

HISTADRUTH IVRITH (PRETORIA) MEETING

Mr. M. Ben-Moshe was the guest-speaker at a well-attended meeting of the Pretoria Hebrew Circle on Sunday night, July 13, at the home of Mrs. D. Leps.

Speaking on the "Cultural Trends of New Eretz Israel," Mr. M. Ben-Moshe analysed the various factors that went to make up the cultural effort of the Yishuv.

A discussion followed in which Mr. B. Factor, Mr. D. Feitelberg, Mr. M. Gershater, Mrs. C. Laks and Mr. G. Wolson participated.

Mr. M. Ben-Moshe reported on the activities and future plans of the "Merkaz" of the Histadruth Ivrit, and urged the Pretoria branch to aid the work.

The chairman of the Pretoria Hebrew Circle, Mr. Neriel Jacobson, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., presided.

VEREENIGING ORT-OZE MEETING

A committee meeting was held on Monday evening, June 30, at the home of Mrs. J. Rees, the vice-chairman of the branch.

It was reported that £62 9s. 1d. had been collected at functions in the homes of Mesdames Rees and Plit.

Mrs. M. Cornell outlined the Foster-parent scheme.

Mrs. Rees gave an assurance that the Foster-parent scheme would be taken up by her committee.

Mr. M. Katz, chairman of the Vocational Guidance Bureau, spoke about the Bureau.

Mrs. Rees expressed a vote of thanks to Mr. Katz and Mrs. Cornell.

BETHLEHEM WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

Practically the whole of the Bethlehem community assembled at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, June 26, to accord a public welcome to the new Minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Kessler.

Addresses of welcome were extended by Mr. W. Kaplan (president, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation), and Mrs. E. Tobias (chair, Union of Jewish Women).

The guest speaker was Mr. Goodman, of Port Elizabeth.

Rev. Kessler proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The chairman extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Munitz on the occasion of their marriage.

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY



WORCESTER WIZO EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE AT YOUTH ALIYAH BALL

Top row, left to right: Mrs. M. Greenstein (treasurer), Mrs. R. Goss, Mrs. S. Brown (vice-chairman), Mrs. T. Volks, Mrs. R. Braudie, Miss S. Braudie. Second row: Mrs. J. Rabinowitz, Mrs. Abromowitz, Mrs. B. Elkin, Mrs. L. Friedman (chairman), Mrs. G. Broudie, Mrs. J. Sacks (secretary), Mrs. E. Heller, Mrs. E. Joffe. Third row: Mrs. R. Lange.

SPRINGS REFORM CONGREGATION

Second Annual General Meeting

The progress made by the Springs and District Jewish Reform Congregation was remarked on by the retiring President, Mr. K. H. Stoloff, when he presented his report to the annual general meeting of the Congregation recently. There had been an increase in membership as against only two resignations.

Mr. Stoloff described the progress of the Hebrew and Religion Classes conducted at the Springs Central School under the supervision of Mr. I. Locketz, and the assistance and guidance given to the Congregation by the S.A. Union for Progressive Judaism to whom they were affiliated. Springs was honoured this year by its selection as the venue for the Annual Council Meeting of the S.A. Union for Progressive Judaism.

Mr. Stoloff was re-elected President, and other office-bearers are Dr. B. Kuny, vice-President, Mr. M. Lorge, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. L. Port, Hon. Secretary.

The Executive Committee comprises the above four members plus Messrs. L. Sher, L. Taurog and Mrs. G. Fram, Chairman of the Sisterhood.

At the annual general meeting of the Sisterhood the following office-bearers were elected: Mrs. G. Fram, Chairman; Mrs. J. Redhill (retiring Chairman) and Mrs. F. Frank, vice-Chairman; Mrs. D. Sher, Hon. Treasurer; and Mrs. A. Kuny, Hon. Secretary.

Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler was unanimously elected an Honorary Life Member of the Congregation.

DR. ABT TO ATTEND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM

Dr. H. Abt of Johannesburg, a member of the Communal Relations Committee of the Board of Deputies, of the Editorial Board of "Jewish Affairs" and of the Council of the Board of Jewish Education, has been appointed by the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies as a delegate to the forthcoming Jewish Educational Conference in Jerusalem.

Dr. Abt, who came to South Africa in December, 1939, was for some years a teacher at the Berlin Jewish High School. Later he became principal of the Jewish High School in Breslau and Director of the Training Centre for Jewish Secondary School Teachers.

In 1940 he became a Hebrew teacher in Paarl, and from 1941 to 1943 was the principal of a hostel for Jewish school children established by the Cape Board of Jewish Education. In 1944 he became the Minister to the Etz Chayim Hebrew Congregation and a part-time Army Chaplain. He has written numerous articles and delivered lectures on Jewish subjects. He is a governor of the Athlone High School.

SHAVLER BENEFIT SOCIETY

At a variety concert presented on July 16 by Solly Aronowsky in aid of the Shavler Benefit Society, Sonny Barnett opened the programme with a whistling solo. He was accompanied by the Balalaika Orchestra conducted by H. Ichilcheck.

Hedy Haas sang Yiddish songs. The satire "Unzer Farband," written and produced by Leo Galvin was very amusing.

Other soloists taking part were Miriam Lopert on the piano-accordion and Gerald Cassen (bass) in Russian songs. Jayne Sussman sang and was accompanied by Harry Epstein. Sophie Levitt and Hannah Seink performed traditional dances.

The show was compered by Eric Egan.

MOUNTAIN VIEW-OBSERVATORY ORT-OZE Annual General Meeting

The importance of vocational guidance work for the Jewish youth in South Africa was stressed by Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, a member of the Executive Committee of the World Ort Union, when he addressed the annual general meeting of the Mountain View/Observatory Branch of the Women's Section of the S.A. Ort-Oze at the home of Mrs. H. Livschitz, Observatory.

Mrs. L. Harris, chairman of the branch, proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Weiler.

Mrs. M. Cornell described the part played by the Oze in the rehabilitation of the children and adults in the camps and in many Oze homes in Europe.

The retiring committee was re-elected, with Mrs. L. Harris as chairman.



Cantor E. I. Daviat, who has been appointed Cantor to the Bertrams Hebrew Congregation.

Cantor Daviat, who was until recently attached to the United Synagogue, London, and the Old Hebrew Congregation, Liverpool, has a lyric tenor voice. He studied music and intonation with Cantors Bornstein and Freeman and Professor M. Moodie of London.

PARKVIEW-GREENSIDE COMMUNAL HALL

Official Opening

The official opening ceremony of the Parkview, Greenside and Districts Hebrew Congregation's Communal Hall will be performed by Mr. Max Goodman on Monday, August 4 (Public Holiday), at 2.30 p.m.

Those who have not already advised the secretary of their intention to be present are requested to do so immediately, as well as to state the number in their parties. (Phone 33-8202 during business hours, and 41-1535 after office hours.)

The hall adjoins the Parkview Golf Course, and is in Chester Road, just off the intersection of Donegal Ave., Dundalk Avenue and Emmarentia Avenue, at Stop No. 38 on the Parktown North tram route.

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