# IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

J.N.F. "At Home."

The Chairman and Executive of the Jewish National Fund were "At Home" to J.N.F. workers at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Mr. J. Gitlin was in the chair and said that he was pleased to see so many young people present. The Council had thought it advisable to bring together the workers for the J.N.F. for social intercouse and he hoped the evening would be the forerunner of many such functions.

Adv. H. M. Bloch gave a very striking and original address on the J.N.F., which, he said, was essentially a democratic fund. It was the basis of national work and it was a wise thought on the part of the leaders to establish it in such a way that all could afford to contribute to it. The J.N.F. aimed at establishing something permanent in Palestine for the small man who without it would have no hope of settling on the land. This small fund, unassuming but ever-present had a tremendous psychological appeal to the Jewish people. In it was reflected the personality of the nation.

In communal work the J.N.F. had always taken too lowly a place; it should be made still more a part of the psychology of the Jewish people than it was to-day and it was the duty of the workers to emphasize the psychological importance of the fund. The financial aspect was important, but more important still was the number of Jews to whom the fund appealed.

In the difficult times through which we are passing, said Mr. Bloch, one thing stood out above all else—that the possession of the soil was most important to-day. Through the acquisition of land we could settle more and more Jews on the soil, and these Jews would be able to protect our rights and interests in the future. The J.N.F. was our stand-by in all our difficulties.

Dr. H. W Altschul thanked Mr. Bloch for his address. The youth, he said, were doing very good work for the J.N.F., and the object of the evening was to bring them together so as to make them feel the dramatic aspect of the work and to imbue them with greater enthusiasm for it.

Miss Rabinowitz, Miss H. Oblowitz and Miss L. Blumenthal contributed to the musical programme.

#### Bnoth Zion Association.

The Gardens Branch will hold an "At Home" on Monday, August 10th, at 8.15 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. Levy, "Kingston," Vredehoek Avenue.

Mr. Z. Avin will speak on "The Present Position in Palestine." All welcome.

#### Correction.

The May Fair Executive report that two slight errors have been made in the results recorded for the May Fair Fete. The amount for the Cigarette Stall should have

been £72 6s. instead of £63 10s. 7d. It should be noted also that the Union of Jewish Women was entirely responsible for this stall.

The result of the Produce Stall, which was recorded as £54 5s. 5d. should have been £58 8s. 11d.

#### S.A. Hebrew Dividing Benefit Society.

The thirty-third Annual Installation of Officers and Dance of the South African Hebrew Dividing Benefit Society took place at the Zionist Hall last Saturday evening. The function was opened by the Chairman, Mr P. Gordon, who proposed the toast of "The King." The toast of "The Society" was ably proposed by Mr. E. A. Anthony, ex-Registrar of Friendly Societies. Mr. L. Gradner, in replying to this toast, spoke of the development of the society and stressed the social importance of belonging to a group that could bring benefit to others.

The installation of officer-bearers was conducted by the retiring President, Mr. P. Gordon, the following brethren having been appointed: Chairman, Mr. J. Benson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Gradner; Treasurer, Mr. P. Gordon, and Secretary, Mr. Chas. Maissel. An illuminated address was presented to Mr. P. Gordon by Mr. L. Gradner, Trustee of the Society, as a token of the members' appreciation of the work done by their past president.

The toast of "The Delegates' was proposed by Mr. M. Kapelus, to which Mr. Sandler replied on behalf of the H.Q.D., and Mr. Levy replied on behalf of the Sons of Israel.

Dancing was enjoyed till midnight to the music of Alex Shuman and His Orcestra. Novelty dances and solo items by Miss Danker and Master Danker added to the evening's entertainment.

# Cape Hebrew Helping Hand Associa-

tion.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 9th August, at 10.30 a.m.

#### South Peninsula Zionist Society.

A reception to welcome Messrs. N. Wolman, M. Shagam and K. Jacobsen, who recently returned from an extended visit to Eretz Israel, took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Satusky, of Clevedon Road, Muizenberg, on Thursday evening, 30th ult.

Mr. Davidowitz, who was in the chair, extended a very hearty welcome to the guests of the evening who he said were devoted Zionists of long standing and prominent members of the Muizenberg Jewish community.

Mr. M. Aronson then extended a hearty welcome to the guests on behalf of the (Continued in Third Column).

