

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Habonim Investiture at Zionist Hall.

About 250 interested spectators and 150 Bonim and Bonoth were present at the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening (24th March) either to witness, or to participate in, the second Investiture Ceremony that has been held in Cape Town in connection with the Habonim Movement.

After the performance of the Peticha or "Opening Ceremony" by the six Gedudim present, Rosh Gedud Ziona (Cape Town) welcomed the visitors.

The Ba-Koach (Mr. H. L. Stern) then initiated five new officers, who each made the Habonim promise and lit a candle in token thereof. The officers were: Rosh Gedud, Mr. J. Hanson; Segan Rosh Gedud, the Misses P. Salber and R. Schoschon, and Messrs. A. Hanson and L. C. Jochelson.

The initiation then took place of the Bnoth of Gedud Ziona (Cape Town). The Ba-Koach addressed the children and stressed the fact that they had made a promise, which they were to do all in their power to keep.

The rest of the evening was devoted to the singing of Hebrew songs, and the staging of tableaux and playlets by Gedudim. Special mention must be made of the effective series of Biblical pictures presented by Gedud Hebron (Sea Point) and the dramatic playlet "The Death of Trumpeldor," by Gedud Tel-Hai (Cape Town).

After the serving of Hamontashen, Bob, coffee, etc., the Ba-Koach thanked all those who had helped to make the evening the success it undoubtedly was, and a hearty "Ychi!" was given for Rosh Gedud Ziona.

The singing of Hatikvah brought the evening to a close.

C.T. Maccabee Organisation.

A meeting of the Maccabee Cultural Society was held at the residence of Miss S. Lipschitz, 7, Prince Street, on the 26th March. The Chairman, Mr. Shevelow, introduced the speaker of the evening—Mr. Charlaff, who then gave an interesting address on the history, work and achievements of Zionism. After discussion and questioning of the lecturer the meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

The next meeting will take place at 9, Glynn Street, on Tuesday, 9th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

The Maccabee Football Club is holding a practice at the Common on Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m.

The Maccabee Table Tennis Club has been formed. Two teams will be entered in the Western Province League this season. The headquarters of the club is the Scout Hall, Weltevreden Street, Gardens.

Bnoth Zion Association.

The annual general meeting will take place at an "At Home" on Monday, 8th inst., at 2.45 p.m. at the Zionist Hall.

Cape Town Herzlia.

A meeting took place in the Zionist Hall on Sunday. Mr. J. Friedman was in the chair. Miss B. Kaganson prepared the news service.

The committee had decided to have a series of lectures on the main parties in Zionism before the Congress. The series was initiated by a lecture on Zionist Socialism and Labour in Palestine, by Mr. Melamed, B.A., B.Sc., who outlined the rise of the Labour movement from the days of the Bilu, referring specially to the main theoretical exponents of the Zionist Socialists—Moses Hess, Nachman Syrkin and Ber Borochov. He described, in some detail, the accomplishments of the Zionist Socialists in Palestine to-day and also outlined the Zionist platform for Congress.

Those who took part in the discussion were Mr. Friedman, Dr. Altschul, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Shewelow. Mr. L. Cooper proposed a vote of thanks, and the meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Muizenberg Talmudical Study Society.

At the general meeting held on the 2nd inst. the following Executive was elected: B. Phillips, Chairman; M. Jankelowitz, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer; M. Aronson, Hon. Lecturer and Secretary; A. Jaffe and L. Kaplan as Committee members.

A farewell reception was given by the Society to Rabbi I. M. Gervis at the Balmoral Hotel, Muizenberg.

Mr. B. Phillips presided over a large gathering.

Messrs. M. Aronson, N. Wolman, Schapiro, M. Jankelowitz and A. Trotsky spoke eloquently of the services rendered by Rabbi Gervis to the community in general, particularly to the Talmudical Study Society during his ministry in Muizenberg.

As a token of appreciation, Rabbi Gervis was presented with an appropriate gift by the Society.

During the evening Rev. I. Frank rendered Jewish songs which were very much appreciated.

An apology was received from Cantor M. Katzin, whose absence was unavoidable.

A Siyum Hatorah at Parow.

The Siyum of a new Seper Torah presented by the members of the Hebrew Congregation was held on Sunday, 31st March, in the Communal Hall. Mr. L. Freedman, President of the Congregation, was in the chair.

Rabbi B. Lipshitz acted as Honorary Sopher, and inscribed the last letters in the scroll, and was assisted by Mr. Becker, of Bellville.

