



YOUNG ISRAEL COLUMNS.

Benoni.

The local National Fund stamp day, conducted by the Young Israel Society, resulted in a revenue of £4 9s. 8d. for the National Fund.

The first function under the auspices of the society was a fancy dress dance held in the Communal Hall on Saturday evening, July 28th, in aid of the Keren Hayesod. It proved a great social and financial success. The guests of the evening were Mrs. Maurice Muscovitch and Mrs. I. Kuper, who, together with Mrs. J. J. Fine, acted as judges. The hall was most beautifully decorated; this was largely due to Mr. J. J. Fine and his enthusiastic helpers. Mr. L. Reichlin, the chairman of the society, ably carried out the duties of D.C., assisted by Miss D. Greenberg, Miss F. Kahanovitch and Mr. S. Legator, as M.C.s, the last-named gentleman acting also as hon. secretary and treasurer.

Dancing was indulged in until midnight to the strains of Blum's band. The judges had difficulty in deciding between the numerous excellent costumes. The prize winners were as follows:—Most original, Miss A. Shapiro ("Distress in Russia") and Master A. Kirschner ("A Yeshiva Bocher"); best dressed, Miss Ruth Kirschner ("Mid-Victorian") and Master C. Kuper ("Jester"); consolation, Miss F. Goldfoot ("Twink").

Mrs. N. Kirschner presented the prizes, in addition to twelve autographed photos of Mr. Maurice Moscovitch as consolation prizes. The dance was attended by numerous members of other Young Israel Societies of Johannesburg and the Reef. Cordial thanks are extended to the following for their services in connection with the function:—The Hebrew School Committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fine, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shames, Mr. B. Segal, Mr. Krantz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Katz, Miss P. Miller, Miss D. Greenberg, Mr. Chas. Shnitke, Mrs. Moscovitch, Mrs. I. Kuper, Mrs. N. Kirschner, Miss Abrahams, Messrs. Cohen & Sons, and the Benoni Board of Executors.

Bloemfontein.

Since the election of the new committee the Young Israel Society has been doing fairly well.

On July 7th Mr. Solomon Belfort read a "Journal" to a very appreciative audience of Young Israel Society

members. This Journal was so successful that it is hoped to bring it out every month.

Prior to the reading of the "Journal," prizes were presented to the winners of the recent tennis tournament as follows:—Ladies singles, Miss Solomon; Gentlemens singles, Mr. Bishko; mixed doubles, Miss Solomon and Mr. Price.

On July 29th a successful hat debate was held in the Synagogue. The members showed keen interest, as very many put forward their views on the different subjects debated.

This month has begun well. On Saturday 11th a members' evening was held in the S.O.E. Hall. Dancing was indulged in until midnight and a most enjoyable evening ended with the singing of "Hatikvah."

A very interesting debate on the question "Will Palestine solve the Jewish Question" was held with the Jewish Guild, on Sunday 12th. The debate was keen and the Society's side won the day.

The Society has started a fortnightly Jewish History Circle. This at present is not very big, but it is hoped that it will increase and prove beneficial to the members.

Brakpan.

There was a fair attendance of members at the seventh semi-annual general meeting of the local Young Israel Society, in the Hebrew School, on the 5th instant. The president, Mr. S. Simler, having opened the meeting, and the minutes of the previous general meeting having been read and confirmed, the treasurer's balance sheet was adopted, and the chairman then delivered his report, which was well received. Rev. Mr. Silverman spoke of the harmony existing in the society's ranks, whilst Mr. Simler, sen., urged the members to do everything possible in the interests of the Zionist Movement, which looked to them as its future workers. Rev. Silverman then took the chair, whilst the election of officers for the ensuing six months took place, with the following results:—Chairman, Mr. S. Simler; vice-chairman, Miss D. Waner; hon. secretary, Miss D. Levitas; treasurer, Mr. J. Silverman (all re-elected); committee, Misses S. Galvin, F. and B. Levitas, and Messrs. S. Waner, C. and L. Weinberg; advisers, Messrs. P. Silverman, S. Levitas and Simler; auditors, Messrs. Tucker and A. P. Berman.

The election was followed by a small enjoyable social function, which concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah."

Krugersdorp.

During the past few months the local Pirchei Zion has been very active. The first function after the half-annual general election was a lecture delivered by Mr. M. De Saxe in the Communal Hall on Sunday, May 13th, the subject being "The Principles of Zionism." It was much appreciated by the representative gathering present, and the society's thanks are due to Mr. Gotsman and the West Rand Lemaan Zion Association, who united with them to make the lecturer's visit a success, and to the general public.

The society has affiliated with the Transvaal Young Israel Central Executive, its delegates being Messrs. L. Heyman and J. Frack.

It was suggested by the Central Executive, that, as all the Reef societies were known as Young Israel, and as they were all affiliated to the Central Executive, it would be advisable for us to change our name

to Young Israel. Accordingly, a special general meeting was called on the 2nd July, and was attended by a very large audience. Amongst those present was Mr. Zundelsohn, the founder of the society, who said that, as the pioneer society, they should not change their name. It was also argued that the existing name was appropriate to a society of young people. The decision was to retain the name.

