

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The last meeting of the Bnoth Zion Association took the form of a morning tea at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, 18th March. There was a very good attendance. Mrs. R. Movsovic was in the chair.

Mr. M. Natas gave a very interesting analysis of what provokes Jewish humour. He treated the subject from a psychological and philosophical standpoint, illustrating his observations by reference to Hebrew and Yiddish authors and to Jewish life in all its phases.

Mrs. Ch. Cohen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker and Mrs. L. Segal seconded.

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The annual general meeting of the Muizenberg Branch was held at the Atlantic Hotel on Monday, March 22nd.

Mrs. Sloman presided over a large attendance of members and friends, and extended a warm welcome to Mesdames Movsovic and Epstein, who represented the Central Executive, Mrs. Clouts, Mrs. Shapiro, chairlady of the Observatory-Mowbray Branch, and Mrs. Bloch, chairlady of the Claremont Branch.

The Chairman's report showed that a creditable amount of work had been done during the past year, the high light of 1936/37 activities being the Holiday Fair, held on January 5th. Great credit was due to Mrs. Jocum, the convener, Mrs. Libby Cohen, the hon. organising secretary, and all the ladies, individually and collectively, who had helped to make the Fair the success it was.

Emphasis was laid on the fact that the interest of members in the welfare of their branch could only be completed by closely following the work, routine and other, of the Central Committee of the Bnoth Zion Association and by attending the annual meeting which was to be held in April, and the hope was expressed that the incoming committee would concentrate on cultural work.

The report was formally adopted on the motion of Mrs. Bailen, seconded by Mrs. Joelson. Mrs. Clouts, speaking on behalf of the Central Committee, congratulated the branch on its achievements and pointed out that more than half of the total amount of monies raised during the year by the B.Z.A. for the Jewish National Fund had come from Muizenberg. She paid a special tribute to Mrs. Sloman for her disinterested efforts on behalf of the Society and to Mrs. Jocum in connection with the clearance of the J.N.F. boxes.

The election of office-bearers and committee took place by ballot, the following being the result: Chairlady, Mrs. S. R. Sloman; Vice-chairlady, Mrs. J. Herbstein; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. B. Joelson; Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Oblovitz; Committee, Mesdames Taubes, Jocum, Schapera, Symons, Futeran, Getz, Fine, Hessen, Seftel, Natas, Rifkin and Satusky.

Mrs. Epstein (Sea Point) and Mrs. Schapiro (Rosebank) kindly acted as scrutineers.

After tea, Mrs. W. P. Steenkamp gave a most interesting address on her recent trip to Palestine. She spoke of the sufferings of the early Christian martyrs, traces of which were noticeable from the historical remains at Rome and threw illuminating sidelights on her journey to and sojourn in the Holy Land. Her speech was followed with the greatest attention by an enthralled audience.

Mrs. J. Weinreich moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Steenkamp and hoped to see the latter in such public position where she could make her liberal opinions felt.

Mrs. Sloman thanked Mrs. Leeb for her hospitality and explained that a certificate of trees, secured in Mrs. Leeb's name and intended for presentation at that meeting had not arrived in time.

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The annual general meeting of the Kenilworth-Wynberg Branch was held on Monday, March 22nd, at the residence of Mrs. Frenkel, Main Avenue, Kenilworth. There was a very poor attendance of members.

The meeting was opened by the chairlady, Mrs. M. D. Immerman, who welcomed all present, particularly Miss M. Oblovitz and Mrs. L. Segal, who represented the central Executive.

Mrs. Immerman then read a report of the year's activities, and also a financial report drawn up by the Treasurer, Mrs. M. Ackerman. Nominations were called for the Executive and Committee for the coming year, and the following were elected: Mrs. H. G. Wise, Chairlady; Mrs. J. Gottlieb, Vice-chairlady; Mrs. M. D. Immerman, Secretary; Mrs. M. Ackerman, Treasurer. Committee: Mesdames Matz, Berelowitz, Atlas, Hecker, Hammerschlag, Gordon, Kaplan, Weiner and Kamionsky.

Mrs. Segal and Miss Oblovitz made short speeches congratulating the retiring committee on its work, and wishing the new committee good luck for the future.

After Mrs. Wise had assumed the chair, the meeting adjourned for tea, and finally closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Frenkel for her kind hospitality.

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The annual general meeting of the Gardens Branch took place on Monday evening, 22nd March, at the Zionist Hall.

Mrs. Ch. Maisel was in the chair. A report of the activities of the branch for the year was read. The committee had shown considerable activity during the Keren Hayesod campaign with good results. Particular mention must be made of the amount of £100 raised for the Hebrew Kindergarten, Mrs. D. Charloff being chiefly responsible.

