

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

From Our Own
Correspondent

ADELAIDE.

The Zionist and Benevolent Society has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £24 13s. 6d., being the total of donations made to various funds during the services held at the recent High Festivals. More than half of this amount was given for Zionist and Palestine funds. The Minyan was a successful one and was attended by visitors from Seymour and Winterberg, as well as by members of the community from more distant parts who were in the district during the holiday season.

BENONI.

The Benoni Jewish Ladies Society held a dance on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Hebrew Hall, Benoni, in aid of local distress. The function was both financially and socially a success. The arrangements were in the capable hands of a most energetic committee: chairwoman, Mrs. Lomey; vice-chairwoman, Mrs. Shames; treasurer, Mrs. Isaac Cohen; and Mesdames Kahanowitz, Gordon, Potash, Fine, Golansky, Mates, with Mrs. B. Segal as hon. secretary. Blum's orchestra was in attendance, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

BETHLEHEM.

The local Zionist Society has forwarded to the Zionist Federation a further instalment of £20 towards the amount which they have undertaken to raise for the Jewish National Fund, and £5 as a donation to the funds of the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem.

The Bethlehem Jewish community has at last decided to build a Synagogue. The community consists of about thirty families, and they have always engaged the local Town Hall for services on High Festivals. About 150 worshippers usually attend the services, many coming from the district surrounding. Bethlehem congregation is about nineteen years old and came into existence since the railway made its appearance. Bethlehem is one of the most important towns in the O.F.S., being considered third largest in the province.

The Synagogue will be built in a central position, and the Committee has been successful in acquiring a suitable stand. Separate ladies' and gentlemen's committees have been formed and a vigorous campaign is to be started for the purpose of raising funds. The ladies' committee gave their first dance in the Town Hall on the 11th November—a function which was well supported and which realised the sum of £30 net. Credit is due to the ladies, who spared no effort to make the affair a success. The community is determined to make every effort to see a Synagogue in reality built in the near future.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

Events in Jewry have been slack here lately. A ball organised by the Bloemfontein Jewish Guild on behalf of the *Chevrá Kadisha* and the Ladies' Benevolent Society proved to be an unqualified success. Socially it was undoubtedly a memorable evening, while the financial result is practically one hundred pounds. Special mention must be made of the orchestra, composed of local Jewish talent, which contributed in no small measure to the happy evening.

A farewell social was given last Saturday night by the Committee of the Young Israel Society to Miss Carmel Schwartz, a past secretary of the Society, on the eve of her departure with her parents for Palestine. She was presented with a manicure set from the Society, as a remembrance from Bloemfontein. It may be mentioned that here, too, the musical portion of the programme was supplied by the Jewish students at the Grey College, who, we hear it said, quite surpassed themselves.

Zionist activity displays itself in the continued canvassing and collections of National Fund boxes. The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society is to take place shortly, when the Committee will render an account of their stewardship.

Mr. Schlossberg, an old resident of Bloemfontein, is seriously ill, and Mr. P. Prades had the misfortune to be run over by a motor car and is at present lying in hospital. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to both these gentlemen. An old pioneer of Bloemfontein, Mr. Mosley, passed away on Tuesday, 4th inst. Our sincerest sympathies are offered to his relatives.

"NAYBECK."

BOKSBURG.

Mr. Boris Melman, J.P., ex-mayor of Boksburg, was honoured by the Hon. the Minister of the Interior by the appointment as a member of the local Liquor Licensing Court. Mr. Melman is a keen Zionist, and has done good work for the local Jewish community. He is the only Jew on the Liquor Licensing Boards in the Transvaal.

BRANDFORT.

The local Y.I.S. held a general meeting here, on Sunday 15th ult. Mrs. Leo Hoffman delivered a speech, in which she wished the members of the Y.I.S. every success. She expressed the hope that the society would flourish. She trusted that the younger members would do justice to the Communal Hall, which was recently built. Thereafter, Mrs. L. Hoffman resigned and Mr. Max Immerman was elected president. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Hoffmann was unanimously carried.

