

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### *Zionist Conversazione.*

The next fortnightly conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 25th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Dr. A. Birnbaum will lecture on "Culture—Conflicts in Judaism through its History."

### *Cape Jewish Orphanage.*

Each year all the youngsters are invited to an all-day picnic by the Stellenbosch Young Israel Society when the whole community turns out to give the children a happy time. The last of these annual outings was held at Mr. Sack's farm near Stellenbosch early in April.

On Sunday last, for the first time, the people of Stellenbosch paid a return visit, in order to inspect for themselves the various departments and the numerous Home amenities. Indeed it is the first time in Orphanage history that a visit in mass such as this has ever been paid, and the Committee of the Orphanage, recognising this as an unique occasion, turned out in full force.

The party, which included young and old, ladies and gentlemen, was headed by the Orphanage representatives Messrs. H. Gelb and P. Marcus, the old Orphanage stalwarts who helped so materially in 1921 to gather funds for the Ukraine children.

On their arrival at 3.30 p.m. they were received by the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner), Advocate M. Alexander, Mr. J. M. Weinreich, the President, and the full committee. A guard of honour composed of the Orphanage Scouts, Cubs and Guides troops, in charge of Scoutmaster Isaac Rosier, lined the entrance to the Home.

After brief introductions the visitors were conducted over the dormitories, bathrooms, class-rooms, library, gymnasium and finally to the beautiful miniature Shul where Mincha Service was ready by one of the boys.

At 4 p.m. all sat down in the dining hall to afternoon tea, and the chair was taken by the Mayor.

Speeches of cordial welcome were made by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Weinreich, Adv. M. Alexander, Mr. I. Ochberg and Mr. H. Stodel, on behalf of the male members of the committee, and by the Mayoress (Mrs. L. Gradner) and Mrs. H. Stodel (the Chair-lady), on behalf of the ladies. Perhaps the outstanding speech was that delivered by Mrs. Hyman Lockitch, one of the Ukraine orphans—now happily married—who traversed very feelingly and beautifully the progress made by herself and other past orphan boys and girls owing to the interest and efforts of Orphanage committees and supporters, from the time they were gathered into the Orphanage fold in 1921 by Mr. Isaac Ochberg, to whom she referred fittingly as "Daddy" Ochberg.

Cordial speeches in response were made by Mr. H. Gelb, Mr. Marcus, Rev. Mr. Goldberg, Mrs. H. Spiro and Mr. Levinsohn, President of the Young Israel Society.

Finally, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding was proposed by Mr. J. Kadish, the Orphanage Hon. Life President, and Mr. B. A. Crasnow, Vice-President.

The guests left the Home at about 5 p.m. in order to visit and inspect the Aged Home after having assured the committee of the happy experience they had had and of their earnest resolve to redouble their efforts in support of the Beth Y'thomim.

### *Cape Jewish Aged Home.*

An evening of outstanding interest was the visit of the President and members of the Stellenbosch Community to the Aged Home last Sunday.

The country visitors were welcomed by the President, Executive, Matron and members of the committee. A thorough inspection of the old and new buildings was made. The visitors were very much impressed by what they saw, and the inmates derived much pleasure from their contact with sympathetic visitors.

Mr. L. Pinn, President, formally welcomed the Stellenbosch visitors, and Mr. M. Alexander expressed the pleasure which the visit had given to the administrators of the Institution. The visitors would, he said, have seen for themselves how the old men and women were treated in the Institution. He hoped they would go back with the best impressions of the Home and its aged inmates.

The Mayor of Cape Town (Mr. L. Gradner) added his meed of appreciation to the Stellenbosch visitors, and as a member of the Committee of Management, he said how glad he was to see the interest shown by co-religionists outside the city in one of their most important communal Institutions.

It was a home where the true religious traditions were observed and carried out, and the inmates were cared for in a manner that made the remaining years of their lives, periods of great happiness and contentment.

Mr. H. Rosen, past President of the Home, added his words of pleasure at seeing such a representative contingent, and hoped that they would continue to show the interest in the Home, which he knew they had, and which had been confirmed by their visit that day.

One of the inmates thanked the committee and supporters of the Institution and the Stellenbosch visitors for all that had been done for the inmates. It was, he said, a real home for the old people and their comfort and contentment was due to the beneficence of the community, the sympathetic interest of the committee, and the care and affection of the matron.

Mr. A. Gelb, President of the Stellenbosch Hebrew Congregation, expressed the pleasure of his colleagues at all they saw in the Home. They were deeply impressed at the manner in which the Home was conducted and the contentment of the inmates. He

again assured the committee that they would go back with the happiest recollections of a most interesting experience, and one which had left on them an indelible impression of what the Jewish community of the Cape was doing for those who had reached old age.

He wished the committee and all the workers of the Home their best wishes, and prayed that the Almighty would bless them in their work.

