

## Vocational Guidance Bureau.

### ENCOURAGING REPORT.

That the work of propaganda and enlightenment carried on by the Vocational Guidance Bureau in Johannesburg has met with considerable success, is strikingly illustrated in the latest report issued by the Bureau.

The report says that while the Johannesburg Juvenile Affairs Board states that there was a decrease of 32 per cent. in the number of its registrations, the registrations of the Vocational Guidance Bureau have increased from 118 last year to 141 this year. 70 per cent. of all applicants have to date been placed in the motor, the engineering, the building and other skilled trades, whilst 7 per cent. took up commercial work. A further 7 per cent. withdrew their applications or returned to school, and only 16 per cent. remain to be placed.

### Consulted by Parents.

The Bureau has been consulted by a considerable number of parents and youths on general career problems. In quite a few instances mothers have called for advice on the treatment of children who presented obvious behaviour problems and in one or two cases the Bureau has also been called upon to deal with backward children and children who were "difficult."

As hitherto, fitting and turning, motor mechanics and the electrical trade continue to be most popular with boys, but a number were also placed in lesser known but equally promising industries.

Since the time of school leaving in December last, the Vocational Guidance Bureau established contact with 373 employers of skilled labour as compared with 104 during the same period last year. The extension of activities of the Bureau is also indicated by the fact that 866 interviews were given during the period under review to youths and parents as compared with 396 in the previous year.

### "Your Future Career."

The Vocational Guidance Bureau invites youths and their parents to apply for a copy of the interesting and informative brochure "Your Future Career," which is a guide to the skilled occupations and contains a dictionary of various trades. There is no charge for the booklet or for any of the other services rendered by the Bureau.

Youths interested in becoming apprenticed, are also asked to communicate with the Vocational Guidance Bureau, 413, Security Building, Exchange Place, Cape Town.

## BARMITZVAH.

**GOODMAN.**—Reuben, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Goodman, 2, Luton Road, Gardens, Cape Town, will read a Portion of the Law and Maftir in the Vredehoek Synagogue on Saturday, 21st March, 1942.

**JAFFE.**—Louis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jaffe, 31, Prince Street, Gardens, Cape Town, will read a Portion of the Law in the Vredehoek Synagogue on Saturday, 14th March, 1942.

## Zionist Youth Activities.

Mid-February marked the commencement of Society's activities for 1942 and the following are the meetings thus far held:—

**History Study Circle:** Once a month the society meets regularly at the Jewish Youth Hostel and the meeting takes the form of a history study circle. Dr. Abt conducts this study and the present subject "Interpretations of Jewish History" is being treated by him in a masterly fashion. This meeting is open to all who are interested.

**Oneg Shabbat:** This was held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Abrahams. Though the attendance was not as large as usual, those members present were unanimous in their appreciation of the amount of knowledge and food for thought gained in such a congenial atmosphere. The Rabbi selected "Doctrines and Traditions" as his subject and very lucidly explained just how much convention had to do with tradition.

At an informal gathering members of the society met Mr. Maurice Glazer, a prominent member of the Mizrachi in Johannesburg.

**Tanach Class:** This new class was launched with immediate success. The class is under the tutorage of Rabbi I. Abrahams, and the subject "The Prophet Amos." All those interested are invited to meet at the home of Rabbi Abrahams on Saturday, 21st inst., at 5.15 p.m. sharp when the next meeting will be held.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

**Oneg Shabbat:** A special Oneg Shabbat function has been arranged in honour of Mr. Joe Green, Chairman of the Merkaz and Mr. Solly Liebgott. Organiser of Hashomer Hadati and Hanoar Hamizrachi in Johannesburg. A full turn-out of members is expected. The Oneg Shabbat takes place on Saturday, 14th inst. at 3.15 p.m. sharp at the home of Mrs. Rabinowitz, 3, Mountain View Mansions, Rugley Road, Vredehoek.

On Sunday night, 15th inst., at 8.15 p.m. a meeting will be held at the Jewish Youth Hostel when Dr. Abt will continue his series "Interpretations of Jewish History."

### GREEN AND SEA POINT ZIONIST YOUTH GUILD.

The first meeting of the new Guild took the form of a Social Evening and was held at the residence of Miss Freda Marks. Mr. F. S. Robinson was in the Chair and Mr. H. M. Joffe acted as compere.

The large and enthusiastic crowd present which included a number of new members, thoroughly enjoyed the meeting which consisted of Round Games, A News Service by Mr. R. Sacks, and piano recitals by the Misses R. Fisher and L. Kohn. One of the highlights of the evening was a talk on the cultural programme for the year by Miss Pauline Kleinman. This gave rise to an extremely spirited discussion which unfortunately had to be cut short owing to the length of the programme, and will be discussed at length at the next meeting.

It was with genuine regret that the meeting had to be concluded but this start augurs well for the coming year and it is hoped that many more new members will join the ranks.

### HANOAR HAMIZRACHI.

This new Society has recently been formed in Cape Town and is being jointly organised by Mr. Felix Sacks and Mrs. Hannah Weinstein, two Committee members of the C.T. Young Mizrachi.

At the first meeting, Mr. Sacks explained the meaning and history of Mizrachism. The policy of the society was defined and a committee elected.

The second meeting took the form of an Oneg Shabbat. Mr. Maurice Glazer, ex-member of the Merkaz, addressed the society and gave words of encouragement to this little band who would someday graduate to the C.T. Young Mizrachi and so carry on their work.

At the third meeting held on Friday night, 6th inst., Mr. Felix Sacks explained the "Mitzvos" to the members and invited questions and discussion.

All members and sympathisers of the movement are invited to the home of Miss Freda Rabinowitz on Saturday afternoon, 14th inst. at 3.15 p.m. sharp, to meet the Chairman of the Merkaz, Mr. Joe Green, and prominent member of the Merkaz, Mr. Solly Liebgott.

### MUIZENBERG G.O.Z.S.

Another enjoyable meeting of the Muizenberg G.O.Z.S. was held on Friday night, 6th March. Two visitors, Masters Erlich and Shirk, of the B.O.Z.S. were welcomed and a debate was arranged for the following week. An interesting competition was held on various subjects of Zionist interest, also a play arranged by the Entertainments Covenor was staged, and the meeting concluded with the playing of games and the singing of Hatikvah.

### OBSERVATORY-MOWBRAY ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY.

A general meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th March, at the residence of Mrs. J. Hoffbrand, of Mowbray. Mr. L. Lichtenstein presided over a fair attendance. Functions for raising Society funds were first discussed and then Mr. Lichtenstein presented a constitution which was adopted.

The main item of the evening was a Hat Debate. Each member was handed a slip of paper and asked to speak for a few minutes on the subject stated thereon. Much instruction was afforded by the discussion that followed and some members distinguished themselves by their knowledge and oratory. Refreshments were served and discussion continued for some time afterwards, and after Mr. A. Pikholtz had proposed a vote of thanks the meeting concluded.

### WORCESTER JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY.

A general meeting was held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 7th March, at 8 p.m.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the large gathering present. The first item on the programme was the Questionnaire delivered by Mr. S. Jaffe, which aroused great excitement for both the younger and older members. This was followed by a Dramatic Sketch presented by Messrs. B. and H. Shandling, D. Lurie and B. Zackon. It consisted of several scenes and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Chairman thanked the actors who had taken part.

The last item, "Radio Television" was arranged by the Committee members and this too, was a very great success. The members on the whole spent a very enjoyable evening.