

HENRIETTA SZOLD BRANCH

At a meeting of the above branch, which was held on July 29, Mrs. Gordon gave a report on the Women's Zionist Conference, held in Cape Town recently.

Major Weinstein addressed the meeting on "Operations in the Negov", which talk was based on his recent visit to Eretz Israel. A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mrs. Coblenz.

At the August meeting of the branch, which was held at the home of Miss G. Martinsen, new reviews and articles were read.

Jewish Pianiste to Broadcast

ANNE TAYLOR

Miss Anne Taylor is a well-known Jewish pianiste and singer, whose concerts and broadcast performances have earned her a high reputation both in this country and overseas. Her broadcast on Sunday, September 14, will include Hebrew songs, which appear so rarely on the radio that it should be of interest to all listeners.

One of the items will be "Jerusalem," by Rappaport, which is specially dedicated to the safe deliverance of Jews into Palestine. The programme will end with "Eili, Eili", a dedication to the Lord on the Eve of Rosh Hashona.

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Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

**JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S
ZIONIST LEAGUE**

In accordance with its established custom, the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League continues to invite speakers to committee meetings in order that its members may receive up-to-date information on all matters of the day. These topical talks serve a most useful purpose and provide the League with a further platform for the education of its active workers.

Among the last speakers in this series were, on May 13, Mrs. Edie Navon, a visitor from Palestine, who discussed the major events in Palestine during the last 11 years. On May 27 Mrs. Mary Adler, chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the Union of Jewish Women, spoke on the membership drive on which the Union was then engaged. On June 10 Mr. Zvi Infeld, secretary of the Zionist Federation, outlined the party differentiation in the world Zionist Organisation. On July 22 Major M. Comay, the S.A. Zionist Federation

Executive's Liaison officer in Palestine, commented on the present political situation. On August 12 Mr. David Dainow, the former editor of the "Zionist Record", now resident in Palestine, brought a stirring message from the Yishuv.

These talks are always followed by animated discussions and a short synopsis is incorporated in the minutes of the League and circulated to all the branches, who in turn discuss same with their committees.

All branches of the League are making great efforts to complete the collecting of monies still outstanding from the 1946 Wizo and Keren Hayesod Campaign. New members are steadily being enrolled and several branches have increased their strength considerably during the last few months. The August box clearances have been duly completed and it is hoped that record figures will result in all branches. Sydenham branch succeeded in doubling the amount in the previous quarterly clearance.

Harry Levin Addresses Bulawayo National Affairs Association

Social Questions

While in Rhodesia Mr. Harry Levin addressed a meeting of the Bulawayo National Affairs Association. There was a large and appreciative attendance and Mr. Levin dealt comprehensively with the situation in the Middle East.

The future of the Middle East did not depend on whether Arab or Jew dominated Palestine, but whether the western powers encouraged progressive political elements or continued their support of the pashas and the princes, said Mr. Levin.

There was to-day a conflict between the old inheritances of the East and the new potentialities of the West. What the Middle East had acquired, largely, were the forms of the West but not the contents. The average Egyptian, Arab or Turk was not impressed by the spiritual heritage of the West but by its technical efficiency.

Mr. Levin went on to deal with social questions affecting these countries and stated that movements towards the left were emerging, movements which in the outside world had been dubbed as Communist. There was no Middle Class to introduce reforms. These could only come from the top; but anyone who knew the pashas, princes and emirs would also know that they were not going to introduce reforms unless it paid them.

Against this background of local interests. Britain, America and Russia were vying with each other, each wanting to insure its own interests.

Progressive Forces

Mr. Levin described the part Jewish Palestine, by its example, was already playing in furthering social progress in the countries of the Middle East and stressed the real community of interests that existed between the Yishuv and all healthy and progressive forces that were beginning to arise in these countries. In the long run the interests of the peoples of the Middle East, of Britain herself, and of mankind in general would be better served if Britain helped to encourage progressive forces.

A number of questions on Palestine, Arab-Jewish relations and other Middle East problems were put to the speaker to which he replied.

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Annual Installation of Chaim
Weizmann Lodge



WOR. BRO. R. S. MYERS

At the annual installation meeting of the Chaim Weizmann Lodge, Hebrew Order of David, held at the North Eastern Communal Hall, Orange Grove, on Wednesday night August 27, it was announced that at a meeting of the Executive Committees of the four Johannesburg lodges, it was unanimously resolved that the Order pledges its whole-hearted support to the forthcoming J.W.A. campaign.

Before the installation of officers for the ensuing year, the meeting was addressed by Bro. J. Hersov, vice-president of the J.W.A. and a substantial cheque was presented to the funds of the organisation on behalf of the Chaim Weizmann Lodge.

The meeting was attended by a large number of visiting brethren and the installation ceremony was conducted by the Grand President Wor. Bro. S. J. Geffen, assisted by the Deputy Grand President, Wor. Bro. Dr. J. C. Lazarow, and Grand Lodge Officers.

Wor. Bro. R. S. Myers, one of the founders of the Chaim Weizmann Lodge and a member of Grand Executive, was installed as President. In his address he stressed the need for the strengthening of the Order so as to enable it to deal effectively with the tasks that lie ahead.

Bro. Alf Siff, the retiring President, in his report referred to the progress made by the Lodge in all its activities, and especially mentioned the substantial contributions to various charitable causes, as well as to the Educational Fund of the Order.

At the festive board addresses were delivered by the Grand President, the Deputy Grand President, Wor. Bro. R. S. Myers, Barney Hope, Alf Siff, Louis Gordon, President of the Sir Herbert Samuel Lodge, Springs, and Bro. Jack Bloch, President of the Joseph Distiller Lodge, Kensington.

The New Office Bearers

The following were installed as office-bearers:

President, R. S. Myers; immediate past president, A. Siff; vice-president, J. Jacobs; treasurer, M. Sherman; secretary, S. Oschry; master of ceremonies, F. Simon; assistant master of ceremonies, J. Bloom; chaplain, B. Buchmiz; trustees, B. Klotz, W. Goddard and B. Sacks; preceptor, Dr. J. Rosenberg; auditor, S. Boner; registrar, S. Michelow; inner guard, H. Nathanson; committee, H. Girota, M. Davis, M. Kessel, J. Levin, D. Osrin, Dr. J. Rosenberg and A. Taubkin; marshalls, C. Hirschsohn, I. Myers, D. Steele and L. C. Super; grand lodge delegates, S. Oschry, D. Osrin, Dr. J. Rosenberg, A. Siff and M. Sherman; delegate to S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, A. Siff.