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## Social and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Awerbuch, of Bloemfontein, sail on Friday, 9th April by the Stirling Castle, on an extended visit to their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Rubin in London. Mr. and Mrs. Akerbuch will afterwards proceed to the continent and London.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Talberg (nee Bessie Danker) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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Mrs. Movsovic, the President of the Association, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the branch, stressing the work of the Cultural Section.

The following ladies were elected: Mrs. Louis Block, Chairlady; Mrs. Ch. Cohen, Vice-chairlady; Mrs. B. Buntman, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee, Mrs. D. Charloff, Mrs. E. Charloff, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Laden, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Bitmun, Mrs. Rabinowitz, Mrs. L. Klein, Miss B. Lewis, Mrs. Levin.

Mrs. Lieberman of the Sea Point Branch gave an address on "Our Place in the World," which was very interesting indeed and this concluded a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Tamboers Kloof Branch took place on March 30th, at the residence of Mrs. Rabkin, Queen's Road, Tamboers Kloof.

Mrs. Kantey in her presidential report touched on the activities of the Society for the past year and regretted the apathy of most of the members.

A new Executive and Committee were then elected as follows: Mrs. Kantey, Acting President; Mrs. Friedlander, Acting Vice-President; Mrs. Rabkin, Treasurer; Mrs. I. Kleinman, Secretary. Committee: Mesdames D. Cohen, Kahn, Richman, Grodzinski, Chaimowitz, Smith, J. Cohen, Sakinofsky and Misses Nell and Manasewitz.

Mrs. Clouts then asked that we concentrate principally on National Fund work till the end of this year and hoped Tamboers Kloof would collect at least £150.

Mrs. Movsovic then addressed the gathering in a most inspiring speech on "What influence has our work on us and what influence have we on our work."

Miss Nell proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Movsovic and Mrs. Friedlander to Mrs. Rabkin.

### United Council of Hebrew Congregations.

At a meeting held on Sunday, March 21st, the following Executive was elected: Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., President; Mr. A. M. Jackson, Vice-president; Mr. I. Mauerberger, Hon. Treasurer.

The twenty constituent congregations have still to elect representatives to the Council who will act as committee.

### Zionist Socialist Study Group.

Mr. A. Z. Berman's postponed lecture will be delivered on Monday, 5th April, in the Zionist Hall at 8.15 p.m. The subject will be: "The Elementary Principles of Socialism: The Case against Capitalism." All welcome.



**Cape Jewish Aged Home.**

There was a pleasant feeling of festivity at the above Home when the Rev. Kibel conducted Seder for over 70 people in the usual manner.

The Chairman, Mr. L. Pinn, expressed his pleasure at being present at the happy gathering and welcomed the Hon. Life Chairlady, Mrs. M. Rosen, who at all times takes a very keen interest in the welfare of the Home. Mr. Pinn also expressed his gratitude to the Rev. Kibel. Mr. Harry Rosen endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

Amongst the visitors present were Mr. L. Pinn, Mrs. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosen, Mrs. Kibel and Mr. H. Sperber.

**Histadrut Ivrit.**

A Pesach evening was held at the Zionist Hall on Monday night. Mr. J. Gitlin was in the Chair.

Dr. Rabinowitz gave a very interesting lecture on Pesach, dealing particularly with its significance in education. It taught the real meaning of Freedom, he said, which was the essence of Judaism and meant above all the victory of the spiritual over the material.

The following contributed to the programme: Mr. Lipshitz, Mrs. Melamed, Rev. Kassel, Mrs. Mibashan and Miss Naomi Kaplan.

Mr. Avin read a parody on the Haggadah written by himself. This was very much enjoyed.

The Chairman thanked the artists and the evening closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

**Hospital Kosher Kitchen.**

The Secretary of the Hospital Kosher Kitchen acknowledges the receipt of the following bequests: £25 from the estate of the late Mr. Noah Schocher and £10 from the estate of the late Mr. Philip Schocher of Wynberg.

**Sea Point Hebrew Congregation.**

The second term of the Sea Point Hebrew Kindergarten commences next Monday morning.

The Committee have been successful in obtaining the help of a fully qualified English kindergarten mistress and children will now be prepared up to the first standard of the general school syllabus. The Hebrew work will continue as before. Address: 6, Cassel Road, Sea Point.

**Hebrew Kindergarten Concert (Sea Point).**

A children's concert in aid of the Hebrew Kindergarten, Sea Point, was held at the Sea Point Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The success of the concert was mainly due to Mrs. B. Nell (Miss Sylvia Kirsch), whose dramatic items were of high standard and much appreciated. The programme was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Salome Jacobs; dance, Joyce and Doreen Rubenstein; sketch, "Overheard in a Saltmarsh," Goblin, Ethel Tarshish, Nymph, Anne Arcus; Kindergarten, Seder; piano solo, Eileen Kirsch; Hebrew recitation, Miss Rhoda Robinson; dance, Joyce

and Doreen Rubenstein; recitation, Betty Rubenstein. Play, "The Swineheard," by Hans Andersen; Emperor, Ethel Tarshish; Princess, Anne Arcus; Prince, Rubin Sougin Mibashan; Messenger, Jack Albert; Maids-in-waiting, Edna Heneck, Flora and Estelle Bernstein; Pages, Rodney Lemcus, Arthur Albert, Russel Kirsch.