The Rev. M. Batlan lectured on Sunday, 2nd November, in the Communal Hall, on "Palestine." All present enjoyed the lecture.

The Zionist Society of Brandfort, after a considerable period of dormancy, has been reorganised with the following officers and committee:—President, Rev. J. Batlan; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. L. Smith; Honorary Secretary, Mr. Hellman; Committee, Messrs. Schatz and Koseff, and the Misses Lovius and R. Hoffmann.

GRAHAMSTOWN.

The Young Israel Society has forwarded to the S. Zionist Federation the sum of £4 4s. for the Jewish National Fund, which was collected at the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Radomsky.

HEIDELBERG (T.).

The annual general meeting of the Young Israel Society was held on the 2nd inst. at the residence of Rev. Leiman. Reports were read by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, showing that the Society had made much progress during the first year. The Chairman, Mr. H. Zulman, thanked the outgoing Committee for their good work, and trusted that the new Committee would follow their example. The Hon. President, Mr. I. Elias, also said a few encouraging words, urging the members to take a more active part in the Society's interest.

The following officers and Committee were then elected:—President, Mr. I. Elias; Chairman, Mr. Henry Zulman; Vice-Chairlady, Miss Miriam Siffman; Treasurer, Miss Sarah Lowenstein; joint Secretaries, Archibald Tanenbaum and Harry Segal; Committee, Michael Zulman, Morris Eissen, Misses Sylvia Sefer, Bertha Siffman and Sophie Wolfson; Auditor and Collector, Moses Lowenstein; Librarian, Miss Dora Leiman.

KIMBERLEY.

In common with other centres, a meeting to commemorate the anniversary of the death of David Wolffsohn was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 9th inst. The Chairman, Mr. Slosberg, said that there were four great pillars of Zionism, namely, Herzl, Max Nordau, Tchenow and Wolffsohn. Wolffsohn has left money for a Jewish National Library, and it was our duty to help.

Rev. Isaacs paid an eloquent tribute to the dead leader. Palestine had proved the saviour of thousands of Jews. This in itself was a living monument to the great pioneers of Zionism.

Mr. Genussow said that the result achieved by Zionism did not constitute charity, but a political victory. Several donations were made towards the Jewish National Library.

KROONSTAD.

It has become a custom for Jewish communities to hold a *Simchas Torah* function after the High Festivals.

Kroonstad young Jewry, represented by the Young Israel Society, maintained the custom by holding a dance on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, in the Victoria Hall. The D.C. was Miss Dora Abrahams, and the M.C.'s were Mrs. W. Kretzmer, Miss Fanny Smulowitz and Mr. Harry Friedman. The Committee, in addition to the above, were Misses A. Grossmark, A. Matthews, R. Zangwill, S. Shiff, and Messrs. R. Smulowitz, D. Grossmark, H. Javin and M. Myer.

Hearn's Jazz Band was in attendance, and they are to be congratulated on their fine playing, which, together with the splendid efforts of the Committee, made the affair a record social success, in addition to which the Zionist Funds have benefited.

The clearance of National Fund boxes was conducted in August by the Zionist Society. Mr. A. Stein kindly making the clearance. The amount found was £29 4s. 1d., and, as only eleven boxes were cleared, the result is very satisfactory.

The Society offered a small prize for the largest clearance, and this was won by Mr. I. Cohen, whose box contained over £8. The detailed list of clearances will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

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The Zionist Federation has received from the local Zionist Society the amount of £8 1s. 4d., collected from the members for the planting of trees in Palestine, in the name of the late Mrs. Annie Allschwang, wife of the President of the Society, whose lamented death we recently reported. The amount of £10 0s. 7d. has also been received, being the result of clearance of local boxes by Messrs. Allschwang and Segal.

On October 26th, a Wolffsohn memorial meeting was held, at which contributions were made for the Jewish National Library, amounting to £10 8s.

MOORREESBURG.

