

# FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

**EDITORIAL NOTICE.**—In view of our limited space, Secretaries of Societies and others sending Reports for insertion in these Columns or in our other Local News Columns must make them as brief as possible.

## Belville.

The following is now the Committee of the Herzl Zionist Society of Belville, Parow, Kuils River, and Durbanville: President, Mr. G. S. Friedman; Vice-President, Mr. N. Berold; Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. Rabinowitz; Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Cohen; Committee: Misses D. Becker and A. Cohen, Messrs. I. Lehr and S. Katzin; Supervisors, Mesdames Berold and Sacks, Messrs. B. Berold and Sacks. The financial and presidential reports were read by Mr. Friedman who was in the Chair. Mr. I. Lehr gave an impressive address on "The Jew, Past and Future," which was much appreciated.

## Bulawayo.

The Chovevi Zion Society has forwarded £50 to the Zionist Federation as a donation by the Society to the Rhodesia Palestine University Fund.

## Capetown.

The Committee of the Dorshei Zion Association has decided to appropriate £20 from its open Golden Book account for the inscription of the name of Mr. H. Baker, a member of the Committee, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss E. S. Levy, in appreciation of good services rendered to the Zionist cause.

The Bnoth Zion Association has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £37 2s. 0d. made up as follows: £20 for the inscription in the Golden Book of the name of Mrs. M. Zuckerman, President of the Association, in recognition of her untiring efforts and her devotion to the Cause; £5 towards the Fund for the transference of orphans from Russia to Palestine; £5 for the Nordau Garden City; £2 2s. 0d. for the Herzl Library in Jerusalem; and £5 for five Golden Shekolim from Madam Glaser, Friedgood, Zuckerman, Rechtman and Policansky.

On June 3rd, a well attended gathering was held at the Zionist Hall of the stall-holders and workers at the recent Wonderland Fete at the City Hall. Advocate J. Herbstein, reported that as a result of the function the sum of £2,300 had been raised towards the new Zionist Hall. Presentations were made to the honorary architect, J. Z. S. Stekhoven and to the Secretary, Mr. B. Rostovsky.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ochberg have left for a tour of Europe and Palestine.

The Barmitzvah was recently celebrated of the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Mauerberger. A distinguished gathering was present at the home on this happy occasion. Mr. Mauerberger is an active communal worker, and has given a great deal of his energy towards the Capetown Talmud Torah.

Much gratification is felt in the Jewish community by the re-election parliament by Advocate M. Alexander—always a champion on Jewish interests.

The offices of the Cape Jewish Orphanage has removed to Fountain House, 3, Hout Street.

The new Hebrew Congregation in Roeland Street has appointed the Rev. S. Steinberg of Johannesburg as its Cantor.

On June 10th, the half-annual meeting of the Capetown Jewish Maccabean Association was held at the Zionist Hall. Mr. S. Turtledove, the President, was in the Chair, and gave a review of the work of the Association for the past six months. He trusted that the Maccabean Association would do all in its power to help in the formation of a strong Jewish cultural centre in Capetown.

## Johannesburg.

The second Annual General Meeting of the Shmarya Levin Zionist Society took place at the Yeoville Synagogue Class Room on Sunday, June 15th. There was only a moderate attendance present.

The President, Mr. Karnovsky, took the Chair, and in his report pointed out that in spite of the bad times the Council had really done good work. They handed over for the National Fund £110 16s. 2d., "Zionist Record" £10, and Shekolim £44. With regard to the last item he pointed out that whereas last year only about 250 Shekolim had been sold in the Berea District, this year there were 352 sold, chiefly owing to the Committee members themselves going out and canvassing the district thoroughly.

The attendance at meetings of the Council was good. The Council had arranged two successful lectures, and two entertainments during the year. There has been a considerable falling off in the collection of subscriptions, and the chairman suggested that in future a paid collector be employed.

The Council was represented on the National Fund Committee. The Shekel Committee, Joint Zionist Council, and Keren Hayesod, and its members took an active part on all these bodies.

The society was represented by four delegates at the recent Zionist Conference, and all the resolutions proposed by our Society had been adopted.

It was hoped to raise the sum of £25 for the Keren Hayesod through the generous gift of a gold bangle by Mrs. Esekov.

The treasurer then submitted his financial statement, which showed a nett balance of £39 15s. 6d.

Mr. A. I. Miller criticised the general body of members for their apathy towards Zionism and Judaism generally. Considering the amount of work that the Council put in, it was most discouraging to see the poor response by the general body. He pointed out that when the Society was formed, it was not only with the object of raising money, but to instil a keener National feeling in the hearts of Jews and Jewesses in the Northern Suburbs of Johannesburg.

Mr. L. H. Cohen, in moving the adoption of the reports, stated the work done by the retiring Council justified the existence of the Society.

Mrs. A. I. Miller and Messrs. Osher, Getz and Michilson participated in the discussion before the reports were unanimously carried.

