

# IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

## Muizenberg Talmudical Study Society.

The above society celebrated the Sium of Masecheth Psochim, on Sunday, the 27th August, by a Banquet held at Krikler's Hotel, Muizenberg.

Mr. B. Phillips, the Chairman of the Society, presided over a large gathering of members and representatives of other Talmudical Societies in the Peninsula.

Mr. M. Helfand, the Hon. Lecturer, made the Sium, and a letter of congratulation was read from Rabbi Mirvish who was to have delivered the Hadran but was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

After the toast of The King and Eretz Israel had been proposed by the Chairman, Rabbi Israel Abrahams in proposing the toast of the Talmudical Society of Muizenberg, stressed the importance of such societies whose purpose is to study the Talmud and thus to imbibe Jewish knowledge and traditions from their original sources.

Rabbi Grawitsky and Rabbi Morgenstern endorsed this toast which was ably responded to by Mr. M. Aronson, a former Hon. Lecturer of the Society.

The toast of the Muizenberg Hebrew Congregation was given by Mr. J. Weinreich and Mr. Davidowitz responded.

The toast of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Talmud Torah was given by Mr. J. Lehrman and responded to by Mr. M. Shagam.

A presentation was made on behalf of the Society by Mr. S. Schrire, to Mr. M. Helfand, whose name the Society has decided to inscribe in the Golden Book in appreciation of his very valuable services to the Society.

Mr. I. J. Honikman expressed thanks on behalf of the guests.

During the evening songs were rendered by Cantor Goldwasser and Mr. Ascher.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr. A. Jaffe, who were responsible for the arrangements.

## Bnoth Zion Association.

"Jewish Writers in Modern Literature" was the subject of a most interesting Literary Symposium held by the Bnoth Zion Association at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday afternoon. There was a large attendance and the papers were of a remarkably high standard.

Mrs. Rose Movsovic presided. She announced the impending visit of Mrs. Ilse Warburg. Mrs. M. Philips read an interesting article on the work of the Youth Aliyah.

Mrs. P. Kahn gave an interesting analysis of the writings of some Jews in Modern English Literature, Mrs. M. Alexander dealt with writers in German, French and Dutch Literature, emphasising especially the contributions of Jewish writers to the development of German letters. Miss Sopher took Modern Hebrew Writers as her theme and dealt comprehensively with the writings of present-day authors in Palestine. Mrs. Rechtman's

paper on Writers in Yiddish was particularly interesting. She dealt with the human sympathies of a Mendele and the humour of Shalom Aleichem, and indicated how Yiddish and Hebrew literature were interwoven.

Mrs. A. Lieberman thanked those who participated in the Symposium.

Refreshments were served by the Observatory-Mowbray Branch.

## "At Home" at Woodstock.

An "At Home" under the combined auspices of the Woodstock and Salt River Cultural Circle and Bnoth Zion Association, was held on the evening of the 24th August, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Furman. Mrs. Z. Galloon (Chairlady), welcomed the large gathering and the guest of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Padowich and Mr. Charlaff.

The lecture on "The Jewish Problem" by Mr. Padowich, was sympathetically given, and proved instructive and most interesting. He compared past and present conditions, and the psychological, economic and racial effect of existing ruling influences at various periods.

A discussion ensued in which the following participated: Messrs. Ruskin, Z. Galloon, Bagrain, Rev. S. Kassel and Mrs. Kushner. Mr. Padowich replied to all questions.

The Chairlady announced that a Golden Book Certificate inscribed by the Bnoth Zion Association had been presented to the 1938 Committee of the local branch for outstanding J.N.F. work, by Col. Kisch.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. S. Marks, for organising and bearing the expenses of a Card Party in aid of the Gan. A cheque for £28 10s. was handed to the Kindergarten on whose behalf Mr. Traub expressed sincere thanks.

A Tree Certificate was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Crasnow on the occasion of their son's Barmitzvah.

An interesting set of slides of Palestine since the issue of the White Paper (with a running commentary) were shown by Mr. Charlaff. It was a great source of gratification to see the new colonies which have sprung up and the great development in every sphere of activity.

On behalf of the two societies, Rev. S. Kassel proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Padowich, Mr. Charlaff, and to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Furman, for their kind hospitality.

## Wynberg Oneg Shabbat Society.

A large gathering assembled in the Communal Hall last Friday evening to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the celebrated Jewish writer, Sholem Aleichem. Mr. S. Galloon was in the chair.

Mr. B. Padowich vividly described Sholem Aleichem's rich humour and deep insight into Jewish life; the speaker was sure that if all Jewish written history books were to be lost a complete history could be re-written from Sholem Aleichem's writings.

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## Social & Personal.

Rabbi Israel Friedman arrived in the Cape Town Castle yesterday to take up his new position as Rabbi of the Benoni Hebrew Congregation. He was met by Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., and Mr. J. Carasov.

