

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

S.A. YIDDISH CULTURAL FEDERATION

On Sunday, September 7, a Grand Concert was held at the Bloemfontein Communal Hall, arranged by the S.A. Yiddish Federation (Bloemfontein Branch).

The chairman was Mr. H. Bradlow. Speakers and artists who arrived specially for the occasion from Johannesburg were M. Shur, M. Lazar, Z. Glasser, N. Bell, E. Beynard and G. Fine.

Mr. Chin greeted the delegates on behalf of the Yiddish Cultural Circle, Bloemfontein. Mr. M. Shur spoke about the Yiddish language in our literature and arts, Mr. M. Lazar dwelt on the importance of both our languages—Yiddish and Hebrew—for our national continuity. Miss E. Beynard sang some Yiddish and Hebrew songs, Mr. N. Bell rendered Yiddish songs, "The Partisan

Song" and "Freitag oif der nacht"; Mr. Z. Glasser, the gifted pianist, played classical music, and Mr. G. Fine read his own humorous works.

On Wednesday, September 10, a meeting and social was held at the Yiddish Folk-school premises, where a permanent women's section was formed by the Yiddish Cultural Federation.

Mrs. Shur was in the chair. The speakers of the evening were Mesdames Ch. Shreero, N. Novikow. A discussion followed in which Messrs. Z. Levy, M. Lazar, S. Rubin, Rosen and Mesdames S. Feldman, F. Zygielbaum and Miss A. Smith took part.

The following were elected to the committee: Mesdames S. Feldman, Ch. Shreero, Z. Taub, M. Shur, S. Katz, Daniels, Monty Gabai, Bacher, Segal, Coblenz, Eidelman, Baron, Glasser, Polesky and Miss A. Smith.

Messrs. N. Bell and Daviat participated in the musical programme.

REITZ JEWISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Very good work has been done by the Reitz Jewish Benevolent Society. During the past year the following contributions were made: S.A. Jewish War Appeal, £283 4s.; Youth Aliyah, £25; Ort-Oze, £10; Magen David Adom, £25. S.A. Jewish Orphanage, £43 12s.; Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home, £28 18s; various Palestinian institutions, £15 15s.

At the annual general meeting held recently, Mr. L. Rabman and Mrs. W. Jacobson were re-elected as chairman and secretary respectively, and Mesdames K. Lazarus, B. Cohen and J. Sacks were elected to the committee.

MRS. GRANOVSKY ADDRESSES DURBAN WOMEN

The wonderful spirit of the women of the Yishuv was stressed by Mrs. Miriam Granovsky, when she addressed about 100 members of the various sewing groups of Durban. Nothing, she said, could deter them from carrying on with their day to day activities.

Mrs. Granovsky also spoke of the

part played by the Jewish Brigade, not only on the field of battle, but more even in the camps of Europe, where they helped in many ways to build up the morale of our sorely tried people.

Mrs. Broomberg presided and thanked the speaker.

700 ATTEND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The High Festivals Children's Services held at the three Synagogues of the United Hebrew Congregation were an outstanding success.

The Services at the Hebrew High School in conjunction with the Great Synagogue were conducted by Mr. M. Bassin, and those at the Yeoville Synagogue by Mr. S. Klevansky, both of whom are third year students in Hebrew at the University under Professor Rabinowitz. The Services at the Oxford Synagogue were taken by Adv. L. Dison.

With 350 children attending at the Great Synagogue Services, 250 at the Yeoville, and 100 at the Oxford Synagogue, no less than 700 children in all attended these services.

Mr. Rybko Visits 15 Centres In Rhodesia

Fifteen centres were visited by Mr. W. Rybko, official lecturer and propagandist of the S.A. Zionist Federation during his recent tour of Rhodesia. All the centres visited expressed appreciation to the S.A. Zionist Federation for having arranged Mr. Rybko's tour, and for the highly informative and stimulating addresses he delivered.

In Ndola Mr. Rybko addressed a gathering at the residence of Mr. H. Elkaim. Mr. H. Shulman, chairman of the local Zionist Society, presided, and Mr. J. Schlitner proposed a vote of thanks.

