

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

A section of the crowd which attended the dedication service of the Reform Congregation last Sunday.

Tremendous Audience Hears Dr. McDonald in Cape Town

A huge audience thronged the City Hall, Cape Town, to hear Dr. James McDonald speak on the position in Palestine. An overflow audience in an adjoining hall heard Dr. McDonald through loudspeakers.

Great enthusiasm was manifested by the tremendous crowd, who punctuated Dr. McDonald's brilliant address with frequent bursts of clapping. Dr. McDonald was accompanied by Mrs. McDonald. Justice Joseph Herbststein was in the chair.

Prominent non-Jews seated on the platform were Bishop S. W. Lavis, the Russian Consul, the Yugoslav Consul, Mr. A. H. Broeksmma, the former attorney-general in the Cape, Mr. M. E. Risien, a well-known Cape Town businessman, Mr. Charles Pearce, member of the Divisional Council, and Mr. Leo Marquard (the banning of whose talk recently by the S.A.B.C. caused such a stir).

Prof. Rabbi Israel Abrahams and Mrs. Abrahams were on the platform, as were Rabbi Dr. A. T. Shrock and Mrs. Shrock, and Rabbi David Sherman, of the Reform Congregation, and Mrs. Sherman, Rabbi Weinberg, the newly-appointed minister of the Muizenberg Hebrew Congregation, made his first public appearance since his recent arrival in Cape Town.

THE result of a competition held at Roothshtain's Hotel in Warmbaths has been handed to the Emergency Fund and the Executive Council of this fund would like to thank all those who participated in raising this fine sum.

Habonim Investiture Service

On Sunday, June 6, at 4 p.m., Habonim are holding an Investiture Ceremony of its Madrichim (Officers), at the Park Synagogue. An impressive ceremony has been arranged, which will be incorporated in the usual Mincha Service. There will also be a Yiskor service for those martyrs of our people who have fallen in the defence of Eretz Israel.

Prof. Rabbi Rabinowitz will perform the investiture and will deliver a sermon. The service will be conducted by Cantor Alter with the full choir.

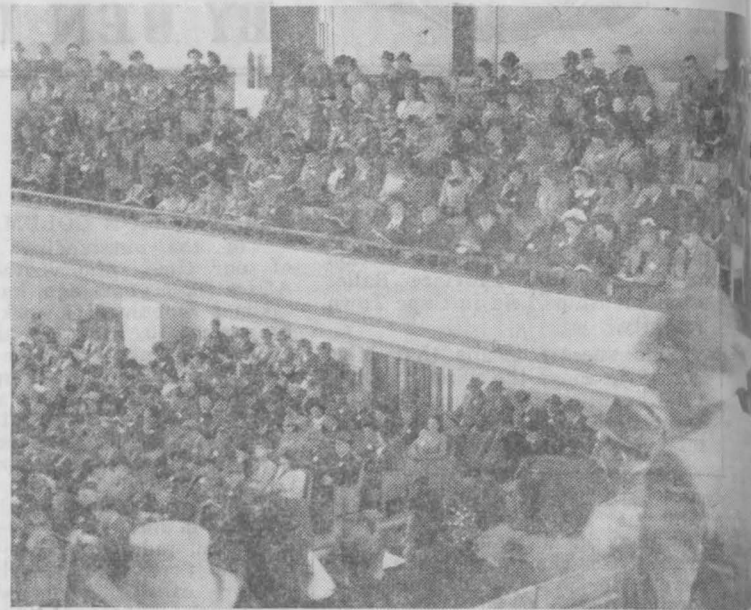
The public is cordially invited to attend.

S.A. FRIENDS OF PALESTINE ORCHESTRA

A successful cultural evening was held at the home of Mrs. W. Senior on Sunday, May 9.