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As a result of the General Election which followed, the following now constitute the Executive and Committee: Mr. H. L. Karnovsky, President; A. I. Miller, Vice-President; I. B. Rudaizky, Treasurer; M. Levy, Hon. Secretary; and Mesdames Esekov, Wunsch, Sacks, Bloch, Galgut, Messrs. J. Cranko, L. H. Cohen, Osher, Michelson, S. Stein, Gittleson, M. Geffen, Abrahams and Fram, Committee.

It was decided to purchase in the name of the Society one Binyan share through the South African Zionist Federation.

The tenth annual meeting of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League was held at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, June 18th, 1924, at which the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Landau, Dr. Alexander Goldstein and about forty ladies were present.

Mrs. Landau, President of the League, addressed the meeting, and spoke of the work the Society had done during the past year. She reported to the ladies present the decision of the committee to work in co-operation with the Women's International Zionist Organisation, who are doing specifically women's work in Palestine, and appealed to all those present to assist materially as far as possible in this noble effort. Mrs. Landau further stated that it was the intention of the League to form Women's Societies wherever possible, with the aid of the South African Zionist Federation. A society had already been established in Germiston, owing to the efforts of Mrs. Max Guinsberg, a member of the Committee; and it was hoped to form a similar society in Benoni at a very early date.

Mrs. Landau then moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. This was proposed by Mrs. Schlosberg, seconded by Mrs. I. Heyman, and carried unanimously.

Dr. Landau addressed the meeting and spoke of the excellent work the League had done, particularly in regard to their literary meetings. He thanked Mrs. C. Patley, Chairwoman of the Keren Hayesod (Women's Branch), for the splendid work she was doing in this capacity.

The advisability of forming Women's Zionist Organisations throughout South Africa and the expansion of women's work generally was discussed by Miss Jean Barrkman and Mrs. B. Goudvis.

Mrs. B. Patley urged that Dr. Landau continue his fortnightly lectures at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue.

The election of officers and members of the Committee resulted as follows:—

President, Mrs. A. Landau; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. Patley, Mrs. B. Goudvis; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. Schlosberg; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. M. Posner, Mrs. I. W. Jacobson; Committee, Mesdames M. Lipschitz, J. Janower, A. M. Lipschitz, R. Lourie, N. Katzenellenbogen, B. Meyerowitz, M. Light, S. L. Sive, A. Bradlow, M. Kentridge, Sand, Bloom, and D. Balkin.

The Johannesburg Maccabean Circle, which was recently formed, has affiliated to the South African Zionist Federation.

There were nearly 100 ladies present at the literary meeting of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League which took place at the Berkeley Rooms on Tuesday, 27th May, Mrs. Bernard Patley, Vice-President of the Society, took the Chair. The occasion was a debate between Mrs. J. L. Landau and Mrs. B. Goudvis on "Orthodoxy versus the Reform Movements in Judaism."

Mrs. Landau, speaking on behalf of Orthodoxy, laid stress on the great part it had played in welding the Jewish nation together and preserving their great traditions during the vicissitudes of the Dispersion. She told of the disciplinary value of ritualism and urged that once reform began it would not know where to stop. The Hebrew services kept Jews in unison the world over.

Mrs. Goudvis began by saying that she fully realised the great part played by Orthodoxy in the past history of the Jewish people, but she could not think that it had the same value to-day when modern teachings were at variances with old beliefs, and tenets that were adapted for the middle ages could not be applied to our own time. The essentials of belief of the Jewish religion were for all time. They were the belief in God and the belief in Good and were embodied in the Ten Commandments.

Amongst the ladies who took part in the discussion that followed were Mesdames S. L. Sire, S. Epstein, Fred. Cohen and Newman, Misses Mallinck and Stenham.

So animated was this discussion that there was no time for Mrs. Landau to reply or a vote to be taken. The committee has, therefore, decided to re-open the debate at another meeting in the near future.

Before the debate started Miss Jean Barrkman addressed the meeting on behalf of the Keren Hayesod.

The next literary meeting will be in July when Mrs. I. W. Jacobson will read a paper.

The ninth annual general meeting of members of the United Hebrew Congregation was held in the vestibule of Park Synagogue on Sunday, May 25th, at 10 a.m. The report and balance sheet were adopted, and the following gentlemen elected to the council: Chairman, Mr. Bernard Alexander; president, Mr. Joseph Ratzker; vice-president, Mr. J. M. Reuvid; treasurer, Mr. Isaac Broude; trustees, Messrs. S. Hillman, B. Guinsberg and H. Lourie; committee, Messrs. S. L. Sive, I. Marks, H. Beemer, Gustav Frankel, Morris de Saxe, H. C. Isaacs, B. Patley and P. Kaplan.

The Doornfontein Zionist Society has arranged for the canvassing of Jewish households in Doornfontein on behalf of the Keren Hayesod, both in the men's and women's campaigns. The work is proceeding, and it is hoped that the result will be satisfactory.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Society will take place early in August, and it is hoped that all members will be present so that an active committee can be appointed to carry on the good work of Zionism in Doornfontein.

