

In and Around the Peninsula

S.A. Jewish Appeal—Women's Campaign.

An excellent audience attended the concert given last Saturday night in the City Hall by Mr. Issy Bonn, supported by other artists and the Municipal Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Walter Swanson. Much of the success of this function was due to the personal efforts of Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank, the organisers, and the funds of the S.A. Jewish Appeal will benefit considerably.

During the week Mr. L. Feldman addressed a meeting of the combined committees of the Union of Jewish Women and the Women's Section of the S.A. Ort-Oze on the work of the J.D.C.-J.A. and the Ort-Oze in Europe. Mr. Feldman based his talk on personal observations and experiences during a recent visit to Europe. Mr. Feldman answered the numerous questions put to him by an interested audience.

Mrs. Sheila Sacks and members of her group organised a very successful dance at the residence of Mrs. Liff, while a similar function arranged by the Rondebosch group took place at the residence of Mrs. Rothschild.

Mrs. Sidelsky's group, of which Mrs. Myra Sagov is now the convener, organised a very successful Chicken Barbecue at Hout Bay on Saturday, 31st January. A very large number of people attended this novel function, which proved most enjoyable.

Friends of Biro-Bidjan.

A highly successful function was held last Sunday night in the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg.

Mr. L. Feldman, who is here on holiday from Johannesburg and who has recently returned from a lengthy tour of Europe, was the principal speaker. He expressed the hope that this Society would soon grow into a mass movement in South Africa. He stressed the vital importance of the Jewish life now being created amongst the post-war ruins in Europe, of the new hope that is being given to our brethren in the various new democracies. The Yiddish language flourishes, cultural values are being created on the stage, in literature, and so forth.

Mr. P. Barsky traced the history of Biro-Bidjan from the day of its proclamation as a Jewish autonomous region to the present day. He told the large audience of the inevitable difficulties encountered by the early pioneers and of the rich reward that was theirs in the end. The speaker made it quite clear that Biro-Bidjan was no competition to Palestine and that it was the duty of every Jew the world over to assist in the upbuilding of the Region, which abounds in mineral wealth, can easily accommodate 4,000,000 settlers, has no native population problem and has been given to the Jewish people free of charge.

The programme included piano solos by Miss Rachel Rabinowitz and recitations by Mrs. R. Turok, Mrs. D. Wilkin and Mr. S. Rubinstein.

The musical items were highly appreciated and the recitations in Yiddish were enthusiastically received by the large audience.

Mr. I. Schwalb was in the chair.

Hebrew Kindergarten Association.

The following Kindergartens, under the auspices of the Hebrew Kindergarten Association, re-opened on Wednesday, 28th January, 1948: Herzlia Kindergarten, Talmud Torah School, Hope Street, Cape Town; Sea Point Kindergarten, Synagogue Hall, Marais Road, Sea Point; Muizenberg Kindergarten, Talmud Torah Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg.

Kurland-Livland Society.

The Kurland-Livland Society held a Concert at the Muizenberg Pavilion on 29th January which, through the combined efforts of all contributing artists, was an unqualified success. The hall was well filled and the audience most responsive.

Mr. Derek Bernfield rendered two piano soli of classical music. Miss Sylvia Faktor rendered four songs, which were much applauded. Mr. Derek Bernfield was an able and sympathetic accompanist.

Masha Arsenieva, famous Continental dancer, gave four delightful dances, accompanied by Boris Igneff.

Miss Hedy Haas presented songs and sketches in her own inimitable style, the humorous items provoking much merriment.

Mr. Geo. Laden read one of his own humorous compositions.

Walter Morgan, who accompanied Miss Haas, also rendered an item on the piano accordion.

During the interval an American Auction was held by the Chairman of the Society, Mr. J. Talberg, of a silver fox muff, kindly donated by Mr. Max Rutenberg (Arctic Fur Co.). The muff was finally knocked down at £31 10s. to Mr. D. Katzen, who subsequently donated it to the Society to be re-auctioned at the next big function.

Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association.

A representative gathering of the Jewish communities of the Strand-Somerset West area took place at the Hotel Majestic, Strand, on Thursday evening, 22nd January. Mr. W. Miller, Chairman of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Society, presided and welcomed a delegation consisting of Adv. Dave Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinreich and Mr. M. H. Goldschmidt, who made an appeal on behalf of the Emergency Fund. There was a generous response.

The Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jack Friedman for the tea and the use of their comfortable room. Mr. Abe Friedman thanked the speakers for their interesting addresses.