On Tisha B'Av the selling of National Fund stamps was undertaken by Misses B. Danilowitz and M. Burstein, and by Mr. Heyman, who realised a substantial amount. The bi-monthly collections are regularly undertaken, and the collectors have been very successful. The society has also sent a donation of five guineas to the Lightning Drive Campaign on behalf of the Russian orphans.

On Sunday afternoon, August 5th, an inter-debate between the Germiston Y.I.S. and the society was held. The subject was "Is it possible for the Jews, under present conditions, to establish a National Home in Palestine?" The visitors supported the motion, the proposer being Mr. Friedman, seconder Mr. Godin, and the opposition was taken by Mr. Frack, opposer, and Mr. Jacobs, seconder. Some very interesting arguments were put forth, both by the debaters and the audience, and on the vote being taken the affirmative side was successful by a large majority. In the evening a successful dance was held in the Communal Hall, the proceeds going to the Keren Hayesod. There was a large attendance, and the arrangements were very well carried out. The able D.C. was Mr. L. Heyman, the M.C.'s being Miss Danilowitz and Mr. Frack, and music was supplied by the Misses Joffe. A substantial sum was realised, the net result being £15. The society wishes to tender sincere thanks to Mrs. M. Caplan, who so kindly supervised the refreshments, to all those who supplied the latter, and to Mr. Phillips and Mr. Teren for their assistance during the evening; also to Misses Schragar and Goodman, and Messrs. Wallach and Horwitz, for playing the extras. Before closing with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King," Mr. Jacobs made a short speech, thanking the public for its generous support.

Pietermaritzburg.

The eighteenth semi-annual general meeting of the Young Zionist Society was held on June 24th in the Hebrew Schoolroom, Mr. B. Benjamin (president) being in the chair.

Rev. J. Levine delivered a short address on the meaning and name of "Zionism" and congratulated the members on the keen interest they took in the society's work. The Chairman, after thanking Rev. Levine for his address and for his assistance to the society, stated that the society had done another good six months' work, and expressed thanks to the officers and committee for their services.

The election of officers for the ensuing period resulted as follows:—Hon. president, Rev. J. Levine; president, Mr. B. Benjamin; vice-president, Mr. G. Benjamin; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Blumenfeld; hon. secretary, Miss D. Blumenfeld; librarian, Master J. Blumenfeld; auditor, Mr. B. Benjamin; committee, Misses L. Levine, L. Maister and J. Kinkel, and Messrs. A. Shrock, L. Maister and H. Goldberg.

A vote of thanks to the chair and the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King" concluded the meeting.

Robertson.

On Sunday, July 29th, the annual general election of the Young Israel Society took place in the Cheder, the retiring chairman, Mr. M. Hurwitz, presiding. After the president's report had been read, the election of office bearers for the ensuing year took place with the following results:—President, Mr. M. Hurwitz (re-elected); vice-president, Master K. Hoffman; hon. secretary, Miss R. Sandler; hon. treasurer, Miss E. Groll; committee, Misses A. Hoffman and M. Schochet, and Masters K. Sandler and S. Hurwitz.

A library has been started by the society and is proving a success.

Worcester.

The annual election of the Junior Society was held on July 1st in the Zionist Hall. Before proceeding with the main business, a resolution was passed to purchase five trees in the Herzl Forest, and an enrolment of new members took place, whilst arrangements were completed for the forthcoming inter-debate with the Robertson Young Israel Society at Robertson.

Mr. I. J. Senitzky having been appointed acting chairman, the balance sheet was read and adopted, showing a good balance in hand. The retiring president, Mr. Jacob Leader, in a few well-chosen words, thanked all his colleagues for their assistance and reported that the last year was one of the most successful in the society's history, both socially and financially.

The election was then proceeded with and Mr. Jacob Leader was again elected unopposed as president. Rising amidst loud cheers, he thanked them for the honour done him in electing him as president for the fifth year in succession, in spite of the fact that he was in all probability leaving Worcester at the end of the year. He hoped to justify his name and carry on the society's affairs in the right path.

The following were also elected:—Vice-president, Master Harry Broudie; treasurer, Miss L. Glasser; hon. secretary, Master Louis Volks; committee, Messrs. M. Leader, S. Levin, E. Volks, Masters Louis Lange, Issy Cohen, Lazer Broudie, Nathan Stein and Harry Solomon.

On July 10th the Robertson Young Israel Society paid a return visit to Worcester, where an inter-debate was held in the Commercial Hall with the Worcester Junior Zionist Society. Mr. Volks presided over a large gathering. A memorial service was first held for the late Dr. Herzl, Rev. Stein officiating, after which musical items were rendered by Miss Moss, Masters Jack Greenstein and David Sandler. Master Kolman Hoffman, of Robertson, then moved, "That it is in the power of the Jew to stamp out anti-Semitism," Master I. Groll seconding. The motion was opposed by Master Jacob Leader, supported by Master L. Volks. The following took part in the subsequent discussion:—D. Sandler, B. Solomon, P. Leader, I. Donin and S. Horwitz. After an interval for refreshments, the opposer and mover summed up and a vote was taken, which resulted in favour of Robertson.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was carried, on the motion of Rev. Josefowitz, of Robertson, seconded by Rev. Stein, and the enjoyable function then terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."