### Social and Personal.

Mr. B. Weinronk is leaving Port Elizabeth in the "Giulio Cesare" on August 18th for Palestine with a view to settling there, having spent fourteen months in the country previously. Mr. Weinronk will be "At Home" on Sunday, 16th August, at 105, Cape Road, Port Elizabeth. Friends, acquaintances and those interested in Palestine are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Spektor, of Muizenberg, are being congratulated on the celebration of their silver wedding.

Rabbi Moses Romm, of Bloemfontein, is returning to-morrow in the "Giulio Cesare" from a three months' visit to Palestine. Rabbi Romm will be accompanied by his son Ittamar, who graduated as a Rabbi in Palestine at the age of sixteen

The engagement is announced of Freda, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. I. H. Gross, of Paarl, to Barnett, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. I. Samakosky, of Cape Town.

Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., and Mrs. Alexander left yesterday for the Transvaal and will be away for about six weeks.

Mrs. Sam Goldstein returned on Wednesday from a month's visit to Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Dorothy (Dolly) Weinreich, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. Weinreich, of "The Moorings," 57, Belmont Avenue, Oranjezicht, and the late Mr. A. E. Weinreich, of Kimberley, to Harry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Goodman, of Harrowgate Mansions, Arthurs Road, Sea Point.

Mr. A. M. Himelsztejn, of Warsaw, the newly-appointed Choirmaster of the New Hebrew Congregation, Roeland St., arrived last Monday in the "Arundel Castle" and has taken up his duties.

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Muizenberg Jewish Community and said that they were all very pleased to have the three gentlemen back and amongst them once more.

Mr. N. Wolman and Mr. M. Shagam have an important link with Eretz Israel owing to the fact that their sons have settled there and are Chalutzim in the full sense of the word.

Mr. N. Wolman then gave an eloquent address on his impressions of Eretz Israel which was followed with great interest. Mr. M. Shagam also suitably replied.

Messrs. Rubik and Helfand also extended a welcome to the guests.

During the evening Palestinian songs were rendered by Rev. Frank and Mr. J. Lehrman.

The evening terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Satusky, the host and hostess.

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#### Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society.

A Donation Dance will be held on the 9th August, in the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont. Schuman's Orchestra will be in attnedance. Free refreshments will be served.

#### Zionist Conversazione.

The next fortnightly Zionist Conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 11th August, at 8.15 p.m.

Adv. M. S. Comay will speak on "Are we a Clever People?"

#### Sons of Israel Dividing Benefit Society.

The twenty-third annual function and dance will be held in the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 15th August, 1936, from 7.30 to midnight. Tickets obtainable at the door. Double, 10s. 6d.; single 6s.

#### Histadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Circle).

The Committee have worked out a very interesting programme for the next few months and request their members to keep the following dates open so that they may be able to attend:—

17th August.—Debate on "Which Wields the Strongest Influence, Palestine or the Diaspora?" Speakers: Messrs. Avin and Natas.

7th September.—Living Newspaper.

4th October.—Succoth Evening.

26th October.—Lecture.

11th November.—A Literary Trial on Menochem Mendel in Eretz Israel by I. D. Berkovitz."

7th December.—A Sium,

#### Parow Kindergarten.

Mrs. Lipshitz, who recently opened a Hebrew Kindergarten in Parow, held an enjoyable little concert in the Parow Communal Hall on Sunday morning. She and her pupils are to be congratulated on its success. The mothers of the children presented Mrs. Lipshitz with a basket of flowers.

#### Cape Jewish Board of Guardians.

With the approach of the High Festivals, the Board of Guardians is receiving many applications for clothing by those in our community who are in need. An appeal is, therefore, made by the Committee of the Board of Guardians for new and used men's, women's and children's clothing and footwear for distribution among our poor.

Parcels may be sent to the Board's office, Lioyds' Buildings, 58, Burg Street, Cape Town, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

# THE NEXT FORTNIGHTLY

# Zionist Conversazione.

WILL BE HELD AT THE

ZIONIST HALL, CAPE TOWN Tuesday, 11th August, at 8.15 p.m. Lecturer: Adv. M. S. COMAY.

Subject: "ARE WE A CLEVER PEOPLE?"

ALL WELCOME.