A feature of the programme was a recital by Miss Tamara Samsonow, which was warmly acclaimed by the large audience. Mrs. M. Levy presented a number of records from the series, "Eternal Light". The meeting was addressed by Mr. D. Dainow. Mr. S. Yellin, chairman of the society, presided and Rabbi Dr. S. Rappaport proposed a vote of thanks.

THE sum of £5 has been handed to the Emergency Fund by two children, Barbara Lubner and Irene Mosselson, for returning the Afikeimin on the first Seder night. The Executive Council of the S.A.Z.F. wishes to express their deep appreciation of this fine gesture.



MDA ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Ourspecial thanks to the following for the handsome grants received in response to our special appeal:

Kensington Hebrew Congregation, Pretoria Jewish Helping Hand & Burial Society, United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston, United Hebrew Institutions of Brakpan, Ophirton & Booyens Hebrew Congregation, Beth Hamedrosh Hagodel, Union of Jewish Women, Brakpan, Jewish Society for Visiting the Sick, Johannesburg, Transvaal Clothing Manufacturers Association.

MDA Brakpan

Congratulations to Mrs. S. Borochowitz and hostess Mrs. S. Cohen for a very successful party, which raised £118 10s., at the former's residence for a drive held under the auspices of Union of Jewish Women, MDA Sub-Committee.

Magen David Adom Activities

Branch Rishon are holding their annual social afternoon in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday, June 2, 1948, at 2.30 p.m. Branch members and friends are asked to keep this afternoon open. Enquiries phone 33-2782.

H.O.D. in Cape Town Supports Palestine Special Emergency Fund

At the last general meeting of the Cape Town Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David, which was well attended, a resolution was passed that in view of the prevailing conditions in Eretz Israel no function be held this year and that an amount of 100 guineas be donated to the Special Emergency Fund.

It is the custom of the H.O.D. to hold an annual function which takes the form of a ball.

YEOVILLE MIZRACHI

A successful meeting of the Yeoville Mizrachi was held recently. The speakers were Rabbi M. Kosowsky and Mr. E. Gastwirth and Chazan D. Propis sang Yiddish and Hebrew songs. Mr. Bruno Raikin was the accompanist. The local committee was strengthened by the inclusion of Messrs. I. W. Osrin and A. Myerson.

CAPE TOWN REFORM CONGREGATION REPORTS PROGRESS

The Cape Town Jewish Congregation had grown by leaps and bounds and now had a membership of 1,100. Dr. H. Kramer, the president, told the annual general meeting of the congregation, which was held recently.

He paid tribute to Rabbi S. Rappaport and praised the work of the congregation, which had contributed £2,000 to the building fund.

He also made special mention of Messrs. R. Myers (hon. secretary) and S. Roy (vice-president).

Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, president of the United Jewish Reform Congregation in Johannesburg and of the Springs Reform Congregation.

Rabbi Sherman and Mr. Kramer warmly praised the work of the congregation.

Messrs. M. Ackerman, C. Berkovitch, M. L. Campan, I. man, S. Josephson, V. Landman, M. Nathan were elected on the committee.

Oneg Yom Tov in Boksburg

A combined service was held at Boksburg North Synagogue. The sermon was delivered by Rev. B. Bender.

After the service an Oneg Yom Tov was held at the Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. J. Shapiro, chairman of the Community Council, presided and welcomed the large gathering.

Short speeches were made by S. Bentel, chairman of the Boksburg Hebrew Congregation, Dr. A. S. and by members of the local Yom Tov Movements.

A vote of thanks to the speakers and the ladies for organising the function was proposed by Mr. Saretzky.

OBITUARY

Mr. Joseph Sladen

The death occurred recently at home in Kenilworth, Cape Town. Mr. Joseph Sladen, aged 48, died after a short illness. Mr. Sladen was a manufacturers' representative in Cape Town, where he had been in business for many years. Mr. Sladen was educated at Clifton College, Bristol. His father was one of the pioneers of Oudtshoorn. He left a widow and a young son.

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