



YOUNG ISRAEL COLUMNS.

Boksburg.

An inter-debate between the Boksburg North Young Israel Society and Germiston Young Israel Society took place on Sunday, June 29th, at the Druids' Hall, Germiston. A goodly number of representatives from both societies, as well as members of other Young Israel Societies, were present. The subject of the debate, "That Young Israel Societies have done more for the benefit of the Jewish youth than Talmud Torahs," was moved by Mr. R. Kahn, and seconded by Mr. I. Berkowitz. Mr. Jacoby opposed the motion, and Miss F. Sivil seconded the opposition. The speakers showed knowledge and understanding of the subject. Miss R. Jacoby, Messrs. Louis, Yankelson and Bloom contributed to the debate for Boksburg North. The motion, on being put to the vote, was lost. Refreshments and dancing followed, and an enjoyable time was spent.

The semi-annual general meeting of the Boksburg North Young Israel Society was held on Sunday, 6th July, in the Boksburg North Synagogue. A very great number of members was present, and Germiston Y.I.S. was well represented. The chairman, Mr. J. Jacoby, in his opening speech, heartily welcomed the Germiston people. In his report, he emphasised the fact that the Society had improved, and hoped it would continue its good work.

The treasurer's report was found satisfactory, and in his report Mr. Blumberg stated that the financial basis of the Society was well set.

The reports of the Transvaal Young Israel Central Executive and of the Advisory Committee, given by Miss F. Swil and Mr. S. Louis, respectively, met with great approval.

The reports of the various office-bearers were confirmed, and the elections took place with the following results:—Chairman, Mr. J. Jacoby (re-elected); vice-chairman, Mr. M. Bloom; treasurer, Mr. J. Blumberg (re-elected); joint hon. secretaries, Miss L. Weitzman (re-elected) and Mr. S. Lazeron; committee members, Misses R. Jacoby, T. Gillman, and Messrs. I. Swil, S. Bentel, C. Penn and J. Berman. Misses F. Swil and J. Blumberg and Mr. S. Louis constitute the Advisory Committee.

The meeting terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah," and in the evening dancing followed.

Port Elizabeth.

On Saturday evening, the 31st inst., a lecture was delivered by Dr. Alexander Goldstein, to the younger members of the Jewish Community of Port Elizabeth, under the auspices of the D. Z. S. Society. The president, Miss A. Kalmin, presided, and was supported on the platform by the secretary, Miss G. Martenson, Mrs. N. Levine, president of the Jewish Ladies Zionist League, Mr. B. Weinronk, president of the Port Elizabeth Zionist Society, Mr. Woolf Lurie, Mr. A. Schauder, and Mr. S. Luntz, president of the Young Israel Society.

The president called upon Mr. Lurie to introduce the speaker, Dr. Goldstein, which he did in a few chosen words. He said it was to the younger people especially to whom Dr. Goldstein wished to make clear what our Zionist leaders were aiming at, and to explain the obstacles that face us at every angle, which we must endeavour to overcome. Dr. Goldstein then delivered a powerful lecture, which made a deep impression upon all present.

Dr. Goldstein ended up by paying a special tribute to the Chaluzim in Palestine; he made a stirring appeal to the girls and boys present to offer themselves for their country! he told us quite candidly of the sacrifices to be made, and so on, but with his earnestness and eloquence, stirred quite a number of young Zionists hearts to such an extent, that it will not be at all surprising if his words will bear very good fruit.

Mrs. Levine expressed the feeling of all present when she proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Goldstein for his impressive address. A very interesting evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Hatikvah" and the National Anthem.

Robertson.

On Tuesday evening, 8th July, members of the Robertson Young Israel Society came together at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schachat. Mr. K. Hoffmann, vice-chairman of the Society, presided. A short, humorous, Yiddish sketch, which kept the audience in roars of laughter, was performed, the following taking part:—Miss R. Sandler, Messrs. I. Groll, K. Hoffmann, K. Sandler, I. Blusger and S. Lekoch.

A debate entitled "What is more powerful; Fire or Water?" also took place. W. Stupel, seconded by I. Blusger, speaking for "Fire" and S. Schachat, seconded by K. Sandler, for "Water." The following also contributed to the programme: The Misses J. Geffen, Piano Solo; E. Josefowitz, Song; F. Lipschitz, Recitation; M. Sklaar, Song; Y. Lekoch, Recitation; Messrs. A. Geffen, Violin Solo and Song; D. Sandler, Recitation; N. Hotz, Song; and M. Solomon, Piano Solo.

Rev. Josefowitz proposed a vote of thanks and an enjoyable evening ended with the singing of "Hatikvah," and "God save the King."

Meetings are now being held every Sunday night in the Chader for the purpose of holding debates, discussions, etc., and also for literary purposes. This is proving a great success, many members attending the meetings.

Stellenbosch.

On June 15th 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. After the outgoing committee had resigned, Mr. M. Sherman, the supervisor, took