During the evening a reception was given by the ladies, and then Rabbi Lipshitz and Rev. Dorogov, of Durbanville, delivered eloquent addresses on the significance of the ceremony.

The toast of the Hebrew Congregation was proposed by Mr. L. Freedman and

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The engagement is announced of Joan, daughter of Mr. Charles and Adv. Bertha Solomon, of Johannesburg, and granddaughter of the late Mr. I. Schwartz and Mrs. Schwartz, of Cape Town, to Adv. Michael Saul Comay, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Comay, of George, C.P.

Adv. H. M. Bloch left for the Transvaal during the week-end on a short visit.

Adv. and Mrs. A. Shacksnovis and family left during the week-end for Johannesburg, where they are taking up permanent residence.

Mr. M. Natas, who has been Principal of the Maitland Talmud Torah for the last five years, has been appointed Principal of the Muizenberg Hebrew School.

The marriage of Freda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Charnass, of Cape Town, and Simon H. Wendell, of Boksburg, will take place in the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Tuesday, 9th April at 11.30 a.m.

The engagement is announced of Miriam, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Blusger, of Cape Town, formerly of Robertson, and Maurice ("Mo"), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Oblowitz, of Cape Town.

Mrs. Roma Gottlieb left yesterday in the "Giulio Cesare" to meet her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, in Italy whence they will proceed on an extended tour of the Continent and the United States.

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Mr. Dirmik, coupled with the name of Mr. Lipshitz. Mr. H. Daitsh proposed the toast of the ladies who had helped to make the evening a success, and special thanks were given to Mrs. L. Freedman. The toast of the visitors was proposed by Mr. Borok.

This enjoyable function concluded late in the evening with the singing of many Hebrew and Yiddish songs by Mr. Davidov, of Wynberg.

Some cakes were then sold by Mr. Borok, the proceeds going towards the Keren Kayemeth.

Bnoth Zion Association (Wynberg Branch).

The monthly cultural meeting of the above Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. I. Schoch, "Headingly," Aliwal Road, Wynberg, on Tuesday, 9th April, 1935. Miss R. Van Gelderen will speak on "The Neill School."

J.N.F. Concert.

The Jewish National Fund Council is holding a concert on Sunday evening, the 21st inst. (Chalmoed Pesach) at the Zionist Hall. The concert promises to be a big success as a very attractive programme has been arranged. This programme includes sketches in English and Yiddish and tableaux arranged by Miss Nancy Watson-Morris depicting different scenes from the Hagadah. In addition to these there will be other appropriate items by well-known artists.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A lecture by Dr. Ch. Resnekov on the life and work of the "Rambam" will be given in the Party Club, 5, Wandel Street, on Thursday, 11th April, at 8.30 p.m.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive Conference.

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive will be held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on the 6th and 7th April, 1935. On Saturday, the 6th, there will be a Conference Synagogue Service in the Great Synagogue, Government Avenue, at 3.15 p.m., and all delegates must attend. At 5 p.m. there will be an Oneg Shabbos in the Zionist Hall. All are invited to attend. Mr. A. Abrahamson, Organiser-Secretary of the South African Zionist Youth Council, will be the speaker. Conference will be formally opened by Rev. A. P. Bender, M.A., on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. The opening will be a short one as Conference will immediately settle down to business for the consideration of the presidential and financial reports. It is anticipated that Conference will be addressed by representatives of the following: Dorshei Zion Association, South African Zionist Federation, Cape Town Hebrew Congregation. Mr. A. Abrahamson and Mr. E. Kluk, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, will also speak. The Lichtenstein Cup, awarded to the best all-round society for the past year, will be presented to the Boys' Own Zionist Society, Cape Town. The following is the agenda:

1. Roll Call.
2. Report of Conference Committee.
3. Presidential Report.
4. Financial Report.
5. South African Menorah Report.
6. Address by Mr. E. Kluk on his experiences in Palestine. (This will take place immediately after lunch).
7. South African Zionist Youth Council Report.
8. Election of the Executive for the ensuing year.

On Sunday night the Executive will be "At Home" at 8.30 p.m.

Maimonides Celebration Committee.

The following arrangements have been made:—

- Hebrew Teachers' Association, Talmud Torah Hall, April 7th, at 4 p.m., Mr. Alexander Levin.
- Public lecture, Rabbi Mirvish, Minor Zionist Hall, April 9th, at 8.15 p.m., "Rambam's Mishne Torah."
- Zionist Socialist Party, 5 Wandel Street, Cape Town, April 11th (Dr. C. Resnekov), "Maimonides and His Time."
- Special Articles on Maimonides in "Jewish Chronicle," April 12th.
- Special Articles on Maimonides in "Menorah," April 14th.
- C.T. Herzlia, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz, Zionist Hall, April 14th, at 8.15 p.m., "Rambam."
- Conversazione, Dr. C. Resnekov, Zionist Hall, April 16th, "In the Times of Rambam."

