

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

Successful Themeli Concert

Two great concertos were performed in one evening when Georges Themeli played the Schumann Concerto in A minor and the Grieg Concerto in A minor on Wednesday night at the City Hall in collaboration with the Johannesburg City Orchestra.

The fine combination between the orchestra under Warwick Braithwaite and the soloist made the performance of the concertos a memorable occasion. The intermezzo movement of the Schumann with its delicate dialogue between the piano and the strings was particularly moving and all the colour of the folk song and folk dances of the Norwegians was brought out in the lovely Grieg concerto.

In striking contrast to the two concertos, Themeli gave a rendering of Tchaikovsky's brilliant Capriccio Italien, and his playing was clear and even and very satisfying.

The orchestra opened the concert with the well-known overture to Prince Igor by Borodin, which is full of Russian melody.

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SPRINGS

A social function was held recently at the home of Mrs. H. Levin, Springs. The sum of £55 was raised for the Johannesburg Jewish Orphanage. Mrs. Levin has been a staunch supporter of the Orphanage and in recognition of her work the Springs Branch is endowing a bed at the Orphanage in her name.

UTIANA SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

A branch of this Society has been formed by Utiana Landsleit in Cape Town. A meeting was held at the Talmud Torah Hall in Muizenberg on January 3, 1948. The following members were elected on the committee:

Chairman, Mr. L. Natus; vice-chairman and treasurer, Mr. L. Shapiro; secretary, Rev. Gulis. Committee: Mr. M. Levine, Mr. M. Rifkin, Mesdames L. Levine, L. Natus, M. Rifkin, F. Gulis and R. Shapiro.

SPRINGS CHILDREN HOLD J.N.F. FUNCTION

A novel afternoon took place at the residence of Mrs. A. Kuny, Springs, when Etta Fram, Risa Kuny, Judy and Tamar Cohen, all young children, organised a function on their own initiative, to raise money for the J.N.F.

To entertain their guests, they arranged pony rides and tennis. There was also a Tombola stall and tea was served. A substantial amount was raised.

Activities of Rhodesian Women Zionists

Rhodesian women Zionists are displaying keen activity. Culturally the various societies and groups are very busy and splendid work is being done for the Jewish National Fund and by the various sewing groups.

SALISBURY.—An address on the responsibilities of the Jewish woman was delivered by Mrs. Mary Adler. A song recital by Mrs. Miriam Liptz was given the same afternoon. Events in Palestine were dealt with by Mrs. Granovsky when she addressed the women during her visit to the city.

His impressions of the Jewish women in England, America and Palestine were given by the Rev. Konviser at a cultural afternoon. The work of women in Zionism was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. W. Rybko and one function was devoted to short talks on "Jewish Women from the Bible."

Lectures on the historical basis of the Bible are being given by Rev. Konviser to a study circle which has been formed.

Instead of forming a sewing circle, the Salisbury society hands out garments to members to sew at home, and parcels of excellent quality are despatched frequently.

BULAWAYO.—Functions organised by the Bulawayo society included one addressed by the Rev. Yesorsky and Mrs. Sloman, and another addressed by Mrs. Granovsky, at the residence of Mrs. J. Rubinstein, and yet another at which the speaker was Miss Sally Burstein.

At a Succoth function, attended by a record gathering, official farewell was taken of Miss Rose Rabinovitz. Speeches and presentations were made by Mr. Sam Rabinovitz, chairman of the Rhodesian Zionist Council, and Mr. Arthur Sarif, chairman of the Jewish Guild. Miss Rabinovitz suitably replied. An address was delivered by the Rev. Yesorsky and items were contributed by Miss Valerie Gordon and Mr. Meyer Cesman. The hostesses were Mesdames Favish, Yesorsky, Abrahamson and Sarif.

The North End Group is functioning most actively and functions held include those which have taken place at the residences of Mesdames D. Hurwitz, M. Tregar, R. Rubin and L. Port.

At the invitation of the Society, the Jewish Youth Orchestra and Balaika Orchestra visited Bulawayo and gave a series of concerts.

