the chair.

Mr. C. K. Friedlander, acting President of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, paid a surprise visit and made an appeal to all members to redeem their pledges to the Chalutz Fund.

An interesting paper dealing with "Jewish Disabilities and Anti-Semitism" was read by Mr. V. Resnekov.

To stimulate further interest in the Jewish National Fund, a short account of the principles and workings of the fund was given by Mr. G. Baigel.

After the serving of refreshments, musical items were rendered by Miss B. Freedman, Mr. M. Berman and Mr. A. Derman.

The enjoyable function concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

A Farewell Party.

A farewell party to Messrs. A. Sifrin, of Plumstead, and M. Katzin, of Retreat, who are leaving for Palestine on the 7th inst., was held on Saturday evening.

Mr. I. Shuel, on behalf of all present, wished them a pleasant voyage and a safe return. Songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Harrison and I. Brass.

Mr. I. Borok, of Durbanville, started a collection for the inscription of the names of Mrs. Sifrin and Mrs. Katzin (the hostesses) in the Golden Book, and the sum of £6 15s. 6d. was collected. It is hoped that this amount will be increased to £20.

Claremont Junior Zionist Society.

A flannel dance in aid of hall funds will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Sunday, the 10th February, at 8.15 p.m. Lew Fisher's Orchestra will be in attendance. Donations 2s. 6d., double.

Brith Trumpeldor Activities.

Woodstock.—An inspection of the Woodstock Gedudim took place last Saturday night by the Mefadah Haken. The Mefadah Haken, R. Kotlowitz, spoke on the ideology of the Btaer, and urged the Betarim to participate more in the activities and to spread the Betar ideal amongst the youth.

Two new Gedudim for boys and girls from 14 to 18 are now being formed. Those interested may receive particulars from the Secretary or any Saturday night at the Woodstock Talmud Torah Hall.

Cape Town.—A Kibutz of the new Gdud that was formed last week was held last Saturday night at the Betar Hall. This Gdud consists of boys from 10 to 12 years of age. A similar Gdud of girls is also being formed.

A Kibutz of Darga Gimel was held on Sunday night. The Mefadah Haken delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Task of the Jewish Youth." Many members participated in the discussion, and a very interesting meeting terminated with the singing of the Betar Hymn.

On Monday the weekly meeting of Darga Aleph (12—14) took place. Ach Zuck delivered an interesting lecture on the "Herzlian Zionism." Many members participated.

The Kibutz of Darga Beth took place on Tuesday last. Mr. G. Gitlin delivered an interesting lecture on "Some Aspects of the South African Youth." A keen discussion took place after the lecture.

Muizenberg Talmudical Study Society.

An Oneg Shabbos in celebration of the seventh anniversary of the Society was held on Saturday, 2nd February, 1935.

Mr. B. Phillips, the Chairman, presided over a large gathering of members and visitors.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis spoke eloquently of the importance of "Chevras" in Jewish life.

Mr. N. Wolman, the Vice-President of the Muizenberg Hebrew Congregation, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of his congregation to all those present.

Addresses were also delivered by Rabbi Kuhn, of Palestine, Mr. M. Aronson, the Hon. Lecturer of Ain Yakov, Mr. Schapiro and Mr. B. L. Rubik.

During the afternoon Cantor M. Katzin and Rev. Frank rendered traditional songs which were very much appreciated.

The Simcha terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr. A. Joffe for arranging the function.

Hittadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Circle).

A farewell reception to Mr. M. Kleinman, editor of the "Haalom," was held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. Gitlin was in the chair.

Mr. M. Natas spoke in appreciation of Mr. Kleinman and said it was a privilege to have had the opportunity of meeting him. He was not merely a journalist but a writer with an object and a purpose, and was an educator of the people. He was a devoted Zionist and had done a great deal for the building up of Eretz Israel and the revival of the Hebrew language.

Mr. Kleinman said he was surprised and pleased to have found in South Africa so devoted a band of idealists and such a keen interest in Eretz Israel and the Hebrew language. He took as the subject of his lecture "The Meaning of Culture," and said that culture differed from civilisation in that the former was something individual, while the latter concerned the life of the community as a whole. Civilisation meant the acquisition of entirely new ideas, while

culture preserved the traditions of the past. As regards civilisation we could participate in that of other nations, but, as far as culture was concerned we had to preserve our own if we wish to maintain our identity. All that goes to make up Hebrew culture—religion, the Sabbath, etc., had been corrupted through contact with foreign nations.

Language was the vehicle of culture, said Mr. Kleinman, which could be preserved only in the original language. The only hope for the future was to create a small centre which would radiate influence on the whole of Jewry; culture should be recreated in every sphere, and there should be a continual attempt to strengthen it. The bond with Eretz Israel produced new feelings and ideas, and the greater the revival of culture there, the greater would be its influence on the Diaspora. The link between Eretz Israel and the Diaspora should be very strong.

Rabbi Gervis and Messrs. B. L. Rubik and A. Levin took part in the discussion. The Chairman thanked Mr. Kleinman for his interesting address and wished him a pleasant voyage.

The evening terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Ladies' Society.

A farewell social to Mrs. S. Marks, Hon. Secretary, who left for Palestine on 7th inst., was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock on Monday February 4th, and was very well attended. The artists were Miss Trackman, who rendered several excellent pianoforte solos, and Masters Sieradsky, Kudowitzky, Elkin and Smith, who sang songs in Yiddish and English and gave humorous sketches.

Mrs. Bloch, the Chairlady, addressed the Ladies and said that she would like to take advantage of this large gathering by asking the ladies to take a greater interest in the Society.

Miss Gelb was elected Hon. Secretary in place of Mrs. Marks and Mesdames L. Katz, Eliason, M. Katz, Synrodin and Miss Press on the Committee.

In bidding farewell to Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Bloch said that she had set a very good example, which should be followed by many ladies. She then presented Mrs. Marks with a camera from the Committee and said she felt sure that Mrs. Marks would bring many mental pictures from Eretz Israel which would live in her memory, but the pictures taken with the camera would help to refresh those memories.

In response Mrs. Marks said that the work she did for the Ladies' Society was not done for praise or presentations, but her greatest pleasure would be to see the ladies taking more interest in the Society and not neglecting the collection of subscriptions, because funds were urgently needed.

The social terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

Jewish National Fund Box Clearance.

The Hon. Secretary of the Jewish National Fund regrets that the following amounts cleared during December at Muizenberg from J.N.F. Boxes were omitted from the published lists last week:—

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