

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

The Lag b'Omer concert in aid of the Mayfair Fete, organised by the Woodstock and Salt River Branch took place on Sunday evening in the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street, Woodstock.

Mrs. L. Gradner, who opened the concert, was introduced by Mrs. B. Bloch (Chairlady) and warmly welcomed by the large and appreciative audience. In a few well-chosen words, Mrs. Gradner explained the object of the concert and stressed the urgent need of funds to meet the ever-increasing demands of the Cape Jewish Orphanage and the Zionist Hall.

A full and varied programme was then rendered by the following artists who, in every instance, were called upon for encores:

Hebrew songs by three Kindergarten children (instructed by Miss Glaser); violin solo by Mr. A. Shuman, accompanied by Miss Jones; songs by Master Kassel, accompanied by Miss Kassel; humorous reading by Mr. Laden; recitations by Miss L. Kudewitzky; Miss E. Richman (songs) accompanied by Miss P. Linde; Miss Hannah Oblowitz (recitations) and concluding items by Mr. A. Shuman, accompanied by Miss P. Linde.

During the interval chocolates were sold and an etching, donated by Mr. Wainstein, raffled, the winner being Mrs. Carklin.

A vote of thanks to the artists was then proposed by the Chairlady (Mrs. B. Bloch) and seconded by Mrs. S. Marks.

The Oranjezicht Branch will hold an "At Home" on Monday, May 18th, at 3.15 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Fig. "Mizpah," Chesterfield Road.

Mrs. M. Cohen will read an article on Professor Brodetsky.

The Green and Sea Point Branch will hold an "At Home" on Tuesday, May 19th, at 3.15 p.m., at Alphen House, Sea Point.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., will deliver an address and a presentation will be made to Mrs. S. Gordon by the Kindergarten Committee.

The Maitland Branch held three successful card evenings during last week-end at the residences of members in aid of the May Fair funds; on the 9th at Mrs. M. Kramer's, Camp Road, on the 10th at Mrs. D. Samson's, Coronation Road, and on the 10th at the residence of Mrs. G. Joffe, Langham Road, organised by Mrs. G. Joffe and Mrs. H. Kramer.

The Maitland Branch will hold a social on Monday, 18th inst., at 8 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Stoltzman, St. Anne's Road, Maitland.

Mrs. Max Cohen will deliver an address.

The Gardens Branch will hold an "At Home" at the residence of Mrs. P. Friedman, "Pearl View," Virginia Avenue, on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Mr. B. L. Rubik, LL.B., will deliver an address.

The next meeting of the Muizenberg Branch will take place at the Atlantic Hotel on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

Adv. G. Gordon will speak on "Pre-Herzlian Zionism," and the musical programme will include songs by Mrs. B. Nell (Sylvia Kirsch).

Oneg Shabbos.

At the Oneg Shabbos held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, Rev. N. Cohen read a short summary of Jewish history till the time of Judea under Persian rule.

Mr. A. Levin, Principal of the United Hebrew Schools, delivered a lecture on "Lag B'Omer." The lecturer showed that the significance of Lag B'Omer was very vague. Unlike other important days in the Jewish calendar, whose very names implied their significance, the term Lag B'Omer signified nothing but a date. The usual reason given for observing the day, the cessation of the plague's ravages among Rabbi Akiva's pupils, seemed quite inadequate.

The lecturer then very ably gave a survey of the history of Bar Cochba's rebellion and Rabbi Akiva's share in it in the time of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, the martyrdom of Rabbi Akiva and his fellow-martyrs, the personality of Bar Cochba and his almost complete success in freeing Judea from the Roman yoke, which success was only frustrated by the foremost Roman general of the time, Julius Severus, after a long and severe fight, and then only by treachery of some Jewish Christians who halted between two opinions to side with the conqueror on whichever side.

Lag B'Omer is an intellectual monument erected by the Jewish people eighteen hundred years ago, as a reminder of heroes who worked and endeavoured, but whose endeavours did not meet with success.

Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

The monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th May, 1936, at 8.15 p.m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Traub, 56, Walmer Road, Woodstock.

Mr. B. Padowitch will lecture on "The Jewish World Congress."

Members and friends are kindly invited to attend.

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Social and Personal.

Mrs. Katie Gluckmann, a member of the Zionist Federation, Johannesburg, returned yesterday in the "Duilio" from a visit to Palestine.

The engagement is announced of Bettie, daughter of Mrs. Ch. Abelsohn and the late Mr. Ch. Abelson, of 95, New Church Street, Tamboers Kloof, Cape Town, and Maurice Peires, of 68, Upper Mill Street, Cape Town, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Peires.

Rabbi and Mrs. A. R. Abrahamson, of Claremont, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. J. O. Markovitz, accompanied by her son Mark, left on Wednesday in the "Dunbar Castle" on a trip to England and Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Philips are leaving to-day in the "Stirling Castle" on a trip to England and the Continent.