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**Kroonstad.**

The Kroonstad Jewish community will, by the time this issue has gone to press, have had a visit from Dr. Alexander Goldstein. We hope in the next issue to give a report of the functions held in connection with Dr. Goldstein's visit, and also on the inauguration of the Keren Hayesod campaign in Kroonstad.

**Oudtshoorn.**

The Oscar-Marmorek Zion Association has forwarded to the Zionist Federation £10 7s. 3d., being proceeds of house-to-house collection for the Jewish National Fund.

The Shekel sale here was a great success, being an increase of over 50 per cent. on last year. The Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society played a very active part in the sale and did excellent work.

The "Social Committee" of this town has arranged the following interesting programme of lectures, debates, etc., to be held every alternate Sunday evening, from June 15th to November 30th:—June 15th: Dr. L. H. Lewin, "Jewish Mysticism"; June 29th: Mr. J. Homa, "A Farmer's Year in Erez Israel"; July 13th: Musical Evening and Young Men's Debate; July 27th: Herzl Yarzeit Evening; Addresses by Dr. L. H. Lewin, Mr. J. Homa and Mr. P. Agranat; August 10th: Dr. I. Stusser, "On Character"; August 24th: Debate—P. Agranat vs. E. Sacks; September 7th: Dr. A. Agranat, "Superstition and Medicine"; September 21st: R. Rollnick, "Practical Achievements of Zionism"; October 5th: Dr. M. Lewin, "Hygiene of the Bible"; October 19th: Mr. J. Lax, "The Development of Women's Rights"; November 2nd: Debate, I. J. Kahn vs. Jack R. Cohen; November 16th: Papers, M. Sacks and M. Nochimowitz; November 30th: Dr. L. H. Lewin, "Phile of Alexandria."

At a school board meeting a Dutch poetry text book was severely criticised by two Jewish members of the board. Dr. Lewin took great exception to poems entitled "Mordechai," "Oom gert vertel," "Die Konsentrasie Kamp," "Die seep Kissie," and "Die ou blikkie." He proposed that these offensive poems be brought to the notice of the department with the object of having them eliminated. Dr. Stusser, in seconding the motion, said the writer, Dr. C. Leipoldt, would be remembered as having made disparaging remarks about Jewish boys when, as medical inspector, he had visited Oudtshoorn. The poem "Mordechai" was not only offensive, but anti-Semitic. The speaker was of opinion that the gentleman who was entrusted with the selection of text books should exercise more care and judgment, for there was a rich source of subjects from true history which could be drawn from. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Pietermaritzburg.**

Mr. A. J. Shrook, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Shrook, of Indwe, C.P., and nephew of the Rev. J. Levine, who has recently left for London to pursue his studies at Jew's College for the ministry, has passed the London Matric in the 1st Division.

**Somerset East.**

At a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. N. Baker for their daughter Zelda Chana, £13 6s. 9d. was collected for the Jewish National Fund, which has been duly forwarded to the Zionist Federation. The amount of £19 2s. 6d. was collected for the Keren Hayesod on the same occasion.

At another function on the 15th inst., given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Baker on the 11th anniversary of their wedding, the amount of £9 10s. 0d. was realised by raffles. This amount was then sold by auction and bought by Mr. and Mrs. Fux for a further £2 10s.; the total amount of £12 was then handed by her to the Keren Hayesod.

**Stellenbosch.**

On the 15th inst., the annual election of the Young Israel Society took place in the Pageant de Luxe Theatre. Many parents and a large number of the members were present. Mr. M. Sherman, the supervisor, presided. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer proved very satisfactory, and Mr. D. B. Lewis, the outgoing Chairman, expressed his deep regret that he would not be able to accept any very responsible post again on account of the University work. The following new Committee was elected: President, Mr. H. Levinsohn; Vice-President, Miss D. Sherman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Lewis; Hon. Secretary, Miss P. Marcus; Committee: Misses J. Schneider, and P. Greenstein, Messrs. D. Syein, L. Meyer, E. J. Greenstein, M. Stein and D. B. Lewis.

After the election Mr. W. Perl gave an interesting address. During the afternoon musical items were rendered by Miss P. Marcus, Messrs. M. Stein and E. J. Greenstein, and membership cards were also presented to each member by Mr. M. Sherman.

Votes of thanks and the singing of "Hatikvah" ended the meeting.

**Wellington.**

A general meeting of the Zionist Association was held on May 22nd to elect new office bearers. Mr. V. Schkolne, who presided, urged that officers and committee should be elected who would take a keen interest in the national movement. The election resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. I. Solomon; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. V. Schkolne; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Hill; Committee: Rev. Friedgood, Messrs. L. Kling, D. Sandler, I. Katzev, and Mrs. D. Michalowsky, Mrs. O. Solomon and Mrs. E. Solomon.

Mr. Solomon in taking the Chair and closing the meeting, thanked them for the honour done him, and promised to do his best to maintain and strengthen the Association.