During Passover, April 18th to 25th, sermons and lectures at Synagogues in Cape Town and Western Province; the following are to be noted specially:—

- Gardens Synagogue, Sermon, Rev. A. P. Bender.
- Roeland Street Synagogue, sermon under the auspices of Mizrahi.
- Constitution Street Synagogue, sermon under the auspices of Mizrahi.
- Observatory and Mowbray Hebrew Congregation, sermon by Minister.

Paarl Synagogue, sermon, Rev. Strelitz, under auspices of Hebrew Congregation and Zionist Society.

Worcester Hebrew Congregation, sermon and lecture, under auspices of Hebrew Congregation and Zionist Societies.

Ceres Zionist Society, Synagogue Hall, April 21st, Cape Town lecturer.

Lecture for school children and juniors, under auspices of Rambam Celebration Committee and Cape Board of Jewish Education, Zionist Hall, April 28th, at 4 p.m. Lecturers, Dr. Mibashan and Mr. A. Levin.

Public Lecture, Mr. B. L. Rubik, Major Zionist Hall, April 28th, at 8.15 p.m., "The Rambam."

Further arrangements will be announced from time to time.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A meeting in honour of the eightieth anniversary of Rambam will be held on Sunday, 7th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall at 4 p.m.

Mr. A. Levin will lecture on Rambam and his teachings. All welcome.

Woodstock-Salt River Junior Zionist Society.

The general election which was to have taken place on Tuesday, 2nd April, was postponed owing to the sudden illness of the Chairman, Mr. Duncan Lazarow.

The members present expressed their sincere regret at the unfortunate indisposition of one of the most untiring workers for Zionism, and their earnest desire for his speedy recovery.

Bnoth Zion Association (Tamboers Kloof Branch).

A very enjoyable and interesting afternoon was spent by the many women (there were close on forty present) who attended the "At Home" held at the residence of Mrs. J. Benson, Albert Road, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. S. N. Kantey, the Chairlady, welcomed the members and thanked Mrs. Benson for acting as hostess. After the minutes had been read by Miss C. Salber, Mrs. C. Maisel spoke about the significance of the Jewish National Fund and stressed the importance of J.N.F. boxes. Miss M. Berk and Miss H. Zabow then gave a very appropriate sketch showing the incorrect and correct way of placing J.N.F. boxes, which proved amusing as well as instructive.

After tea Mrs. R. Friedlander read a paper on Trumpeldor, giving his whole life story. Mrs. Mibashan then gave a truly inspiring address which she entitled "We Jews." In a review of our ancestry (which can be traced as far back as Abraham) and past history, she showed that "We Jews" can hold our heads up among the nations. Never in possession of great physical strength, always oppressed though never oppressors our contributions to the world has equalled if not surpassed that of other nations. She concluded her address with a plea for the study of Hebrew and our own history.

Mrs. Smollan then moved a vote of thanks to all the speakers and the artistes.

Union of Jewish Women.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th inst., at 3.15 p.m. at the Zionist Hall.

Dr. I. Schapera will deliver an address on "Racial Differences and Political Discrimination." The Mayoress (Mrs. L. Gradner) will talk on "My Work and Experience Amongst Girls Who have Gone Astray."

Woodstock Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association.

The monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th April, at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Furman, 236, Victoria Road, Woodstock.

Mrs. P. Clouts will lecture on "A Plea for Optimism." Musical items will be rendered.

Girl Guides and Brownies.

Miss Selda Friedlander has succeeded Miss F. Charnass as District Captain of the Cape Town Girl Guides.

The 3rd Cape Town Jewish Brownie Pack have for the second time in succession won the Royal Life Saving Society's Cup.

Guides of the 3rd Cape Town Company came first in the District and second in the Division.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Matron of the Cape Jewish Aged Home, Mrs. S. Franks, was "At Home" at the Institution on Wednesday afternoon, when she was the recipient of the hearty congratulation of a host of friends on the occasion of her birthday. To celebrate the event Mrs. Franks dispensed tea to the inmates and on their behalf she was presented with a cut-glass flower bowl as a mark of their affection. Musical items were given by Mr. A. Roberts and Mr. T. Astell. Among the visitors were Mr. M. Rosen, Mrs. E. Lewis and Mrs. A. Stodel.

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