**J.N.F. Children's Fancy Dress Entertainment.**

A children's fancy dress entertainment in aid of the Jewish National Fund was held at the Zionist Hall last Monday morning.

Dr. W. Altschul in opening the concert spoke of the spirit of spring-time that made Pesach such a joyous festival in Eretz Israel. He hoped all the children would enjoy this Chal Hamoed entertainment.

Jack Goldstein's band played a number of Hebrew and popular melodies. There was a play, "The Silver Cup," ably produced by Miss Rhoda Schoschon of the Sea Point Habonim (Gdud Hebron), in which the following participated: Doreen and Joyce Rubenstein, Rita and Maureen Wolff and Ethel Seidel. Fay Kantor gave a tap dance and Ethel Tarshish a recitation. Community singing and the dancing of the Horah made the morning very lively.

The children wore some beautiful and original costumes, outstanding amongst which were the Duck, the Palestine Pedlar Woman, Elijah, Chalutzim, and the little Victorian Lady. There were many prizes and consolation prizes for all. Mrs. J. Heneck and Mrs. A. Lieberman were the judges and Mrs. S. Gordon distributed the prizes.

**The Ort-Oze Campaign.**

Dr Syngalowski addressed a very large audience at the Talmud Torah Hall, Paarl on Sunday night, and was most enthusiastically received.

Mr. L. Berman was in the Chair. Mr. B. L. Rubik, who together with Dr. Kramer and Dr. Hurwitz accompanied Dr. Syngalowski, also made an appeal for the Ort-Oze.

Rev. Strelitz proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

After the meeting, Mr. Berman entertained Dr. Syngalowski and party, at his residence.

Dr. Syngalowski addressed a well-attended meeting at Claremont on Tuesday night, and made a fine appeal.

Mr. H. P. Beck was in the Chair. Rabbi Abrahamson proposed a vote of thanks and Mr. Newstead seconded.

Mr. Berezowski accompanied Dr. Syngalowski.

**Ort-Oze Meeting at Middelburg.**

Mr. Hadley favoured Middelburg (Cape) with a visit in the interests of the Ort-Oze movement, on Sunday, March 21st, when he delivered a very inspiring address, describing conditions in Eastern Europe, and the splendid work being done by the Ort-Oze movement. There were unfortunately

a few prominent members of the community absent, but it is certain that the ultimate response to the eloquent appeal will not be disappointing.

**Worcester Hebrew School.**

A very successful Seder took place at the Worcester Hebrew School on Friday, March 26th, in which the children of the school participated.

After the lighting of the candles and the intonation of the Kidush, the four questions were asked to which a reply, summarising briefly the history of Passover, was given. A great number of Passover songs and recitations as well as customary nut games concluded this pleasant function which deeply impressed everybody present.

All the items were performed by the pupils of the school in Hebrew only.

This function is an attempt to make the Jewish holiday the centre in the teaching of Jewish laws and customs in accordance with the principles of modern tuition.

Thanks are due to the Principal of the school, Mr. L. Goodman, for enabling the children to spend a few hours in a Jewish atmosphere imbued with the beautiful spirit of Passover traditions.

**Zionist Socialist Party.**

A public meeting on the Revisionist Menace was held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night, 23rd March. There was a good attendance.

Mr. M. Ben-Arie was in the chair and said that the N.Z.O. was outspokenly reactionary and their conception of a Zionist state was one where the Jewish masses would be deprived of their democratic rights and individual liberty.

Mr. Ch. Achron said that it was deplorable that people who pretend to believe in a Jewish State as the ultimate goal in Palestine should be determined to break the only governmental institution we have, viz. the Zionist Organisation. The reason why Jews should oppose the revisionist movement is that it is anti-democratic—Jews believe in a free Palestine built on principles of freedom of speech and press. The Jewish labourer would not agree to an unorganised system of labour which gives the opportunity for exploitation and private gain.

Mr. Z. Avin said that Revisionism was a disease from which many European nations were suffering to-day. The idea of following a "Führer" had seized the minds of the Jewish youth in the countries where Jews were suffering most. It was the duty of every Zionist to help to combat the Revisionist menace.

The Zionist Organisation stands higher than party politics and is constituted of men of different shades of political opinion. Each group is able to exercise their influence on the political course of the movement. The man who broke the peace has now all of a sudden become the angel of peace. He and his followers must be shown up in their true light, so that the youth should not be bluffed by empty slogans.

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