Miss Gertrude Gerber, Almoner at the Somerset Hospital, has been awarded a grant by the Carnegie Corporation Visitor's Grant Committee. The grants are made to enable Union residents to go to the United States to study problems connected with their own sphere of activity.

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Concert in Aid of May Fair.

The concert in aid of the Miscellaneous Stall of the May Fair to be held at the Zionist Hall, on Sunday, May 17th, at 8.15 p.m., promises to be a great success. The programme will be an outstanding one and includes many well-known artists. By special request, Master Alfred Shulman, of Stellenbosch, will sing. A Jewish comedy, "The Case of Pappa Noodnick," written and produced by Mr. I. M. Grusd, B.A., LL.B., will be staged. The concert is being arranged by Mrs. R. Leibowitz.

A Farewell Evening.

A pleasant evening took place on Sunday at "Nooty," Highwick Avenue, Kenilworth, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kaplan, who gave a farewell party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Freedman and Mr. Victor Rifkin, who are leaving to-day by the "Stirling Castle" for a holiday trip to Europe.

Messrs. Freedman and Rifkin have been prominent members of the local community for many years and the several speakers of the evening voiced the esteem in which they are held and paid a tribute to their good services in all matters of communal interest. Songs were rendered by Cantor M. Katzin.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

The Twelfth Annual Conference will be held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 23rd to 25th.

Delegates are asked to attend a Conference Synagogue Service in the Gardens Synagogue at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd May.

There will be an Oneg Shabbat at 5 p.m. Mr. A. Abrahamson, Organising-Secretary of the Youth Council will speak.

The formal opening will be performed by the Rev. A. P. Bender at 8 p.m. sharp on Saturday evening.

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THE MAY FAIR.

A GRAND FETE

In aid of the Cape Jewish Orphanage Silver Jubilee Extension Fund and the Zionist Hall.

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The Guild held a "Broadcasting" evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kossick on Thursday, April 30th.

The part of the Announcer was taken by Mr. J. Hanson, while special and familiar talks were brought to the "Microphone" by Miss R. Schoschon, Miss R. Wolff, Miss E. Kossick, Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. A. Hanson. Popular music was supplied by the gramophone, and an original play, written by the Committee, was also produced by them with sound effects. Other items of interest were a news service, humorous "smalls" and a duologue.

An interesting evening was spent; but the turnout of the members was disappointing.

A Barmitzvah Celebration.

A very large gathering attended a reception at the Rondebosch Town Hall on Sunday last to celebrate the Barmitzvah of Meyer, son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. Isaacson.

Mr. P. Halperin was in the chair and he called on Rabbi Mirvish to propose the toast of the Barmitzvah.

Adv. A. J. Davidson, who spoke as the representative of the Observatory and Mowbray Hebrew Congregation, paid a tribute in eulogistic terms to the congregation and its minister.

An eloquent speech was delivered by Dr. C. Resnekov, who referred to the Simcha which concided with the historical event, Lag B'Omer. He hoped that the Jewish people would impart to their children the ideals of Judaism so that they might be a credit to the race.

Vocal items were ably rendered by Boris Rome and Cantors Zive and Handelson, and a recitation was given by Mr. Natas.

Rev. B. Isaacson thanked all those present for their good wishes to him and his family and very much appreciated their presence.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

The consecration of Bed Endowments for the past year by the Rev. A. P. Bender will take place at the Home on Sunday, 17th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

This will be followed by a party for four of the boys who will read a portion of the Law on Saturday, 16th inst., in the Gardens Synagogue, Roeland Street Synagogue, Beth Hamedrash Hechodosh and Orphanage Synagogue, respectively.

The names of the Barmitzvah boys are: Harry Falkov, George Gottlieb, Barney Kaplan, Ernest Hazeldene.

Bellville, Parow, Durbanville Ladies' Zionist Society.

The first sewing meeting of the season will take place on May 18th at the residence of Mrs. B. Sacks, Bellville.

Oneg Shabbos at Claremont.

A well-attended Oneg Shabbos was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Saturday afternoon, the 9th instant. Mr. M. Wilk presided.

Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson delivered an interesting lecture on the "Nation and the Leader." He stressed the fact that throughout history where the spiritual and national leaders worked in harmony the nation progressed and prospered, but where there was disharmony, defeat and chaos invariably followed. He emphasised that had the great national hero Bar Cochba been in closer contact with the spiritual leaders of the time, the nation would have succeeded far more in gaining their freedom.

Rabbi Abrahamson remarked that whatever chapter of our glorious history be

taken we observe that where there was close contact between the national and religious leaders, the nation was successful because the masses had a great trust in the spiritual leader whether prophet or rabbi. The existence of every Jewish community was for the object of fostering religious and national consciousness and although Zionism had done a great deal to revive the national spirit, it is not enough. "It is the duty of every leader of a congregation," he declared, "to work in close harmony with the rabbi so that the youth may be imbued with both religious and national consciousness."

