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Establishment of Witwatersrand Jewish Welfare Council

Co-ordination of Charitable Work

AFTER lengthy negotiations between the various Jewish welfare societies in Johannesburg, a constitution for the establishment of a Witwatersrand Jewish Welfare Council was adopted at a meeting held at the offices of the Chevra Kadisha on June 19. An Executive Committee was also elected.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Chevra Kadisha, the United Jewish Women's Benevolent Society, the City Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Witwatersrand Hebrew Benevolent Society, the Bikkur Cholim, the Jewish Aged Home and the Jewish Orphanage. Mr. M. Segel, Chairman of the Chevra Kadisha, presided.

Objects of Council

The most important objects of the Welfare Council will be:

- (a) To encourage and stimulate the activities of constituent bodies of the Council and to promote goodwill and co-operation amongst them.
- (b) To collect and circulate statistics and other information relating to the distribution of Charity and to encourage a progressive policy for the rehabilitation of persons of the Jewish faith.
- (c) The Council shall establish and maintain a confidential Central case Register and shall act as an Information Bureau.

It is understood that the Organizations which form the constituent body shall retain their independence and autonomy and that their authority shall not be interfered with or detracted in any manner whatsoever.

The Council will enable all matters relating to Jewish welfare work in Johannesburg to be fully discussed and will serve as a platform for the exchange of ideas amongst organisations concerned.

It is the intention of the Committee of the Welfare Council to create the necessary machinery of central planning and constructive integration, to enable those less fortunate members of the community to become, in the shortest possible time, independent and rehabilitated citizens.

The Office-Bearers

The following Executive Committee was elected: Chairman, Dr. I. J. Balkin; Vice-chairmen, Messrs. A. W. Katzen and H. Kirsch; Organising Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Inez B. Jacobson; Executive, Dr. J. Baynash, Mr. L. Snider, and a nominee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

MR. M. KENTRIDGE, M.P., TO ADDRESS UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN

The next Central Committee meeting of the Johannesburg branch of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa will take place at the Rand Women's Club on July 2 at 11 a.m., when Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., will speak on "The Past Session of Parliament."

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Weissenberg Premiere To Be In Aid Of J.N.F. Week

Arrangements By J.W.Z.L.

THE Johannesburg Women's Zionist League is actively planning its third Jewish National Fund Week to be held at the City, Selborne and Duncan Halls, in August.

Several Branches of the League have already held preliminary functions in aid of the Week. These have all been very successful, and special mention must be made of the Cabaret Dance at the Stork Club, organised by the Southern Suburbs Branch, under the convenership of Mrs. F. Broomberg. This was an outstanding affair, both socially and financially, and a substantial sum will accrue to the National Fund.

The next large-scale effort will be the South African premiere of the celebrated Palestine pianist, Sigi Weissenberg, by the generosity of African Consolidated Theatres, Ltd., at the City Hall on July 16. The Parktown, Melrose and Cyrildene Branches are responsible for the arrangements of what promises to be an evening of musical enjoyment. Everyone who has visited Palestine has heard of the great ability of young Weissenberg. It is interesting to note that he came to Palestine under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah, and has, indeed, contributed to the cultural life of Eretz Israel. Tickets are £1 1s., and are available at the League Office or from any of the above-mentioned Branches. Booking opens on Monday, July 1, at Publix, and those desirous of attending are advised to book early.

Other Branches of the League are engaged on making or collecting merchandise for their stalls at the four-day Fete at the City Hall, where numerous attractions are planned, including a "Night in Palestine" and



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the first large Jewish Ball since V.J. Day.

The Exhibition in the Duncan Hall will be divided into different categories, including a Herzl and Bialik Memorial exhibition, the growth of Zionism and of Jewish communities in South Africa, articles of religious and ceremonial usage, Palestinian books, periodicals and merchandise. Any member of the public who has old letters, photographs or documents of interest, is asked to communicate with the Joint Convener—Mesdames Rivka Kirsch (44-5810) or Fanny Raphael. (43-1615).

All children are reminded of the Essay and Poster Competitions, details of which are available from the League Office, or from the Convener, Mrs. Anne Harris (telephone number 44-2087). It is hoped that, as in previous years, entries will come from all towns and country centres.

Mr. P. Neaman at Worcester

An interesting address was delivered to the Worcester Jewish community on June 17 by Mr. P. Neaman, the well-known Hebrew educationalist, who visited the town on behalf of the Histadruth Ivrit. The subject of his address was "The Renaissance of the Hebrew Language."

Rev. S. Stein proposed the vote of thanks to the speaker.

JWA Relief Team Arrives in London

The JWA have received cabled advice from the JDC to the effect that Mr. Rubin, Miss Saker, Miss Orlin and Mr. Gordin have arrived in London.



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