

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

SEA POINT BRANCH.

Rev. I. H. Levine addressed a large gathering at "Alphen House" on Tuesday afternoon, 2nd November.

Mrs. L. Segal presided. She welcomed Mrs. M. Jacobson (of Johannesburg) and announced the result of the recent National Fund Competition, the winners being Mr. M. Futeran and Mr. Shaskolsky. Mrs. Philips read an article on Balfour Day and Mr. Lionel Bowman rendered two brilliant pianoforte solos.

Rev. Levine spoke on the present day need for a cultural Jewish Home. He said that no understanding of the modern Jew was complete without an appreciation of his link with Eretz Israel. After the destruction of the second Temple, Jewish life had to be decentralised and was re-organised with new emphasis of Jewish life on the synagogue. The political power of the Jews became a spiritual one. It was characteristic of the Jew to rank national joys and sorrows before personal ones. Palestine was always the focal centre of Jewish life and the Diaspora in giving its aid to Palestine received back from it more than it had ever given. Palestine was giving back to the Jewish people the joy of creation, self-respect, purpose, culture and life.

Mrs. M. Jacobson spoke on the work of the Women's Zoinist Council on which she represented the Bnoth Zion.

Mrs. M. Epstein proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer and to Mrs. Jacobson. She also thanked Mr. Lionel Bowman for his piano solos and Mr. and Mrs. Bowman for their kind hospitality.

TAMBOERS KLOOF BRANCH.

A very well-attended meeting was held on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. Grodzinski.

Mrs. R. Friedlander presided and welcomed members and representatives of other branches. She also expressed the pleasure of the Branch in having Mrs. Israel Abrahams at its meeting. Mrs. Abrahams then read a paper entitled "Zionism and the Home" in which she showed in beautifully-worded sentiments how a mother could weave together the principles of the Jewish religious observances and Zionist ideals for her children in her home.

After tea, Miss Jessie Grodzinski gave an interesting talk on her impressions of Russia.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speakers and the hostess by Mrs. Max Cohen.

Zionist Conversazione.

The next fortnightly Zionist Conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 16th November at 8.15 p.m.

Rev. I. H. Levine will lecture on "Crisis and Emotions." All welcome.

Scopus Club.

On Wednesday night, the 27th October, the inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Dramatic Section of the Scopus Club, was held.

Professor Donald Inskip, Controller of the Little Theatre was the guest of honour, and gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Drama as a Means to Culture." He also gave the Dramatic Section many useful hints on staging and production. A committee was then elected, consisting of Nora Hammerschlag, Jessie Grodzinski, Hannah Schwartz, Roma Gottlieb, Hannah Oblowitz, Norman Kaye and Leon Berman.

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On Saturday night, the 13th inst., the Scopus Club are holding a Bal Masque at the Queen's Hotel, Sea Point.

Fancy dress is optional, but desirable, and non-members as well as members are eligible for prizes.

Stan Thomas' Orchestra will be in attendance.

Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, P.O. Box 2540, Cape Town. Members, 8/6 double, non-members, 12/6.

Union of Jewish Women.

Mrs. S. R. Sloman presided at the first meeting of the new session which took place at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday afternoon. She reported that the Talmud Torah Fund was progressing favourably. A Card Afternoon was to be held on the 30th inst. at the residence of Mrs. S. Newman, Avenue Normandie, Sea Point, in aid of the "Jewish Chronicle" Seaside Fund.

Mrs. Friedlander reported on the Annual meeting of the N.C.W.

Mr. H. J. Stodel spoke on the Jewish Girls' residence, "Astra" and appealed to the Union for their interest in the institution. A sub-committee was appointed comprising Mrs. Lazar, Mrs. P. Myers and Mrs. Nussbaum.

Mrs. Bennie, chairman of the S.A. National Council of Child Welfare, was the lecturer of the afternoon. She gave a brief resumé of the history of the Council and outlined the scope of child welfare work in the country.

Dr. Minnie Alper proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Hospital Kosher Kitchen.

On Thursday afternoon, 4th November, Rabbi and Mrs. Abrahams were officially welcomed at the Kosher Kitchen, Somerset Hospital, by the Chairlady, Mrs. L. Gradner and her Committee, as well as the Executive of the Jewish Sick Relief Society.

After visiting the wards at the Hospital, Rabbi and Mrs. Abrahams inspected the Kosher Kitchen and expressed their satisfaction of the work and management of the Kitchen. They were then entertained to tea.

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The Secretary of the Hospital Kosher Kitchen wishes to acknowledge receipt of the sum of £10 being the bequest made by the late Mr. Phillip Hirschsohn.

Jewish Ministers' Association.

A reception in honour of Rabbi Israel Abrahams will take place at the Old Synagogue on Sunday, 14th inst. at 4 p.m. All members cordially invited.

Zionist Hall Library.

The following new Hebrew books have been received at the Zionist Hall Library:—

Al Saf Hamoveth.—By Sarah Gluzman. Hanefi Zorem léyam Hatichon.—By Israel Zarchi.