The annual election of the Young Israel Society took place at a general meeting held on October 12th, when the following were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. Hen; Vice-President, Miss A. Klitzman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Fish; Treasurer, Miss M. Pokroy; Committee, Miss R. Loon, Messrs. R. Loon and Max Pokroy. The Society reports continued progress and is going strong. The annual social will be held in December.

OUTDSHOORN.

Under the auspices of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society, a flower sale was held here on Wednesday, 5th November. The arrangements were in the hands of the committee members. The sale was a great success from all points of view and realised the sum of eleven guineas. All the ladies worked indefatigably, but particularly so Mrs. M. Goldberg, to whose interest and energy the success was in great part due. Thanks are also expressed to all those who gave flowers and helped in the sale. The proceeds will be allotted for Zionist purposes.

Mr. Max Bernstein left Oudtshoorn on Monday, 8th October, to proceed to Palestine, there to join the band of *Chalutzim*. As the first pioneer from Oudtshoorn, Mr. Bernstein was accorded a grand farewell. At the Hebrew School Hall on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., a farewell evening was held in his honour, at which there were present the members of the Committees of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society and of the Oscar Marmorek Zionist Association. Several speeches were made, all expressing the high esteem in which Mr. Bernstein was held, and wishing him Godspeed and success. The Chairman, Dr. L. H. Lewin, at the conclusion of his speech, presented Mr. Bernstein with a souvenir from the Committees of the Societies.

Mr. Bernstein, in expressing thanks, said he hoped to fulfil all expectations and to be a credit to Oudtshoorn Zionists.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items rendered by Miss A. Sieff, Miss E. Eliason, Miss M. Hotz and Mr. W. Solin. The management of the decorations, refreshments, etc., was entirely in the able hands of the ladies' committee, to whom great thanks are due.

On Monday afternoon a number of the Committee were present at the station to bid the *Chalutz* a last farewell.

The annual general meeting of the Hebrew School was held last month.

The report was very satisfactory and showed that the children generally were making good progress. It is also pleasing to note that the public are keenly interested in the affairs of the school.

At the elections a new and enlarged Committee was formed.

At the annual general meeting of the *Chevre Kadisha*, the sum of £50 was kindly granted towards the Hebrew School.

At the reception of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Leopold, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gellman, a collection of £1 5s. was made for the National Fund. This sum Mrs. Gellman kindly increased to £5.

At the reception of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Abe, third son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Eliason, a collection was made for the National Fund, realising £1 1s.

PARYS.

The local Zionist Association, which was recently formed as the result of Dr. Olsvanger's visit to that town, is affiliated to the Zionist Federation. The officers and committee are as follows:—Chairman, Mr. B. Borwein; Secretary, Mr. J. Meyerowitz; Treasurer, Mr. S. Grinker; Committee, Messrs. Ch. Sacks and A. Goldsmidt and Misses Fanny Katz and Rosie Goldsmidt.

On Sunday, October 26th, a memorial service was held in the Synagogue for the late David Wolffsohn, which was well attended. Addresses were delivered by Mr. B. Borwein, Rev. I. W. Cohen and Mr. S. Grinker, and Mr. N. Werthan rendered the *Hazkarah*. After the service a collection was made for the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem.

PAULPIETERSBURG.

The Jewish community here held services for the first time during the recent High Festivals. The congregants consisted of fourteen male adults in all. During the services offerings were made, which resulted in £12 being collected for the Johannesburg Jewish Orphanage. A further sum of £15 was collected, which will be used for the purpose of purchasing a *Sepher Torah* for this town.

PIETERMARITZBURG.

The Young Zionists' Society has forwarded to the Zionist Federation donations of £5 to the Jewish National Fund and £5 to the Keren Hayesod.

The Young Zionists' Society has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation the sum of £8 4s. 3d., being the proceeds of an American auction held at a Mock Parliament on Sunday, October 26th, in aid of the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem.

PIETERSBURG.

A special meeting was held at the Communal Hall on the 16th ult. for the purpose of appointing Miss Kallmeyer, Messrs. L. Malson, Mossie Cohen and B. Lipman on the Committee of the Zionist Society, to assist in the Literary Section.

