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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Herzl Ladies' Association of Oudtshoorn Hold Celebration

The Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society, one of the oldest Women's Zionist Societies in the Union, celebrated its 27th anniversary at a banquet held at the Central Hotel, on the 1st inst. Over 100 people were present. Miss Sallie Kussel, the president of the society, was in the chair.

The following proposed toasts: Miss S. Kussel (the King); Mr. Z. Lison (Eretz Israel); Mr. P. Agrat, president of the Oscar Marmonek Zionist Association (Jewish National Fund); Mr. Maurice Goldberg (Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society). Mrs. Sol Morris, vice-president of the society, responded to the latter.

The Mayor, Mr. B. L. Gillis, congratulated the society on the auspicious occasion, and paid tribute to its excellent work. During the evening, Miss A. Sieff, hon. treasurer, reviewed the past achievements of the society, which had been formed on August 1, 1910, mainly through the efforts of Mr. D. Mierowsky, at one time principal of the Hebrew section of the Oudtshoorn Hebrew School. Miss Z. Barnatsky had been elected the first president, Miss Eva Weinstein, hon. secretary, and Miss Ethel Sieff, assistant hon. secretary.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Miss Kussel presented Miss Lily Sindler with a painting by Mr. Napier Kuys, in appreciation of her services as joint hon. secretary of the society.

The monthly meeting of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society took place at the residence of Mrs. J. Wilck. Miss S. Kussel presided.

BELLEVILLE, PAROW AND DURBANVILLE

Mr. Englesberg's Lecture

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Zionist Society, Mr. N. Englesberg addressed a crowded meeting at the Communal Hall, Parow, on Thursday, the 25th ult. His lecture dealt with the development of Palestine and its relation to the political position with special reference to Partition. He also stressed the necessity for the formation of a men's Zionist society, which was agreed upon. Mr. Englesberg replied to discussion and questions. Other speakers were Mrs. Clouts and Mr. Chenloff.

Mrs. Hoffman presided. The vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr. Sachs.

Claremont Hebrew Congregation

A Chanukah concert was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Sunday, the 5th inst. Mr. H. Beck, chairman of the Claremont Hebrew Congregation, who presided, referred to the good work done by Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson in the organisation of the function. After the kindling of the lights by Gerald Abramowitz, the children of the Talmud Torah sang "Ma-oz Tzur," accompanied by Fanny Abrahamson. A varied programme of recitations, dialogues in Hebrew, and songs, was presented by the pupils.

Rabbi Abrahamson addressed the gathering on the subject of Chanukah, and appealed to the parents to send their children to the Talmud Torah. Mrs. Freedman, chairlady of the Ladies' Society, assisted by Mrs. Gorfinkel, distributed the prizes.

Mr. Gorfinkel proposed a hearty vote of thanks to both speakers, the artists, the Talmud Torah Committee, and all those who assisted in making the concert a success.

Mr. Lazar Braudo on Partition

Guest of Jewish Guild Cultural Section

THE Cultural Section of the Jewish Guild arranged a pleasant luncheon on Tuesday last in honour of Mr. and Mrs. L. Braudo. Mr. J. Alexander presided. He commented on the sterling services Mr. Braudo had rendered to the Zionist movement in this country during the period he had been Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and furthermore on the excellent contribution that Mr. and Mrs. Braudo were making to the life of the Yishuv, where they had taken up residence.

Mr. Braudo, in a short address, referred to the controversial issue of partition. Partition was not an established fact, and the possibility existed of its being defeated owing to Arab opposition or disunited Jewish opinion on the subject. This eventuality had to be considered. The palliatives in this case would be introduced, but even such a measure would not succeed in stopping Jewish land purchases and Jewish development. Activities would not stagnate during such a period, which could not last for any great length of time, and would be used to consolidate Jewish forces.

Should partition be realised, however, the next twenty-five years

would see the great consolidation of the Jewish position in Palestine. Braudo was no partition enthusiast, but he was a supporter of the scheme as the only practical one under the present circumstances. purchase would be unrestricted, Jewish defence force would be an established fact, and immigration would only depend on the absorption capacity principle. As to the boundaries, a British boundary commission would investigate this thoroughly and would most likely smooth out the many difficulties which are generally foreseen. This little Palestine would contribute towards the solution of the Jewish problem by causing the Jews to cease living as a nation of gypsies. As a Jewish state the Jewish claims could be presented before the conscience of the world.

Partition in itself, Mr. Braudo concluded, was also in its essence a palliative, but given enough time to prepare one's ground during the next twenty-five years, the Jewish position would become defined and ultimately this Palestine of partition might become the Palestine on both sides of the Jordan.

Mr. A. Abrahamson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker on behalf of the Cultural Section.

Prize Distribution at Berea Hebrew School

On Sunday, the 12th inst., the prize distribution to the pupils of the Berea Hebrew School took place. Over 70 pupils and a number of parents of the pupils were present. Mr. J. Feitelberg presided.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis and Mr. I. J. Hersh appealed to the parents to display a keener interest in the Hebrew education of their children. Mesdames J. Feitelberg and I. J. Hersh distributed the prizes. Mr. I. Lak and Mr. Melamed also spoke.

The chairman thanked Messrs B. Friedman, C. Asher, W. H. Claff and M. I. Yodaiken for donating the prizes. Mr. W. H. Claff proposed a vote of thanks to Mesdames Feitelberg and Hersh.

Rabbi Kossowsky in Brakpan

Rabbi I. Kossowsky, Rav of the Federation of Synagogues and chairman of the S.A. Jewish Ministers' Association, paid a visit to the United Hebrew Institutions of Brakpan on Thursday, the 25th ult.

The visitor devoted the whole afternoon to examining the various classes of the local Hebrew school. In the evening a large audience listened to an inspiring address delivered by Rabbi Kossowsky on the subject of "The Synagogue." Mr. M. Robinson, president of the congregation, was in the chair.

A vote of thanks to the distinguished visitor was proposed by the Rev. M. Altshuler. During his stay the Rabbi was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. Altshuler.

AGUDATH HAMORIM HAIVRIM

The general meeting of the association, which was to have taken place on the 11th inst., will be held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 2.30 p.m., at the Jewish Guild.

The economic position of the Hebrew teachers will be dealt with. All members are requested to attend.

JOHANNESBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Last Concert of Season on Monday

At the City Hall, on Monday, the 20th inst., the last concert of the season of the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra will be held. On this occasion, Mr. Joseph Traunek will present Grieg's magnificent piano concerto in A Minor, performed by the renowned pianist, Jose Rodriguez Lopez, who is shortly leaving for Europe.

The programme will also include the overture "Der Freischutz," by Weber and Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor. All music lovers in Johannesburg would be well advised to make their reservations early at Mackay Bros.

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