

## Transvaal Young Israel Executive to Raise £500 for Chalutz

### Intensive Campaign Started Among Transvaal Youth

THE Transvaal Young Israel Executive has at its meeting decided to raise £500 for the Chalutz scheme and has lost no time in making arrangements for an intensive and speedy campaign for funds among its affiliated Youth bodies. A strong Transvaal Young Israel Chalutz Committee was formed, which is busy getting in touch with various Youth organisations and arranging small campaigns in each centre, as a result of which every member of Young Israel will be approached and requested to identify himself with the Chalutz scheme by making a contribution to the funds. In addition a number of functions and parties are being arranged from which the Chalutz funds will benefit greatly.

#### A Promising Beginning.

The first society to get results has been the Eastern Districts Judean Society, which made an excellent beginning at one of its functions when an appeal was made for donations by the Youth. About £45 has already been raised by this society, many small donations coming in from youngsters who sacrificed their pocket money in order to do their share.

The Bertrams Judean Society made a similar appeal at its general meeting, when £10 was collected on the spot. In addition, a number of other societies have practically completed preparations for special Youth appeals.

## The South African Board of Jewish Education

### SOME OF ITS RECENT ACTIVITIES.

MR. D. MIEROWSKY, Director of the Board, returned last week from a seven weeks' inspection tour through the country in the course of which he has visited many larger Jewish communities, such as: Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth and a number of smaller communities. Altogether some 65 classes have been inspected and thoroughly examined by him. Besides conferring with teachers and committees he held a large number of public meetings. In the course of the tour Mr. Mierowsky delivered a dozen lectures on various subjects. He was also instrumental in organising two Kindergartens and two Adult Classes. Mr. Mierowsky was able to report very fine progress made by some of the schools he visited.

There seems to be a new realisation on the part of the Jewish public throughout the country—a realisation which is constantly growing in strength—of the importance of Jewish education for the future preservation of the Jewish community in South Africa. There is also a growing desire in the country, on the part of adults, for acquiring a knowledge of Hebrew, all of which would point to an ever-growing interest in Jewish educational matters.

Mr. Mierowsky is at present carrying out the half-yearly examinations of the various Hebrew Schools in Johannesburg and on the Reef. Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis, Inspector of the Board, is at present on an inspection tour in the Eastern Transvaal and Natal.

The Cape Committee of the Board has recently carried out a detailed census of all Jewish children of school-going age in the whole of the Cape Province, and the conclusions to be derived from these statistics, when all the figures are tabulated, will no doubt be of an interesting nature. A panel of Hon. Inspectors are now busy in the Cape Peninsula inspecting the various schools.

#### "HACHALUTZ," JOHANNESBURG.

Hebrew classes and lectures are being run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Hebrew High School. On Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 9 p.m., Mr. Zevy Goldberg will lecture on "Eretz Israel in the Power of Turkey." The geography of Eretz Israel is being studied every Thursday evening at 9 o'clock. The Hachalutz Choir, conducted by Mr. Hershberg, welcomes more members.

## Last Will and Testament of Every Jew

..... I give and bequeath to the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, Ltd.), which buys land in Palestine as the inalienable possession of the Jewish people, the sum of £..... free of all duties.

(Signed) **Every Jew.**

## A "Palestine Parliament" for Johannesburg

THE Johannesburg Zionist Association has for some time past been actively engaged in carrying out a scheme for the establishment in Johannesburg of a Forum for the discussion of all matters which affect every aspect of development in Palestine.

This will take the form of a Parliament and the representation will be based on political lines. General Zionists, The United Zionist Labour Party, the Mizrachi and the Revisionists have agreed to take part in this scheme, and the first Government will be a Coalition Government comprising General Zionists, Labour and Mizrachi with the Revisionists in opposition.

The delimitation commission appointed by the Johannesburg Zionist Association has divided Palestine into constituencies and each constituency has been prepared with a list of towns, villages and colonies forming part of that constituency, with information as to the approximate population in each centre. Considerable assistance in this direction was given to the Association by Mr. Abraham Harzfeld, prior to his departure. The allocation of seats amongst the various parties has been made, and a meeting of representatives will be held at an early date to make final arrangements in regard to the opening date, and the preparation of a programme of work. It is hoped that the first Session of this Parliament will take place about the end of July.

Apart from the introduction of proposed legislation this Parliament will be concerned mainly with keeping in close touch with every part of Palestine, and the members of this Parliament will be expected to obtain all possible information by direct correspondence with residents in their particular constituency. The information thus obtained will be submitted to this Parliament in the form of reports, and it is hoped that this will introduce into Johannesburg a regular Bureau for information on Palestine affairs.

The Sessions of Parliament will be open to the public and further information in regard to the opening and subsequent Sessions will be notified in the Press and to members of Associations by such methods as the various societies taking part in the scheme will decide.

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