Mr. Manaschewitz gave a brief outline of the life of David Wolffsohn and made suitable references to the memory of our late leader.

Mr. L. Malson read a paper on *Unser Volk*. This proved interesting and was greatly appreciated. Mr. B. Lipman read a paper on "Public Speaking," which was responsible for a pleasant discussion.

On the 23rd ult., under the joint auspices of the Jewish Orphans' Fund and the Zionist Society, a *Simchas Torah* dance was given in the Agricultural Hall, which was prettily decorated and afforded every facility for dancing. The music provided by the Empire Five greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening. The amount of £20 19s. 3d. will be divided equally between the Jewish Orphans' Fund and the funds of the Zionist Society.

The Committees of both Societies desire to tender their sincere thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who worked so indefatigably and whose untiring efforts were so deservedly rewarded by the success achieved.

PORT ELIZABETH.

The Zionist Federation's appeal for a collection for the Jewish National Fund in the Synagogues on Yom Kippur was responded to by the local Orthodox Hebrew Congregation. After the Kol Nidre service, by permission of Mr. I. Kerbel, chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. B. Weinronk, president of the local Zionist Society, made an appeal from the *Bema*, and on the following day most of those called to the Law made offerings; whilst later in the day a number of further special offerings were announced. The Federation has so far received £23 17s. 6d. on account of these offerings. Details will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

On the occasion of his engagement to Miss J. Weinronk, Mr. B. M. Cartoon, of Parktown North, Johannesburg, made a donation of £5 5s. to the Jewish National Fund.

The unbounded enthusiasm for our great national ideal displayed by our young men and women of the "Goldstein period" and the period following immediately after, has given way to torpid apathy and gross disinterestedness, so that the young people of the present are seeking to fill the emptiness of their lives with new interests. The young men contemplate the formation of a club, and the young women have thrown themselves zealously and energetically into the girl guide movement. But the proposed club does not seem to find favour in the sight of those most able to lend financial assistance, and its success, therefore, seems to be doomed at the outset. How long the Girl Guide "cult" will last is difficult to predict, but in the meantime it affords an outlet for the surplus energy of some people when Zionism has become stale.

This Society of energetic and capable young women, which could do so much for our national cause at a time when all our forces ought to be directed towards one goal, viz., the strengthening of the hands of our leaders and the providing of them with the means for the redemption of the land, is making a gigantic effort to organise a so-called "Limelight Dance," to raise funds for the purchase of a cinematograph. In whose mind this freakish notion was conceived I am unable to state, but this is how our national energies are being frittered away by those who "play in Zionism."

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CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful

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QUEENSTOWN.

The S.A. Zionist Federation has received from the local Zionist Society the amount of £20, being amount realised from a social function and collection held on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Abraham Addleson, the indefatigable honorary secretary and treasurer of the Society, to Miss F. Shapiro, for the purpose of inscribing their names in the Golden Book.

ROBERTSON.

An enjoyable evening was held on Sunday, the 2nd inst., in the local Bioscope Hall under the auspices of the Young Israel Society. Mr. K. Hoffmann presided. The following contributed to the programme:—N. Hotz, piano solo; Y. Lekoch, recitation; B. Drusinsky, piano solo; D. Sandler, recitation; H. Dvortz, song; E. Goldberg, recitation; G. Solomon, recitation. A debate was then held on the subject, "What is more useful: Education or Travelling?" The opener was S. Lekoch, and his opponent D. Sandler. The opener won by a large majority. After refreshments had been served the following items were rendered:—Rev. Josefowitz, a reading; D. Plehn, recitation; S. Solomon, recitation; D. Sandler, song; Miss Esther Josefowitz, piano solo; D. Chait, recitation; E. Millin, piano solo; L. Sandler, recitation; R. Lipschitz, piano solo; A. Schachat, piano solo; M. Blusger, piano solo; M. Solomon, piano solo; F. Lipschitz, recitation; J. Blusger, violin solo.