Shortly after his arrival Rabbi Friedman who is a Canadian, left by air for Durban to meet his brother who is Rabbi of the Durban Hebrew Congregation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gordon are returning on Thursday, 7th inst., in the Carnarvon Castle from a visit to Europe and Palestine. Mr. Gordon was a delegate at the 21st Zionist Congress in Geneva.

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Mrs. Mary Segal who was a delegate at the 21st Zionist Congress in Geneva, left England yesterday in the Winchester Castle on her return to Cape Town.

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The engagement is announced of Anita, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Joseph, of Sea Point, to Alec, eldest son of Mrs. Sacks and the late Mr. Bernard Sacks, of Bellville.

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Miss Lola Gesundheit returned on Monday via the East Coast from Jerusalem where she has been teaching for a year at the Evelyn de Rothschild School.

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Mr. E. Charlaff spoke briefly on the general Jewish position; even White Papers may change colour, and our outstanding duty is to assist the Yishuv with all our resources. Cantor Golub once more excelled himself in beautiful songs and the audience greatly enjoyed his readings of sketches by Sholem Aleichem.

Mr. J. Potashnik heartily thanked the speakers and Cantor Golub. With the singing of Hatikvah a very pleasant evening came to a close.

## Massadah Association.

The first Annual Ball of the Massadah Association, held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday night, proved an outstanding success. The hall was decorated in a most original manner, the central feature being a tower surmounted by twinkling lights; carnival figures in cardboard adorning the walls added to the gaiety of the scene.

Dancing continued to a later hour and interludes by Pupils of the Elvira Kirsch Studio and Mr. van Rensburg and partners were much enjoyed.

Mr. L. Salber, the convenor and his hard-working dance committee are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements.

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The Committee of the Massadah Association is completing arrangements for the establishment of a Zionist Political Forum. For those interested in public speaking generally and a discussion of the various political facets of Zionist problems this new section of Massadah activities will prove both interesting and instructive.

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## Zionist Youth Activities.

### EXECUTIVE.

**Oneg Shabbat.** The Oneg Shabbat function to be held to-night (Friday, 1st September) will take place at the Committee Room of the Zionist Hall, Cape Town. Mr. A. Sebba will speak on "Disgrace Abounding." The Haftorah of the week will be explained. Members and their friends are invited. Refreshments will be served and community singing will be indulged in.

**Informal Dance.** The Executive has arranged an informal dance after Yom Kippur. This affair will take place at the Zionist Hall from 8.30 p.m. on Saturday night, September 23rd. There will be a full orchestra in attendance and tickets are reasonably priced at 5/- double.

**Junior Sub-Committee.** The Junior Oratorical Contest commenced on Sunday night last at the Zionist Hall, when Mr. V. Resnekov and Mr. B. Goldin acted as judges.

**Topical Lectures.** The first of a series of Topical Lectures will take place at Rosecourt on Thursday, 7th September, when Mr. C. K. Friedlander will initiate the first discussion. As this series of lectures is by invitation those who are particularly interested and especially desire to attend but who have not yet been invited should communicate with the Convenor, Topical Lectures, P.O. Box 1588, Cape Town, enclosing name and address.

**Zionist Youth Ball.** Country societies are particularly requested to note that the 15th Annual Zionist Youth Ball is being held on a Holiday (Wiener's Day) Monday, October 2nd, thus allowing their members to come into town without any inconvenience. Tickets are now obtainable at 10/6.

**Free Holiday Scheme.** Tickets (6d. each) for the Camp Free Holiday Scheme allows for four Zionist Youth members to attend the 15th Annual Camp at the Strand from 28th December, 1939, to 13th January, 1940, free of all camp fees and includes half-a-guinea for pocket money. There are 25 tickets to a book, and anyone requiring these books should write to, or call at, the Office, Room 22, 6, Barrack Street, Cape Town.

### HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND Y.I.S.

On Saturday night, the 12th August, a meeting took place at the residence of Mrs. R. Nochomowitz.

Questions commencing with the words "What would happen if...?" were asked and answered by the members. Among the questions were "What would happen if the Messiah came?" and "What would happen if David and Solomon had to return to life?"

The members all participated in a general knowledge test and the two successful winners were Misses R. Berdin and P. Katz. Hebrew songs and games were other items on the programme.

At the meeting held on Saturday night, the 19th August, a News Service was delivered by Mr. Allen, followed by a monologue by M. Katz. Lectures on Ussishkin and Maimonides were delivered by Messrs. C. Kruss and S. Dembovsky, respectively.