### *Oneg Shabbos.*

Oneg Shabbos will take place at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 22nd inst., beginning with Mincha Service at 4.30 p.m.

Rabbi B. Lipshitz, of Parow, will lecture on "The Shomronim."

### *Bnoth Zion Association.*

An "At Home" was held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. S. Gesundheit was in the chair.

Mrs. M. Smollan reported on the proceedings at the Board of Deputies Congress.

Mrs. P. M. Clouts gave her impressions of the Zionist Conference, and said she was particularly struck by the atmosphere of exuberant optimism which prevailed throughout.

Mrs. S. Machanick gave a brilliant address on "Women in Politics." She traced the history of the position of woman in the world of affairs from the earliest times until the present day.

To-day, she said, although woman had been granted political rights in most of the countries of the world, the struggle for full equality with man was only beginning. A Women's Independent Party was essential and their national consciousness must be developed. Young girls should be educated for political life. If woman wanted a brave new world she must go and make it.

Mesdames Schrire, Clouts and Lieberman took part in the discussion.

Mrs. Friedlander proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

### *Claremont Young Judeans.*

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, June 16th.

Mr. M. Meyerowitz, the Chairman, presided over a fairly large gathering.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read by the Secretary, Mr. W. Sebba.

Miss F. Moscovitz delivered the news service, the Chairman elaborating on the late Shamyra Levin.

Mr. Sebba then gave a lecture on "The Chalutzim." He gave the meaning of the word "Chalutz" and described the history and life of the Chalutzim. He concluded by dealing with the question of how to become a Chalutz.

Discussion then ensued, the question of religion in the life of the Chalutzim being brought up. Those that took part were Messrs. M. Meyerowitz, Sol and Sam Kriger and W. Sebba.

After an interval during which songs were sung, Mr. Sam Kriger delivered a very interesting talk on "Pre-Herzlian Zionism." He traced our history from the destruction of the Second Temple till to-day and stated that if Herzl had lived today he would have done great things.

The meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

**Jewish Sick Relief Society.**

The Secretary of the Jewish Sick Relief Society acknowledges the receipt of the sum of £10 from the estate of the late Mr. Joseph Jaffe.

**Muizenberg Young Israel Society.**

An "At Home" in celebration of the tenth anniversary will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, on Saturday, 22nd June, at 8.15 p.m.

An interesting programme has been arranged.

A full-day programme of events has been arranged for Sunday, 23rd, including a Muizenberg vs. The Rest Rugby match, a Towns vs. Country debate, and a flannel dance.

**Claremont Junior Zionist Society.**

An inter-function between Cape Town Young Judeans and Claremont Junior Zionist Society took place at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on June 9th. Mr. R. Meyerowitz delivered the news service for the current week, and Mr. S. Krige gave a lecture on Shevuoth, and some of the achievements of the J.N.F. Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson, of Claremont, gave some impressions of the recent Zionist Conference at Bloemfontein which he attended as a representative of the Mizrahi.

This was followed by a debate, the motion being that "The Dispersion has Benefitted Jewry." Mr. B. Aronson and Miss L. Charloff, of Cape Town Young Judeans, proposed and seconded the motion; Mr. H. Chorn and Miss L. Atkins, of Claremont Junior Zionists Society, opposed.

This debate took the form of an oratorical contest, in which not only the speakers, but those in the general body participating in the debate, were judged. The motion was carried by a large majority. Miss L. Charloff was adjudged the winner. The judges were Mr. G. Gitlin, of Cape Town Young Judeans, and Mr. S. Krige and Mr. A. Newstead, of Claremont.

Mr. Gitlin gave a very illuminating summing up, showing where the faults of the speakers lay, and what a speaker in an oratorical contest should observe. Mr. A. Newstead proposed a vote of thanks to the Cape Town Young Judeans, to which Mr. G. Gitlin responded.

Mr. M. Meyerowitz, the Chairman of the Claremont Junior Zionist Society, in concluding the meeting, thanked Rev. Abrahamson for so kindly addressing the Society.

The function concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

**Bnoth Zion Association (Muizenberg Branch).**

There was a large gathering at the monthly meeting held at the Grand Hotel on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Movsovic was in the chair. She expressed deep sympathy with the great loss we have sustained by the death of Dr. Shmarya Levin and asked the audience to rise as a mark of respect.

She then welcomed Mrs. J. Herbstein, who has just returned from a trip to Palestine where she acted as a delegate to the Wizo Conference; also to Mrs. Smollan, who attended the recent Conference held at Bloemfontein.

Mrs. Smollan then presented a well-prepared report, giving an interesting account of the proceedings. She made special mention of the enthusiasm shown when the Conference undertook to see that South African Jewry redeem land to the value of £40,000

in the Upper Huleh Region. She also reported on the Women's Conference and mentioned the work the women had done in connection with cultural and organisational work. Also the Jewish National Fund boxes.