Eileh Masoei Hazapathim.—By Ari Ebn-Zahav.

Yom Yerushalaim.—By Ari Ebn-Zahav. Hafalachim.—By J. Meyuches.

Michtovim al Hayahaduth.—By S. Dubnov.

Yisroel.—By Dr. A. Ashkely.

Reb Moische Chayim Luzzatu.—By Dr. S. Ginsburg.

Tholdoth Ha'emunoh Hayishrealith.—By Dr. Yechezkiel Kaufman.

Zionuth.—By Dr. Herzl.

Encyclopædia Masada, 2 Volumes.

Kethuvim Achronim.—Edited by Dr. Boruch.

The following new English books have been received:—

Brand Plucked from the Fire.—By Jessie Sampter.

American Jewish Year Book "5698" 1937-1938.

Jewish Sick Relief Society.

The Annual General Meeting of members will take place in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 14th November, at 10.30 a.m.

Rabbi I. Abrahams will deliver an address.

Muizenberg-Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday, the 31st October, and was attended by a large number of the members.

The Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended the 31st August, 1937, was adopted.

The retiring President, Mr. W. Satusky gave the Meeting a short resumé of the work done by the Committee during the year the main item of importance being the addition of the New Wing to the Synagogue, which now provided added comfort, and fifty-six additional seats for Gentlemen, and seventy-two additional seats for Ladies.

The following gentlemen were elected Wardens for the ensuing year: President, Mr. D. L. Davidowitz; Vice-President, Mr. N. Emdin; Treasurer, Mr. L. Rifkin. The Committee elected were: Messrs. W. Satusky, N. Trakman, M. Barnett, H. L. Stern, H. Woolfsohn, S. Schrire, Mr. Jankelowitz and B. Wisenberg.

A special vote of thanks was extended to Mr. L. Kaplan for his excellent services in connection with the various collections made by him, and also to Mr. K. Jacobson, who, in conjunction with Mr. Kaplan collected for the Hearse.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. M. Helfand for his lectures to the Chevra Gemorrah, and to Mr. N. Trakman for his untiring services in connection with the various funerals, and his supervision and attention to the Talmud Torah Hall.

At the close of the meeting Mr. M. Jankelowitz proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mr. W. Satusky for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the meetings and his control over the Congregation during the past twelve months. This was carried unanimously.

Zionist "Picnic" Next Sunday.

Bain's Kloof will be the meeting place of Western Province Zionists on Sunday, 14th November on the occasion of the

Picnic organised by the Bnoth Zion Association. The Worcester Women Zionist Society is providing tea but visitors are asked to bring their own luncheon.

The official proceedings will be opened by Mrs. P. M. Clouts at 11 o'clock and a programme for discussion has been arranged. In the afternoon an address will be given by Mr. Englesberg.

Much enthusiasm has been aroused and it is expected that a large number of Zionists from many centres will attend.

The venue is "Tweede Toll" on the Worcester side of Bain's Kloof and up to 11 a.m. guides will be available at Bain's Kloof Hotel.

In the event of inclement weather the meeting will take place at the Talmud Torah Hall in Worcester.

Wynberg and Claremont Zionist Society.

Mr. N. Englesberg, the newly appointed travelling propagandist of the S.A. Zionist Federation will deliver a lecture on "The development of the Yishub" at the Communal Hall, Wynberg on Tuesday, 16th inst. at 8.15 p.m. All welcome.

Wynberg Jewish Guild.

The inaugural meeting of the newly formed Wynberg Jewish Guild took place in the Communal Hall on Monday the 8th inst. Dr. C. Kaufman presided over an attendance of about 125 members and introduced Adv. H. M. Bloch who was the guest of the evening.

The lecturer delivered a most interesting and instructive address on Modern Anti-Semitism. He analysed the reaction in the mind of the Jew who suddenly comes face to face with anti-Semitism. This reaction he divided into three types:—

Escape Psychology:—Those who try to cease being Jews by changing their names, religion or masquerading as members of another race. Some participate in world revolutionary movements in the hope that by solving what they consider the world's ills, they will at the same time solve the Jewish Problem. This latter form of escape is very popular among the younger generation.

An increasing form of escape tactics is suicide which in certain countries in Europe to-day has assumed alarming proportions.

In the minds of certain Jews, Zionism is a means of escaping from anti-Semitism. By taking a practical interest in the work for rebuilding Palestine they endeavour to loose themselves in national fervour.

Inferiority Complex:—There are Jews who begin to believe the accusations which are levied against their race and who eventually apologise for being Jews. The reason they are prepared to believe the accusations is due to the fact that modern propaganda keeps repeating the same lies. They eventually become Jew haters themselves.

Herding Complex:—There is another type who suddenly take an interest in Jewish activities and acquire Jewish friends where before they had nothing whatsoever to do with anything Jewish. Others again escape into Judaism. They immerse themselves in Jewish thought and religion. Prior to the emancipation of the Jews about 60 years ago, this was the most common form of escape in all countries where anti-Semitism raised its head.