Muizenberg-Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 11th January the following members were elected to the Committee of the above congregation: Mr. D. L. Davidowitz (President); Adv. M. Barnett (Vice-President); Mr. B. P. Phillips (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. N. Emdin (Hon. Life President).

Committee: Messrs. M. J. Pasvol-sky, M. Jankelowitz, R. M. Rifkin, R. Shaskolsky, E. Greenstein, A. Schneider, W. Satusky, H. L. Stern, L. Seftel, D. Borok. Mr. M. Wisenberg, Secretary.

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Issy Bonn at City Hall.

Issy Bonn, the famous London stage and radio artist, captivated a packed house at the City Hall on Saturday night when he appeared at a concert in aid of the S.A. Jewish Appeal. Billed as a comedian, it was not surprising that he kept the audience highly entertained with his anecdotes and witticisms. But it was as a singer that he scored his greatest success and his magnificent voice was heard to advantage in "Let Bygones Be Bygones," "Sorrento," "Because," etc. It was the Jewish songs, however, which appealed most to the audience and his singing of "Rozinkes und Mandeln," "My Yiddisher Momma," and above all "Eili, Eili," was received with tremendous applause, to which Mr. Bonn responded generously.

Other artists who contributed to the programme were Kathleen Cave and Irene Morgan, who gave several vocal numbers, and Harold Cobb, who played a group of jazz compositions.

The Cape Town Orchestra, conducted by Walter Swanson, rendered "Raymond Overture" (Thomas), "Blue Danube Waltz" (Strauss), "Orpheus in the Underworld" (Offenbach) and Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt).

ACCOMODATION WANTED.

Lady urgently requires accommodation as paying guest with Jewish family. Write Mrs. Green, c/o Standard Bank, Adderley Street, Cape Town.

Social & Personal.

Rabbi and Mrs. I. Abrahams are spending a month's holiday at Hermanus.

Mr. I. J. Hersch, Vice-President of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, has arrived from Johannesburg and is spending a holiday at the Rio Grande Hotel, Muizenberg.

Mr. S. Sandak-Lewin has received notification from London that he has been appointed South African Representative of the Incorporated Association of Cost and Industrial Accountants, Limited (By Guarantee).

The engagement is announced of Tobias (Toby) Kaufman, son of Mr. A. Kaufman and the late Mrs. Kaufman, of Maitland, and Diana, daughter of Mrs. R. Kiel and the late Mr. B. Kiel, of Sea Point.

The engagement is announced of Sylvia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Goldman, of Sea Point, and Hyman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lidsky, of Vredehoek.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

MATZ-ROLLNICK. — Married at Wynberg on 8th February, 1898, Dorothy Gertrude Rollnick to Aaron Michiel Matz, "Aarondor," Wellington Walk, Wynberg. Reception at Communal Hall, Piers Road, Wynberg, on Sunday, 8th February, at 8 p.m. No cards. Relatives and friends accept this as the only intimation.

UNITED SHEKEL COMMISSION

5708 SHEKEL DRIVE Sunday, 15th February

THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMUNITY IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SHEKEL:

1. The Shekel is NOT a donation, but the symbol of membership of the World Zionist Organisation.
2. No person may take more than one Shekel for him or herself (but see Clause 3).
3. It is a resolution of Congress that, to be entitled to vote in elections to the World Zionist Congress, it is necessary to take the Shekel in each year of the Inter-Congress period; that is, both in 1947 and 1948. However, any person who failed to acquire the Shekel in 1947 may now acquire it, together with the 1948 Shekel, and thus qualify as a voter—i.e. any such person, upon taking two Shekalim in the forthcoming Shekel Drive, will be eligible to vote.
4. Only registered Shekel holders will be allowed to vote in the 1948 World Zionist Congress Elections.
5. In regard to those who turn 18 this year, it should be noted that they may take the Shekel, and vote in the coming Elections, provided that their 18th birthday falls before Rosh-Hashanah, 4th October, 1948.
6. The price of the Shekel is 2/6d.
7. Please give the canvassers your full residential address. No business address or a box number will be accepted.
8. It is essential to indicate clearly the status of the Shekel holder, i.e. whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss, and his or her first name.
9. All persons taking the Shekel, who have changed their address since the 1947 Shekel Drive, should ensure that both their previous and their present addresses are recorded on the Shekel counterfoil.
10. If you are not approached on Shekel Day, please contact the Secretary, United Shekel Commission, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg, who will make arrangements accordingly.
11. The closing date for the 5708 Shekel Drive is 31st March, 1948. Thereafter no one will be permitted to acquire the Shekel.

By Order,

UNITED SHEKEL COMMISSION.

S. CAPLAN, Secretary