# Cape Zionist Youth Activities.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

A very successful Town and Country Parliament was held at Worcester during the week-end, the hosts being the Worcester Junior Zionist Society and the guests, various delegates from town and country societies. The Rally was opened on Saturday evening by Mr. M. Robinowitz, Chairman of the Worcester Junior Zionist Society, who welcomed the delegates. Mr. Sennett also welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Hebrew Congregation. This was followed by speeches of welcome by Rev. E. Stein and Mr. Volks. Mr. Rabinowitz then read greetings from the Chairman and Organiser-Secretary of the South African Zionist Youth Council and Cape Habonim. Mr. S. M. Levin, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, thanked the previous speakers and discussed the question of Zionism as the philosophy of life. Miss F. Rachman and Mr. M. Meyerowitz of the Executive also spoke. There were a few sketches arranged by the Worcester Junior Zionist Society, and Mr. L. Volks showed a short film of Worcester personalities.

On Sunday, Congress sat all morning and afternoon discussing the two bills placed before it, one dealing with the Mandate as administered by the Mandatory Power, and the other dealing with the Jewish Agency. Speakers were Messrs. Charloff, Kalk, Levin, M. Meyerowitz, Cohen, Kapelus, Rabinowitz. Hanson, Sacks and Miss Salber. Mr. C. K Friedlander was President, and Mr. R. Sakmofsky, Secretary. There was an official luncheon for delegates. On Sunday evening the Worcester Junior Zionist Society was "At Home" to all delegates at a successful dance. On Monday morning a Council meeting of all country representatives was held and was presided over by Mr. S. M. Levin. The Jewish community of Worcester are to be thanked for their hospitality for accommodating the visitors and for entertaining them so ably.

Habonim.

Great excitement prevailed at Ackerman's Football Ground on Sunday, 2nd inst., when over two hundred Bonim and Bonot participated in the W. P. Hagigah. At 9.30 a.m., Mr. H. L. Stern, Bo-Koach, formally opened the Hagigah and at 10 a.m. the first athletic event commenced. From that moment until 6 p.m. Habonim of all Gedudim cheered their representatives in each event. In the morning athletic events were decided and in the afternoon, Soccer and Hockey. There was some extremely good talent among both Bonim and Bonot. On Monday morning, in the Zionist Hall, various cultural competitions were held. A packed hall listened enthusiastically to musical items, recitations and songs and watched with interest some outstanding dancing. In the afternoon, the play-acting competition, gymnastics, and choirs were held, while in the committee-room there was displayed a large number of Habonim hobbies, handiwork and spare-time activitics. The standard was extremely high and specially so in the needle-work and knitting of the Bonot. It is surprising that there were so few seniors in attendance at the Hagigah. A visit by them would have been a revelation and would have opened their eyes to the work which is being done among the Jewish children of the comunity by Habonim.

Cape Town Young Judeans.

Everybody is cordially invited to the tenth anniversary of the above society which is being celebrated at the Zionist Hall on Saturday night, the 8th August. An interesting programme has been arranged.

Cape Town Herzlia.

On Sunday night, 9th August, at the Minor Zionist Hall, at 8.15 p.m., Herzlia holds the first Youth Conversazione. Mr. Walter Bone will be the guest of the evening, and will give an address on the "Idea of Liberty in the Modern Community." Musical items will be rendered and refreshments served. All Peninsula societies are invited to attend.

Remember the Herzlia Dance at the Beach Hotel, Hout Bay, on the 10th October, 1936. The tickets (6s. 6d. double) can now be bought.

East London Young Israel Society.

The above society held a successful meeting on Sunday, 19th July, in commemoration of the deaths of Theodor Herzl and of Bialik. Mr. S. A. Ogus, the President of the Society, delivered the addresses which were forwarded by the Cape Zionist Youth Executive. The papers, especially the one entitled "Theodor Herzl and Political Zionism" were outstanding, and gave the listeners a deep insight into the character and work of the great leader.

#### PRIVATE TALKS WITH LEON BLUM.

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"That question," came back M. Blum," has often been asked. My answer is both. There is no doubt that subconsciously the accumulation of Jewish experience in my blood is a factor in driving me onward. But it is also true that this instinct finds an outlet in the conditions that are peculiar to French democracy. I might say that I am a Frenchman and a Socialist because I am a Jew. Socialism calls for the whole man, his whole life. To confess Socialism is not enough, no more than it is to confess Judaism. It must be lived, every hour of the day. It is a ceaseless struggle in which a man has not time to think much of his antecedents, whether they are Jewish or otherwise. It requires all his strength and devotion and energy. For once he has felt the urge to speed mankind on towards its destiny, towards a real, human society, to realise humanity at last, it becomes a passion with him to introduce something of truth, some goodness, some justice in the lives of his fellows."

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