Mrs. Herbstein gave a most interesting account of her visit to Palestine. She vividly described the three chief towns—Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel-Aviv—and showed how interesting each was in its way.

She described the Maccabiade and the impression made by the march of the competitors headed by Lord Melchett. The Wizo Conference, she said, was represented by 325 delegates from all countries, the outstanding feature being the number of speeches delivered in Hebrew.

During the afternoon songs were sung by Mrs. Taubis accompanied by Mrs. Winer and tea served.

A vote of thanks by Mrs. J. Weinreich concluded a very enjoyable afternoon.

**Hebrew Teachers' Association.**

On Sunday, 16th June, at a meeting held at the Talmud Torah, Cape Town, Mr. J. Abitz lectured on "Jewish Education in Eretz Israel and in the Diaspora."

Mr. A. Levin was in the chair and opened the meeting by expressing the grief of the gathering at the irreparable loss sustained by Jewry in the death of Dr. Shmarya Levin. The speaker stressed Dr. Levin's magnetic personality and his incalculable influence over Jewry as a whole.

Mr. J. Abitz, who recently returned from Eretz Israel, having visited Poland en route, after giving a short survey of conditions in Jewish education in the latter country which were none too inspiring, went on to explain the methods in Eretz Israel. One kindergarten in particular left nothing to be desired, having attached to it a garden, a nursery, a fowl run, etc.

Education of a practical nature was given in the schools for workers' children, the Mizrahi schools stressed the religious aspect of Judaism, and schools on ordinary academic lines were maintained by the Jewish Agency.

After the lecture there was a short discussion in which Messrs. A. Levin and Achron took part.

Mr. D. Rosen proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Abitz for his very interesting lecture.

**Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild.**

A Book Tea and Variety Evening was held on Tuesday evening, the 11th June, at the residence of Mrs. Wolff.

Mr. J. Hanson was in the chair. A prize, awarded to the one who guessed the most number of books represented by the members, was won by Mr. Neville Romaine.

Miss R. Schoschon amused the members with impersonations, while Mr. D. Jacobs contributed a jazz item. Each of the other members was also made to contribute to the musical programme.

**Meeting to Organise Campaign for Polish Jewry.**

In response to urgent cables and other correspondence appealing for help for Polish Jewry, the Mayor (Councillor L. Gradner), President of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, has called a meeting of delegates of Congregations and institutions, to be held in the Old Synagogue on Sunday, 23rd inst., at 10.30 a.m., with a view to organising a campaign to collect funds to assist them.

**Meeting at Woodstock.**

A combined meeting of the Woodstock-Salt River Branch of the Bnoth Zion and of the Cultural Society was held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the residence of Mrs. B. Bloch, Walmer Road, Woodstock.

Mr. A. Rubin was in the chair and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. S. Marks on their return from a visit to Palestine. Mrs. B. Bloch extended a welcome to Mrs. Marks on behalf of the Woodstock Branch and Mrs. Movsovic on behalf of the Central Committee of the Bnoth Zion.

Mrs. Marks thanked those who had spoken for their warm welcome and described interesting incidents of her visit. In reporting on the Wizo Conference she read the reports of Mrs. Rebecca Sief and Mrs. Weizmann, and showed the great importance of the work done by the Wizo.

Mrs. Weizmann's slogan "Less politics and more cabbages" was the keynote of the Conference.

The question of funds was very acute, and would have to be met.

Mrs. A. Lieberman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Marks on behalf of the Central Committee and Mrs. L. Katz on behalf of the Woodstock-Salt River Branch of the Bnoth Zion.

Mr. A. Rubin proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

Miss L. Kaplan, Mrs. Taubis and Mr. Canin contributed to the musical programme which was very much appreciated.

**Strand-Somerset West Ladies' Zionist Society.**

A successful meeting took place on Sunday evening, 16th inst., at the residence of Mrs. B. Isaacson.

Mrs. H. Jaffe, Mayoress of Somerset West, presided. She appealed to members to busy themselves with the making of children's garments for the Wizo Organisations, and distributed patterns.

Mrs. Ch. Cohen paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Shmarya Levin.

Mrs. A. Lieberman, of Cape Town Bnoth Zion Association, addressed the gathering on "Some Matters of Importance to Jewish Women."

She traced the political position of world Jewry in the Diaspora and contrasted it with the brighter situation in Eretz Israel. She then showed how the Jewish home-life had kept the Jewish people together throughout the centuries of exile.

(Continued on Page 448)

**"Calcarium"**

THE DECORATION FOR ALL HOMES,  
HOTELS, HOSPITALS, etc.

DURABLE AND ECONOMICAL.

Send for Colour Cards from Agents:

E. J. DANCER & SONS,  
1, BURG STREET, CAPE TOWN.