A novel function was the "Baby Shower," in aid of the Wizo Homes in Palestine, at which each guest brought gifts for the babies at those homes. The conveners were Mesdames Baron, Lewis and Banet and musical items were contributed by Mrs. N. Isaacson, Miss D. Middendorf and Miss Z. Heller.

GWELO.—A very active group has been formed in Gwelo and it is co-operating wholeheartedly in all Zionist activities.

MUFULIRA.—In Mufulira the local Jewish Women's Society caters for all functions and fund-raising campaigns of the Zionist Society. Three children's functions were organised on specific Jewish holidays and no less than eleven fund-raising

functions were held which brought in considerable sums of money.

At the annual general meeting a report of the society's activities during the year was submitted by Mrs. Shatz, the chairman. Mrs. Shatz was re-elected chairman. Mrs. Messerer is the secretary and Mrs. Surdut is the treasurer.

LIVINGSTONE.—The Livingstone Jewish Ladies' Circle meets regularly once a month. All members contribute knitted or sewn garments and parcels are despatched frequently. The chairman is Mrs. H. Scher and she and her committee are to be congratulated on their efforts.

KITWE-NKANA.—Although there is no organised group in this centre, garments for Palestine are being made by the local women.

GATOOMA.—Fund-raising functions are held in Gatooma regularly once a month, and the local women display keen activity. Sterling work is being done by Mesdames F. Tarica, S. Hyman and I. Franco.

LUANSHYA.—A sewing circle has been formed by the Luanshya Jewish Ladies' Organisation and some very fine garments are being made.

QUE QUE.—Functions in aid of the J.N.F. are held in Que Que at frequent intervals and the society is also active in the cultural sphere. Amongst the functions organised by the society was one addressed by Mrs. Sloman (Cape Town) and Miss Rest (Springs).

SHABANI.—Shabani is yet another centre where splendid work is being done. Amongst meetings organised recently was the one held at the home of Mrs. A. Barrow. Amongst those present was Mrs. Freed, of Bulawayo and an address was delivered. A cultural function, held at the residence of Mrs. Menashe, was addressed by Mr. W. Rybko, and as a result of this meeting a study circle was formed.

Official farewell was taken of Mr. R. Menashe, Mr. R. Israelstam and Miss A. Menashe at a gathering held at the home of Mrs. Israel.

One of the most successful functions of the year took the form of "dog races" and was held at the residence of Messrs. Menashe. A substantial sum of money was raised.

The fine work being done by the Shabani women was emphasised by Mrs. M. Aberman, the chairman, at the annual general meeting of the society, and she also stressed the splendid monetary contributions made by the society to various worthy funds. She referred to various cultural functions held during the period under review and to the garments made by the sewing section. She expressed regret at the departure from the town of Mr. and Mrs. Israel and Mrs. Habib and family and paid tribute to their Zionist work. She specially thanked all those who had assisted her during her term of office, and especially Mrs. Goldberg, the secretary, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg, the Menashe brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ferera and Mr. Rosenthal for the loan of their homes for society functions.

The new committee consists of Mesdames M. Aberman (chairman), S. Rubenstein (vice-chairman), P. Goldberg (secretary) and Aberman (treasurer). Mrs. P. Goldberg is the cultural convener and Joyce Almeleh is the sewing convener.

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Magen David Adom in South Africa greatly depend on their membership dues to supply Magen David Adom in Palestine with some of its most urgent requirements.

All centres whose membership renewals are about due are therefore asked to make every effort to arrange for collections.

SPRINGS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Women (Springs Branch), which commenced towards the end of 1947 is a great success, the amount of £139 17s. having been received to the end of the year. Mrs. Olschewsky, MDA Convener of the Centre, and her Committee, are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts.

PRETORIA CENTRE of Magen David Adom, under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Women (Pretoria Branch). The membership collections are now well in hand, and hope that members will rise to the occasion when collectors call.

BENONI CENTRE of Magen David Adom, under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Women (Benoni Branch). Membership Renewals are now due. Will MDA members kindly note that their membership fees are now due and that collectors will be calling on them.

TWEESPRUIT. Many thanks to Mrs. Carmel Sheval for Membership Renewals of 1948.

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