At Luanshya, a meeting was held at the home of Mr. J. Minchuk, chairman of the Luanshya Zionist Society. Mr. Minchuk was in the chair and Mr. Rayner, the honorary secretary, warmly thanked the speaker.

In Nkana the Jewish community gathered at the local Synagogue to listen to the visitor. Mr. M. Gersch was in the chair and Mr. D. Kolmberg proposed a vote of thanks.

In Chingola the meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Dorsky (chairman of the Zionist Society) and Mrs. Dorsky.

From Chingola Mr. Rybko was taken by car by Mr. Shatz to Mufulira, the chair at the meeting in this centre being taken by Mr. D. Messerer, chairman of the society. The community's thanks to the speaker were voiced by Mr. D. Epstein.

In Broken Hill a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Kuritzky (chairman of the Zionist Society), and Mrs. Kuritzky.

On his arrival in Lusaka Mr. Rybko was met at the station by Dr. Posvel and Mr. Mendelsohn, President of the Congregation. The local Synagogue, where the meeting was held, was crowded. Mr. J. Mohrer, vice-chairman of the society, presided, and Mr. Mendelsohn proposed a vote of thanks.

At Livingstone, Mr. Rybko was met at the station by Mr. B. Ilyon, chairman of the Herzl Zionist Society. He addressed the community at a meeting held in the Synagogue, which was presided over by Mr. Ilyon, and he also addressed the local Zionist Youth Society, at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kopelowitz. The

S.A. BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Mr. Goss Visits Hebrew Schools

During the course of August, Mr. I. Goss, M.A., Acting Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, addressed a meeting of the Parents' Association of the Berea Hebrew School on problems confronting Hebrew Education today. Mr. H. Green, the chairman of the Talmud Torah, was in the chair. Mr. I. J. Hersch, acting president of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education and a prominent member of the Berea Hebrew Congregation, spoke on the Board's future plans for the improvement of Hebrew education in this country. A discussion ensued in which Mr. M. Sarovich, the secretary of the Berea Hebrew Congregation, and others participated. Mr. Feitelberg proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. Goss also addressed a meeting of parents and friends of the Vereeniging Hebrew School on Jewish Education and the World Crisis. Mr. A. Wolf, the chairman of the Talmud Torah, was in the chair. A discussion ensued and Rev. S. Reichenberg proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. I. Goss conducted the annual inspection of the Bloemfontein Hebrew School and also met the committee as well as the staff and prominent communal workers to discuss problems of Hebrew Education in Bloemfontein.

chairman of the Zionist Youth Society, Mr. Schlesinger, presided.

In Bulawayo Mr. Rybko spoke at four different meetings. The first meeting was organised by the local Women's Zionist Society and was presided over by Mrs. L. Fredman. Another meeting was that organised by the Bulawayo Chovevei Zion Society, when he spoke on "Jewish History in the light of present-day events." Mr. Ben Baron was in the chair. He was the guest of honour at an Oneg Shabbath arranged by the local Hebrew Speaking Circle and he gave a lecture on "The Glory of Lithuanian Jewry" to the members of the Bulawayo Jewish Guild Literary Circle. The Rev. W. Yesorsky presided.

His lectures thus covered a wide field, and, as he spoke in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, he met practically every member of the community.

He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Sale, and fine hospitality was accorded him by the Rev. Yesorsky.

Yet another centre visited was Gwelo. On his arrival there he was met by Mr. Pearl, chairman of the Zionist Society, who presided over the meeting which was held in the Synagogue. During his stay in the town he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Benatar.

As a result of Mr. Rybko's visit to Shabani, a study circle was formed in that centre under the convenship of Mrs. Ferreira. The meeting in Shabani was held at the residence of Mr. Menashe. Mr. M. Goldberg presided. A special function in his honour was held at the home of Mrs. M. Aberman, chairman of the Women's Zionist Society.

Mrs. M. Sloman, chairman of the local Women's Zionist Society, presided over the meeting which the visitor addressed in Que Que. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keril.

In Gatooma a meeting took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benatar. Mr. Taric presided and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Benatar, Jun.

The last centre visited was Selukwe. The meeting in this centre was presided over by Mr. B. Grill, chairman of the Zionist Society.

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