

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BENONI.

Under the auspices of the Young Israel Society, an address will be delivered by Rev. Altshuler, of Brakpan, on Sunday, the 23rd inst., at the Hebrew Hall, Benoni, at 8 p.m. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

A "Palestinian" dance, under the combined auspices of the Bloemfontein Herzlia Association and the Young Israel Society, was held in the Communal Hall on the 1st inst. The hall was tastefully decorated in blue and white. There was a good attendance, who applauded the singing of Hebrew songs and an exhibition of the "Hora" by the Habonim and Habonoth.

The chairman extended a cordial welcome to the gathering, and Mr. Fogel expressed his gratification at the activity of the local Zionist Youth Organisation.

BOTHAVILLE.

The newly-formed Zionist Society has now affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation. The Society held a Herzl Memorial Service on Thursday evening, July 13th, and in response to an appeal by the President seven trees were donated in the Herzl Forest, three of these being in the name of the Hebrew Congregation.

The *Haskarah* was intoned by Rabbi G. H. Kahan, after which he also spoke on the "Life and Work of Herzl." Addresses were also delivered by Mr. M. Brill, Mr. J. Behr and Mr. A. Sacks. A paper was read by Mr. I. Cohen. The programme for the evening concluded with a poem in Yiddish, recited by Mr. M. Heller, and the singing of the "Hatikvah."

CRADOCK.

The bi-monthly "Tea" held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Adler, on the 2nd inst., realised the sum of 14s. Mrs. Thal presided.

Miss M. Thal read a short story from "Peretz," which was listened to with interest. Rev. Handelson sang during the afternoon.

DORDRECHT.

The first function of the newly-formed Zionist Society in aid of the Dunam Drive was held on Sunday, July 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Louis Stein, President of the Society. This took the form of a Bridge Evening, an entrance fee also being charged. Later on in the evening, a little gift presented by the hostess was raffled, realising £2 10s. This function, being the first of its kind, proved most enjoyable and interesting, and the hope was expressed that future functions of the Society will show the same enthusiasm.

KOPJES.

A social and debate was held by the Young Israel Society in the synagogue chambers on the 2nd inst. Mr. Sidney Ginsberg presided, supported by the Rev. Fisher and Miss Muriel Schutz.

Several members delivered short readings in Hebrew. This was followed by an address by Rev. Fisher, on Palestine and the significance of the Youth organisation in this country.

A debate followed on the subject, "Which is more beneficial to the Jewish child—Aunt Sarah's page in the *Zionist Record* or Aunt Margaret's page in the *Sunday Times*?" and resulted in Aunt Sarah's page being unanimously passed the more beneficial to the Jewish child.

LADYBRAND.

A pleasant social evening took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Israel on the 25th ult., under the auspices of the local Zionist Society. Dr. C. Immerman presided. Miss B. Slomowitz gave an interesting address on "Forerunners of Zionism."

MUIZENBERG.

The local Young Israel Society, whose library comprises 150 books, have decided to transfer these to the newly-erected Talmud Torah Hall and to call it the Isaac Harold Guinsberg Library. This library will also be used as a reading room.

In order to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Guinsberg, who contributed so materially to the welfare of South African Jewry, it is earnestly hoped that the public will respond to the appeal for books, or money, which will be used to buy Hebrew, Yiddish and English volumes for the library.

NAAUWPOORT.

A most interesting meeting of the local Zionist Society was held at the residence of Rev. A. Mandellsove on the 9th

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Pretoria Activities

Hanoar.—The Pretoria Jewish Youth rose to the occasion right nobly last Sunday, when the Chalutz campaign was launched. The Junior Hanoar meeting, which was held in the Memorial Hall in the afternoon, drew an excellent attendance, and tremendous enthusiasm was displayed. The presence of Mr. Israel Dunsky, organising secretary of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council, did much to ensure the success of the gathering, and over £5 was collected from the young people present.

It was, however, left to the mass meeting, held in the evening, to indicate the zeal with which Pretoria has thrown itself into the campaign. Several hundred people attended a brilliant gathering, presided over by Mr. D. M. Schlosberg, president of Hanoar. The speakers, comprising Messrs. A. Abrahamson, J. Rubik and I. Dunsky, all members of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council, delivered forceful and eloquent addresses, and the audience was moved to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Over £50 was raised at the meeting, which concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by Mr. A. Getz and seconded by Mr. J. Greenstein.

Canvassing for further donations is proceeding apace, and numerous functions are being organised to swell the funds.

Jewish Guild.—A tennis tournament will be held next Sunday on the Guild courts in aid of the Memorial Hall Improvements Fund.

The Guild is sending down a tennis team to Bloemfontein next month to compete in the Sol Harris Cup competition, which will be decided on August 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Belling are being congratulated on the birth of a son. Mr. Belling is the well-known communal worker and has been very much to the fore lately in connection with the scheme to amalgamate Jewish institutions in Pretoria.

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inst. Mr. D. Tabachowitz presided over a good attendance of members and visitors.

Mr. M. Bobrov then delivered his impressions of the recent South African Zionist Conference held in Kimberley. He paid tribute to the very active part played by Chief Rabbi Dr. Landau at the Conference. The speaker described the Youth Conference and the enthusiasm shown by the younger Zionists.

A discussion followed in which Mr. Jack Bobrov urged that the Habonim movement be adopted in Naauwpoort. Mr. L. Melmed proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. M. Bobrov, which was seconded by Mr. M. Rose.

THEUNISSEN.

Sunday evening, 9th inst., marked the second of the social and cultural monthly meetings to be held under the auspices of the Zionist Society. An enthusiastic gathering assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Trifisik, and the opportunity was also taken to commemorate Herzl's Yahrzeit.

Mrs. M. Mandelsweiz presided. Mr. Berry Trifisik delivered an address on Herzl. Mr. Chasen and Mr. Epstein also spoke. An interesting discussion on "When is a Jew a Jew?" followed.

Miss Gerty Rubinstein, of Rouxville, and Miss Ethel Gerber, of Ermelo, rendered duets, pianoforte and violin solos respectively. A raffle put up by the hostess in aid of the synagogue realised well over £2.

VREDE.

Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis addressed a meeting in the Synagogue on Sunday, the 25th ult., and addressed himself chiefly to the Youth, urging support of the Chalutz movement and the fostering of enthusiasm for Jewish ideals and Jewish education.

WEPENER.

On the occasion of the wedding of Miss Balkind and Mr. Mallach, held on June 17th, a cake was put up for American auction by Mr. S. Steckoll, of Hobhouse, and realised the sum of £3 15s., which has been devoted to the Jewish National Fund.

WINBURG.

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, the monthly "at home" was held on the 17th ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobson. Mr. H. Zimmerman presided, and called upon the Rev. S. Kaplan, who delivered an interesting address on "The Eighteenth Zionist Congress," which is due to be held at Prague in August.

The chairman thanked the lecturer for his address, and also bade farewell, on behalf of the society, to Mrs. Jackson, who is leaving Winburg.