



# IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

## Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

An interesting little ceremony took place on Monday night at a meeting of the Committee of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, when Mr. L. Freeman, who for 43 years had been Beadle to the Great Synagogue, was presented with a cheque, which had been contributed to by members of the Congregation.

Mr. A. M. Jackson, the President, who made the presentation, said that the desire to give more than formal official recognition, had been given expression to by the members of the Congregation at their last General Meeting. Mr. Freeman, during all the years he had been in office had been not only an ideal official, efficient in every service he was called upon to render, but more than that, he had been a close friend to all the members of the Congregation. That friendship was extended to Executive Officers, to all of whom Mr. Freeman's Synagogal experience had been a valuable help. He was glad to see Mr. Freeman looking so well and hoped he would enjoy good health for many many years.

Mr. Freeman in reply, recalled that since he had joined the Congregation, in 1896, until his retirement, he had always enjoyed the confidence of the Congregation, and had never at any time pretended to be more than just a "Shamas". He said that were time available, he would most gladly have regaled the meeting with numerous reminiscences of the early days of the Congregation. He thanked Mr. Jackson for the presentation, and for what he had said in making it, and asked him to convey his appreciation to the members of the Congregation.

Mr. Jackson said that he was quite sure that Mr. Freeman's reminiscences—if put into print—would make interesting and valuable reading, and assured Mr. Freeman that the Congregation would gladly co-operate in making a permanent record.

## Massadah Association.

There was a large audience at the Variety Evening held on Sunday night at the Zionist Hall in aid of Youth Aliyah. The programme consisted of items by pupils of the Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing; the Harold Cobb School of Accordion Players, Betty Kaganson, Mrs. H. Tuch, and Mr. Eddie Garron, the well-known tenor whose magnificent voice made a great impression. Two one-act sketches were produced by Miss H. Lichtenstein and those who took part were Miss R. Schoschen, Miss Lichtenstein and M. Weintraub. Mr. Morrie Lazarow who was

the compere, thanked the artists at the close of the concert.

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A small group of Massadah members enjoyed a very edifying evening on Wednesday, November 29th at Rosecourt when two of our most interesting contemporary books were reviewed. Miss Wolozinsky's personal reaction to Sholem Asch's "Song of the Valley" were those of an ardent and sincere Zionist and although her judgment might be considered to be somewhat biased by her own enthusiasm for the subject of the book and its author, she nevertheless succeeded in conveying very admirably its inner spirit and significance.

Mr. Lippmann's reasoned and objective review of Perlmann's "Collective Adventure" was, by comparison as sharply contrasted as Maurice Perlmann's essentially rational approach to a manifestation of life in the Yishuv, so idealistically portrayed by Sholem Asch. The basic divergence of outlook could hardly have been more sharply presented than by the diametrically different treatment of the two reviewers, and had time permitted would undoubtedly have evoked considerable and controversial discussion. Since the lateness of the hour

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## Social & Personal.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Berelowitz returned last week from a visit to the U.S.A.

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Mr. Eddy Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goldstein, has taken up an appointment in the South African Air Force at Roberts Heights.

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Miss Abel, secretary of the Massadah Association, Port Elizabeth, is on a holiday visit to Cape Town.

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did not permit of this both Mr. Lippmann and Miss Wolozinsky are privately being threatened with many individual discussions, as soon as members have acquainted themselves thoroughly with the books reviewed. They are to be congratulated on the results of their well-prepared discourses.

## Massadah Zionist Parliamentary Debating Circle.

Arrangements for the commencement of the opening session of the above Circle are proceeding apace. The latest important development is the fact that Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., has agreed to act as President and "Governor-General" of the Circle. At the first meeting of the Circle, early in the new year, when it will sit as a Palestinian Parliament, Mr. Alexander will deliver the "Speech from the Throne" and also an address on "Parliamentary Institutions."

Mr. Samuel Cohen, ex-Speaker of the Cape Parliamentary Debating Society, has been elected Speaker of the Massadah Circle. He will be assisted in his duties by a Management Committee.

The leaders of the various parties in the "House" are still anxious to secure members and all those interested should communicate with Mr. S. L. Gross at New Zealand House, Burg Street, or telephone him at 2-5787.

## Scopus Club.

The Scopus Club has embarked on a new venture in the formation of an International Affairs Discussion Circle. The Circle will meet at regular intervals to discuss current happenings in the international sphere. In order to provoke discussion members will read papers or review relevant publications. The proceedings will be entirely of an informal nature and it is hoped that this Circle will stimulate a keen interest in foreign affairs.

## Cape Town Herzlia.

Last Friday night Mr. M. Bellon read a paper to the Bialik Circle on "The Sufferings in Spain Before the Expulsion." A fair amount of discussion ensued.

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