Misses H. and S. Goldberg acted as hostesses at the meeting held on Saturday night, the 26th August. The meeting commenced with a lively sing-song and was followed by a debate. The subject "That a South African Jew should make his home in Palestine, if he has the

means," was moved by H. Portnoi and opposed by H. Cotton. A number of members took part in a lively discussion and the motion was defeated by a small majority.

A new game of looking for answers, written out on slips of paper, to various questions was played and brought in some very amusing results.

An interesting lecture on Eretz Israel was delivered by W. Fish in which he pointed out amongst other things the land bought by the J.N.F. and the strategic importance of various new settlements.

### ZIONIST ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS.

The next meeting will take place at Rosecourt on Sunday, 3rd September. The following is the programme: 1, Short Talk by Mr. Dave Meyerowitz, President of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive; 2, Discussion on the Constitution to be adopted; 3, Selection of Committee; 4, Hat Debate.

All students are particularly invited to attend.

### C.T. YOUNG MIZRACHI.

The first anniversary of the Cape Town Young Mizrachi takes place on Tuesday, 5th September when Rabbi I. Abrahams will be the principal guest speaker. Other speakers will be Mr. Abe Friedgood (C.T. Young Mizrachi), Mr. Shuel (Chairman, Senior Mizrachi) and Mr. D. Meyerowitz (Chairman, Cape Zionist Youth Executive).

The programme includes musical items, refreshments and dancing.

### GREEN AND SEA POINT J.G.

**Inter-Functions.** On Sunday, 3rd September the Guild is having an Inter-Function with the Y.I.S. at Muizenberg. The Annual Dance takes place on Saturday, October 14th.

### CAPE TOWN HERZLIA.

Mr. H. L. Stern will address a meeting at Rosecourt on Sunday, September 3rd, at 8.15 p.m.

**Dramatic Section.** An audition of the Dramatic Section is being held shortly and as many parts have to be filled it is hoped that all interested will communicate with the society without delay.

### GORDONIA ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY.

On August 3rd an enjoyable social evening was held and on the 17th August a combined cultural and social evening was held. Rev. B. Wolf spoke on "The Zionist Congress" and was followed by Miss S. Hummel who read a paper on "Impressions of the 4th Zionist Congress." A sing-song and dancing brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

### CAPE TOWN JEWISH GUILD.

The Society held its third fortnightly meeting at Rosecourt on Saturday, 26th August. Mr. U. Birnbaum was in the chair and also read out the minutes. Mr. Wolpe then read a lecture on active and passive resistance in Eretz Israel and discussions followed.

Next, Mr. Sacher read a number of questions on Zionism to which the members replied and then asked question themselves. A number of popular Hebrew songs followed.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 9th September.

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Members of the group will be asked to align themselves with the General Zionist, Zionist Socialist, Mizrachi or State Party. Fortnightly debates will be held on some important and topical Zionist subject. The discussion will be conducted along strict parliamentary lines with a "Mr. Speaker" presiding.

It is hoped that the Massadah Political Forum will prove a popular and useful medium for training future Zionist leaders.

### Scopus Club.

The annual inter-debate between the Scopus Club and the Cape Parliamentary Debating Society, held at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday, the 23rd August, proved the most successful function. The visitors, presented by Messrs. R. Hallack, W. Ferguson and Miss D. Mitchell-Thain, proposed "That the Abolition of the Cape Bar is in the Interests of South Africa." The Scopus Club speakers, Messrs. J. Kaye, E. Newman and Mrs. L. Burman opposed the motion. After an interesting and provocative discussion the subject was put to the vote and carried by a large majority. Mr. Leon Burman was in the chair.

### Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. The following ladies were elected to the Committee: President, Mrs. Garfinkel; Chairlady, Mr. Freedman; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. Segal; Treasurer, Mrs. Rubin; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Beckman; Committee: Mesdames Sharfman, Silber, Buchinsky, Kal Schneider, Reingold, Cynkin, Abramowitz. There was quite a fair attendance and most enjoyable evening was spent.

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### CAPE TOWN YOUNG JUDEANS.

At a meeting held at Rosecourt on Saturday, 26th August, Mrs. E. Mais answered a number of questions put to members. There was a larger attendance than usual present and the questions put by members as well as their attention to the answers showed that members had had a chance to learn and appreciate the full the seriousness of the present political situation and its relation to Zionism and Eretz Israel. Among the questions asked were "How does the Russo-German Pact Affect Jews in Russia?" and "How Will a War Affect Eretz Israel and Zionism?" A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Rechtman who appealed for stronger Zionism to face all difficulties.

**Study Circle.** The next Study Circle meeting will be held at Rosecourt on Friday, 1st September at 8.15 p.m. sharp. All welcome.

Owing to pressure of space items of CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES have been held over.

### BIRTH.

GEFFEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Geffen Bot River (nee Olga Chall) on 23rd August 1939, at Delherbe Nursing Home, a beautiful daughter. Both well.

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