It must be realised that as many people as enter and settle in Palestine the majority will still remain in the Diaspora and as our existence during the last two thousand years depended on our religion it is essential that the religious spirit be revived amongst the youth.

In conclusion, Rabbi Abrahamson emphasised that in modern times the great success in Palestine was due to the close contact between the national and spiritual leaders, because the people realise that our nation can only be successfully built on a religious national basis.

A lively discussion in which Messrs. H. Kaplan, Sebba, Kriger and M. Wilk took part followed, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Rabbi Abrahamson by the Chairman, Mr. Wilk.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

On Friday night both sections of the Study Circle met at different houses. At the first with Mr. E. Levinsohn in the chair, the gathering continued with the fourth item of the syllabus, set out by the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, Mr. L. Seftel giving a comprehensive paper on Herman Shapiro and the foundation of the J.N.F. At the second, with Mr. S. Levin in the chair, topical news was discussed, a paper on Lag B'Omer rendered, and a brief but comprehensive study of Theodore Herzl given. At the latter gathering Mrs. Maissel of Cape Town, was present, and enlightened the meeting on a few points such as Lag b'Omer as celebrated in Eretz Israel and the visit of Professor Brodetsky and Mrs. Sieff.

On Sunday night a novel "Lag b'Omer" meeting took place in the grounds of the Muizenberg Boating Pavilion, by torchlight. It was rather appropriate that this meeting should be held in the open, for the surrounding greenery and the lake ahead formed picturesque surroundings for the celebration of Lag B'Omer. The Chairman, Mr. M. Sacks, in welcoming the members, dealt briefly with Lag b'Omer. A discussion on topical news, and a paper on Lag b'Omer, preceded a very interesting address by Mr. Joe Bloom, B.A. Mr. Bloom gave a vivid portrayal of the "Jewish riddle," emphasising the fact that there were two types of Jew, the loyalist and the assimilationist. Later Hebrew songs were sung with much gusto and a pleasant celebration of the Lag b'Omer festival terminated with the strains of Hatikvah echoing through the bush and over the blue lake.

Dance in Aid of May Fair.

A dance in aid of the Baby Stall of the May Fair will be given by the Jewish Girls' Association at the Zionist (Minor) Hall on Saturday, 16th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Tickets: Members, 1s. 6d.; Gentlemen, 2s. 6d.

Brith Trumpeldor.

Ken Betar will hold its first general meeting in the Zionist Minor Hall on Sunday, 17th inst., at 8.15 p.m. All members and

others who are interested are requested to attend as business of great importance will come up for discussion.

The Mifkadah would like to notify all sympathisers that all the meetings of the Betar will henceforth be held in the Zionist Hall. The public is cordially invited to visit the meetings and to see the work of the various sections of the Betar. On Wednesdays League ping-pong matches are played to which all are welcome. Notices of future functions will appear in the press.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

A meeting will be held on Sunday, 17th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall at 4 p.m.

Mr. H. Lederman will deliver his second lecture on "Education—in the Light of Modern Psychology."

Teachers and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Zionist Socialist Party.

A "Chaverim" evening will take place in the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 21st May, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. B. Padowitch will initiate a discussion on "The Jewish World Congress."

Members and sympathisers are cordially invited to be present.

Claremont-Wynberg Junior Zionist Society.

The first meeting was held in Cogill's Hotel, Wynberg, on Sunday, 10th inst. There was an excellent turnout of members and

Mr. M. Meyerowitz, Chairman of the Society, presided. After the news-service was delivered by Mr. L. Mendelsohn, the Chairman asked the audience to rise as a mark of respect to those who were so unfortunately lost in the recent Palestine clashes.

Mrs. M. Alexander then delivered an exceedingly illuminating and clear exposition of the position of Australian Jewry, the description being punctuated by brief, but interesting, biographies of Australia's leading Jews, with so many of whom the lecturer had personally come into contact. The keen interest of the audience was well demonstrated when, in the time allowed for discussion, very many questions were asked Mrs. Alexander, who very capably replied.

Adv. M. Alexander then delivered a very inspiring address. He traced the position of Jewry in the major countries of the world and showed how Palestine was the ray of hope in Jewish life. A special appeal was made to the youth to shoulder the burden, to gain knowledge of their race, its language, customs and traditions, and to be useful Jewish citizens to South Africa and K'lal Israel.

Mr. A. J. Silber proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturers which the Chairman endorsed, and a very pleasant evening was closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.

A "Siyum Hatorah" will take place at the Sea Point Synagogue on Sunday, 17th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

The Sefer Torah was presented to the Congregation by the family of the late Mr. O. Feinstein.

The Literary Circle.

Mr. M. Kaplinsky will lecture on Wednesday next, the 20th inst., at the Zionist Hall, at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "Zangwill—the Dreamer of the Ghetto."

Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.