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Lionel Bowman.

TO GIVE FAREWELL CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 16th.

Lionel Bowman, who won the University of South Africa Overseas Scholarship for 1937 for pianoforte playing, will leave for London on December 14th in order to continue his studies. Next Tuesday evening, November 16th, he will give a farewell concert at the Cathedral Hall, at which an interesting and varied programme will be presented.

Lionel Bowman has had a brilliant musical career in Cape Town and has gone from success to success. When he was eight years of age, Dr. Vaughan Thomas predicted great things for him in the musical world and the prophecy has been fulfilled.

Lionel Bowman has often appeared on concert platforms and his forthcoming appearance on November 16th will be awaited with great interest.

Ruth Cohen.

OBTAINS A.R.C.M.

News has been received from London by Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen that their daughter Ruth has obtained her A.R.C.M.

Ruth Cohen, some years ago was recognised as an outstanding musical prodigy in Cape Town and her work as a child aroused the enthusiasm of such excellent judges as Miss Elsie Hall. She was a pupil of Miss F. Witt and played with the Cape Town Orchestra at the age of ten and again at the age of twelve and on each occasion was most enthusiastically received by both audience and critics.

Miss Cohen whose engagement to Dr. Ben Cohen of Johannesburg was recently announced, will return to Cape Town on December 13th.

Women's Zionist Group Formed at Paarl.

Dr. M. Cohen presided over a large gathering of women at the Talmud Torah Hall, Paarl on Sunday night, 31st November. This meeting was convened by the Paarl Lemaan Zionist Society.

Short addresses were given by Mrs. A. Movsovic, Mrs. M. Epstein and Mrs. P. M. Clouts.

Mrs. Movsovic stressed the fact that it was imperative for all women to participate actively in Zionist work.

A survey of WIZO activities in Palestine was given by Mrs. Epstein. She mentioned to the WIZO sewing groups that had been formed in South Africa.

Mrs. Clouts emphasised the necessity for continuing Zionist work whatever might be the political outcome.

All three speakers urged the formation of a women's Zionist group.

After the addresses a unanimous resolution proposed by Mrs. D. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Rabie was passed in favour of forming a women's Zionist Group in Paarl.

It was decided that an Executive be elected and that the remaining members of the group form the committee. The following Executive was elected: Chairlady, Mrs. D. Nelson; Vice-Chairladies, Mesdames H. Rabie and L. Sutin, Secretaries, Mesdames C. Sive and H. Lichtenstein.

George Zionist Society.

For some considerable time the George Zionist Society has not been too active, this being due mainly to one or two of the "leading lights" having visited Europe on holiday visits. With their return, however, the Society is again commencing to live up to its reputation as a model society.

The new session commenced on Sunday evening, the 31st ult., with the annual general meeting. The presidential, financial and cultural reports covered the previous session very comprehensively and left no doubt that the Society, although it had been inactive for some time, was still in a healthy condition, financially and otherwise.

Mr. Alex. Comay retired as chairman and in his speech mentioned the necessity of the younger members taking over duties in the Community. Mr. Comay, whose name was recently inscribed in the Golden Book by the Society in gratitude for his services, has been chairman of the Society for many years. Tributes to his generous services were paid by various speakers during the evening.

The following members took office for the ensuing year:—

Chairman: Mr. S. Miller.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. H. A. Comay.

Treasurer: Mrs. Y. Landsman.

Secretary: Mr. David Segal.

Committee: Mrs. J. Berelowitz, Mrs. I. Israelsohn, Mrs. B. Davis, Mrs. S. Bloch, Mr. Alex. Comay and Mr. K. Berelowitz.

As retiring Chairman, Mr. Comay paid tributes to the exemplary work of the previous treasurer, Mrs. Landsman, and secretary, Mr. K. Berelowitz, both of whom had done their duties magnificently. In the case of the secretary, he suggested that a suitable token of appreciation be presented by the Society.

Two visiting commercial travellers, Messrs. Ponter and Stern, were elected members, and the Chairman, Mr. S. Miller, took the opportunity of emphasising that the Society at all times welcomed visitors to George.

It was announced that an inter-function with the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild is to be held at George on Sunday, the 6th inst. These inter-functions are held annually and serve to cement the bonds that bind the Jewish communities in the South-Western Districts.

During the evening the lady members discussed the plans of the projected communal hall.

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The lecturer pointed out that the first two types are not typically Jewish reactions but that the last form represents the traditional Jewish reaction. He felt that we should seriously consider reverting to orthodox traditional Judaism not for any sentimental reasons but solely as a cure for the state of mind of the modern Jew. This reaction is apparently taking place in our own midst and in the next generation we should see the revival of the prestige of the Jewish teacher, student and individual virtuous man. The revival of interest in Jewish culture is the only form of positive reaction to anti-Semitism.

Members of the audience participated in a keen discussion of the subject and the lecturer replied to the various questions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the chairman to the lecturer.