

OVER 20,000 SHEKOLIM SOLD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Great Success of This Year's Collection

IT has long been the aim of South African Zionism to secure each year not less than 20,000 Shekel-payers, i.e., enrolled members of the World Zionist Organisation.

In previous years the highest figure reached was about 16,500, which was the total attained last year, and which represented a fair increase over previous years.

This year the Shekel Campaign, under the able leadership of Mr. J. Bahr, the Shekel Commissioner of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and his colleagues, was conducted on a more intensive scale than ever before; and as the result of devoted work throughout the country, a total of 20,000 Shekel-payers showed itself to be in sight. There were, however, a number of returns, the receipt of which by headquarters was delayed through one cause or another, and it is only within the last few days, as the

result of the receipt of a few returns from isolated and distant centres, that

the S.A. Zionist Federation has the pleasure of announcing that the number of Shekolim accounted for by actual remittances, supported in every case by the counterfoils of the Shekolim issued, has reached a total of 20,018.

It should be added that there is still a small residue of centres where a sale of Shekolim is known to have taken place, but from which the returns have not been received; whilst in two or three of the larger centres there are still a few books of Shekolim to be accounted for. The Head Office of the Federation in Johannesburg requests us through this medium to urge upon the places concerned the necessity of sending in any outstandings without delay.

FAREWELL MEETING TO CHAVERIM OSCHRY AND AFTERTUT

The chaverim of the Hapoel Hamizrachi packed the house of Chaver Berelowitz last Sunday night, in order to say farewell to Chaver aftergut, who is leaving for Eretz Israel, and to Chaver Oschry, who is going to a Yeshivah in Chicago.

Chaver Frank was in the chair, and spoke of the synthesis of the spiritual and material that marked the Hapoel Hamizrachi.

Others who spoke were Mr. Rochlin, Mr. J. Green and Mr. Bakst. Both Chaver Aftergut and Chaver Oschry responded, and the function was brought to a close after a number of musical items had been contributed, including a very good rendering of "The Shikareh Chazan" by Chaver Liebgott.

GERMISTON ZIONIST YOUTH SOCIETY

ON Saturday night, the 20th August, the above society is holding a dance at the Germiston Shul Hall. Admission 1/6 single. All Zionist Youth invited.

Funeral of A. Z. Idelsohn

A representative gathering assembled at the Temple Israel, Johannesburg, at the funeral service of Professor Abraham Zevi Idelsohn on Tuesday afternoon.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler, Minister of the Congregation, officiated and paid a moving tribute to the deceased. The pall-bearers were members of the executive of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation. The service continued at the Braamfontein Crematorium, where the pall-bearers were members of the family.

Tragic Death of Jewish Family On The Rand

During last week-end a Jewish family was killed as the result of a level crossing motor smash.

Their car was hit by a train at the Apex level crossing. The tragedy aroused deep sorrow in Brakpan, where the Bacia family — Israel, aged thirty, his wife, Sonia, aged twenty-nine and their daughters, Patsy and Fanny, aged six and four, respectively, resided.

The funeral was largely attended and men and women wept unrestrainedly during the service at the graveside. In the absence of relatives, members of the Palestinian Society (of which Mr. Bacia was a member), and the Jewish Burial and Helping Hand Society acted as pall-bearers. The Rev. M. Altshuler and the Rev. M. Movson officiated. Mr. M. J. Robinson and Mr. M. Adno were responsible for all the arrangements.

The Bacia family arrived from Palestine only about six months ago, but even during the short time that they lived in Brakpan, they established a place for themselves in the esteem and affection of the members of the Brakpan community. They are mourned by many friends and acquaintances.

HEBREW TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

A general meeting of the Association will take place on Wednesday, August 24, at 8.15 p.m. at the premises of the Doornfontein Hebrew School, Beit Street, when the report of the committee will be presented and elections will take place.

All members are earnestly requested to attend.

BENONI YOUTH HOLD RALLY

STIRRING ADDRESS BY Mr. J. DALESKI

SOME 150 members of the Zionist Youth Movement, representing societies from all parts of the Transvaal, assembled in Benoni to participate in the Rally held there over the long week-end, July 30th to August 1st, and sponsored by the Benoni Zionist Youth Society.

On the opening night a Camp Fire was held, and those present soon entered into the spirit of the occasion. The singing of Hebrew songs, humorous sketches by Mr. Morris Peck, and other items were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Sunday an all-day outing was held at Rynfield Lake, and in the evening visitors attended a meeting at the Hebrew Hall at which Mr. J. Daleski, of the S.A. Zionist Federation delivered an address on the problems confronting Jewry to-day. Mr. W. Kaim, chairman of the Benoni Zionist Youth Society, presided. Some three hundred people were present.

In the course of a brilliant oration, Mr. Daleski condemned the policy of reprisals practised by certain sections in Palestine to-day and said that even after two years of terror, retaliation by Jews was not inevitable, but would become so if the preachings of the Revisionists were accepted. He emphasised the need for self-restraint and vigorously denounced the tactics of the Revisionists whose particular philosophy must once and for all be excluded from Jewish life.

While stressing the importance of the Keren Hayesod in the upbuilding work in Eretz Israel and appealing for wholehearted support of the Fund, he also reminded the Youth that the strength of South African Zionism lay not only in its monetary contributions, but also in the part it could and should play in the political and cultural life of the Yishuv.

The speaker dwelt at some length on the partition issue, pointing out that it was the Jews in the Diaspora who would be most affected if partition became an accomplished fact. He re-iterated the urgent necessity for taking a firm stand in the fight against partition.

Mr. Daleski, whose speech created a deep impression, replied ably and comprehensively to questions. The thanks of the audience was conveyed to Mr. Daleski by Mr. Charles Greenblatt.

Monday was devoted to mixed-Hockey-games, Tennis matches and football competitions.

The winners of the football Five-Aside Tournament, The Western Suburbs Zionist Guild, were presented with the "Goodman" Cup by Mrs. Harry Phillips, Chairlady of the Benoni Women's Zionist League.

At the farewell Rally Banquet held that night, Dr. C. B. Shapiro, President of the United Hebrew United Institutions of Benoni, who had provided the dinner for the visitors, presided over a gathering of 200 people, amongst whom were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips, Mr. M. Nestadt, M.P.C. and Dr. D. Morrison, vice-Chairman of the Benoni Senior Zionist Society, and other prominent local Zionists.

In opening the proceedings, Dr. Shapiro referred to the untimely passing of Mr. S. P. Bekker, Administrator of the Transvaal, whom he described as a non-racialist and a great South African. The company stood for a moment as a mark of respect.

Mr. N. Kirschner, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, proposed the toast of "Eretz Israel" to which Mr. Sid Berg, of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council, replied. Mr. L. Freeman, Treasurer of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, who proposed the toast of the "Hosts" and Mr. Werner Kaim, who responded, both commented on the fine spirit of co-operation existing between the Youth and the senior bodies in Benoni.

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