

PRETORIA NOTES.

The Zionist Guild is continuing its useful work in Pretoria in an unostentatious way.

On the 20th of June a small but enthusiastic meeting of shekel payers assembled at the Red Room of the Grand Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. I. Gavronsky, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Thirteenth Zionist Congress, which is to be held at Carlsbad in August of this year.

After the election, a very interesting discussion took place in connection with the mandate to be given to the South African delegates to this Congress. It was eventually unanimously resolved that the South African delegation be instructed to give their loyal support to Dr. Weizman.

At last a serious attempt is being made to put the collections for the National Fund on a sound and systematic basis.

Thanks to the enthusiasm displayed by Mr. Saul Rutowitz and Mr. B. Goldberg, it is gratifying to be able to record the remittance by the Guild of a cheque for £38 3s. 3d., being proceeds of collections from the boxes. Details of these collections will be found in the Keren Kayemeth column.

It is hoped ere long to complete a canvass of the whole town and to distribute several hundred boxes. The committee of the Guild will welcome the assistance of volunteers for this work, which, unlike the work usually entailed in collecting money, is very pleasant, as the collector does not directly approach the contributor. Experience shows that this method of contribution is a very popular one.

The Pretoria Zionist Guild is arranging to screen the film "The New Palestine" at the Town Hall, Pretoria, on Wednesday, August the 15th. Prices of admission to see the picture will be 5s. and 3s., and the whole proceeds will be for the benefit of the National Fund.

IN AID OF RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION AND ORPHANS' FUND.

At the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jaffe, an amount of £7 10s. was collected.

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On the 23rd June, a card evening was organised by and held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Heymann, 625, Pretorius Street, Arcadia. This proved to be an unqualified success, and the splendid sum of £32 17s. has been handed over to "The Drive" funds. It is hoped that this exemplary function will be followed by many others.

A concert and reception in honour of the delegates to the Conference of the Jewish Board of Deputies is arranged to take place in the Town Hall on Sunday, August 5th, at 8 p.m. An artistic programme has been arranged, and all those desiring to be present are advised to secure their tickets early as only a limited number have been printed. All proceeds in aid of "The Drive."

On Tuesday, the 10th July, the Pretoria Jewish Literary and Debating Society entertained Mr. Maurice Moscovitch, the famous actor, and Mrs. Moscovitch, and their son, Mr. Nat Madison, to a late supper at Polley's Hotel. The gathering, which was entirely of an informal nature, assembled after the conclusion of the evening's performance of "The Great Lover."

Following on an excellent repast, which was tastefully served, Mr. M. Schaeffer, the chairman of the society, proposed the toast of Mr. Moscovitch, coupling with it the names of his wife and son. He welcomed them to Pretoria, and on behalf of the Society, wished them every success on their first visit to South Africa. Mr. Moscovitch, in his reply, speaking in Yiddish, gave some very interesting details of his theatrical career in New York and London, and announced his intention of visiting South Africa again at a later date, when he would produce "The Merchant of Venice," with himself in the rôle of Shylock.

It was well in the small hours before the gathering dispersed, after spending a most enjoyable time.

FIANCAILLES.

ABRAMOVITZ—COHEN. — The engagement is announced of Sam, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Abramovitz of Robertson, C.P., and Cissie Cohen, L.T.C.L., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen of Pietermaritzburg.

Miss Cohen is an active Zionist and communal worker, being a member of the senior and junior Zionist committees, and hon. secretary of the Ukraine Orphans' Fund and the Ladies Guild. Mr. Abramovitz is a keen Zionist and a liberal supporter of Zionist and charitable funds.

SEGAL—ABRAMOWITZ. — The engagement is announced of Sophie, youngest daughter of A. I. Segal of Frankfort, to Abe Abramowitz of Petrus Steyn, O.F.S., only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Abramowitz of Widuklir, Lithuania.

SILBERT—KAHN.—The engagement is announced of Minnie, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. M. Silbert, and Isaac, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kahn, both of Oudtshoorn.

SMULOVITZ—DROBIS.—The engagement is announced of Fanny, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Smulovitz of Kroonstad, and Mr. R. Drobis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Drobis of Bloemfontein.

MARRIAGES.

HOPPENSTEIN—JATWES.—The marriage will take place on the 1st August, 1923, at the Queenstown Synagogue, of Anna Gladys Hoppenstein and Benjamin Jatwes, of Ugie, C.P.

JACOB—KAHN.—The marriage will be solemnised on August 5th, 1923, at Pretoria Synagogue, at 2.30 p.m., of Zwi (Harry) Jacob to Leah Kahn of Marikana. No cards.