A club meeting was held in the *Cheder* on the 26th ult., Mr. R. Hoffmann presiding. A paper of anecdotes was read by Master David Sandler, followed by a brief parliamentary "session," which proved a great success.

The library is making steady progress, there being many interested readers.

SALISBURY.

The services during the recent High Festivals were well attended. These were conducted by the Rev. J. J. Rosin, assisted by Messrs. S. Myers and H. Rosenberg. Owing to indisposition, Mr. Rosin was unable to preach on *Rosh Hashonah*. He, however, conducted the service, assisted by his choir, which was a source of gratification to the congregation. On *Yom Kippur*, Mr. Rosin, having recovered from his illness, ably conducted the service. Mr. Rosin preached a sermon during the Atonement on the subject, "God is my refuge," and made a strong appeal to parents to co-operate with him in his efforts on behalf of Hebrew education. The importance of Hebrew is growing day by day, Mr. Rosin remarked. Hebrew should not only be taught as a means of prayer at the Synagogue, but should be taught as a living language from the national point of view—the restoration of Palestine.

The congregational *Succah* was very tastefully decorated by the Misses C. and M. Rosin, ably assisted by Miss Joelson.

The annual general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation took place on the 5th ult. at the Guild Hall, with Mr. B. I. Hoffman, the President, in the chair. There was a good attendance. Mr. Hoffman, in presenting his report, read the minister's minute, in which all the branches of congregational and communal work were dealt with. The minister made several suggestions in the interest of Judaism which were appreciated and adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. L. Braude; Vice-President, Mr. B. I. Hoffman; Treasurer, Mr. M. Stein; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. M. Hoffman; Committee, Messrs. S. Gruber, M. Comaroff, I. Lasovsky, H. Hatchuel and G. Pichanick.

The examination of the Hebrew classes took place on Sunday, the 21st ult., at the Guild Hall, in the presence of the Committee and parents. The ready answers by the children to all questions put to them aroused enthusiasm. The most pleasing feature of the examination was the two top classes who learn Hebrew as a living language.

ADV. M. ALEXANDER, K.C., M.L.A., OF CAPETOWN.

The Salisbury Jewish community has been very fortunate to have Advocate M. Alexander for over two weeks in its midst. The distinguished visitor, who was engaged on a local case, arrived on Friday, October 17th, and spent the last days of *Succoth* among us. Mr. Alexander's Jewish national feelings were demonstrated by his ready consent to address the local Zionist Society. The local Press gave much prominence to the lecture, which was deeply appreciated.

On Sunday, November 2nd, a successful *Simchas Torah* dance was held at the Guild Hall under the auspices of the local Jewish Ladies' Society. Mrs. Hatchuel, the indefatigable worker, as President of the Ladies' Society, had charge of the successful arrangements.

TRICHARDTS.

A grand ball was held in the Trichardts Hotel Hall on the 11th ult. in aid of the Jewish Relief, Reconstruction and Orphans Fund. The function proved a great success both socially and financially, over £75 net profit being realised. The Committee is grateful to all those who helped to make the affair so great a success.

UMVUMA, RHODESIA.

The *Bar Mitzvah* of Simon, third and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Nissen Wolffe, took place at the residence of his parents. There was a large attendance of the members of the Umvuma Hebrew Congregation when Master Wolffe ably read a portion of the Law. In the afternoon a reception was held, at which there was again a large attendance.

Mr. N. Wolffe, in a feeling speech, referred to the coming of maturity of his son, and expressed his gratitude to the many friends. Mr. Isaac Wolffe proposed the health of the *Bar Mitzvah*, to which Master Wolffe responded in a clever speech.

Mr. E. S. Cohen, Secretary to the Hebrew Congregation, read the telegrams and congratulatory letters received. A collection was made for the David Wolffsohn Memorial Fund.

VOLKSRUST.

The annual Jewish ball, held at the Railway Institute on Tuesday, the 4th inst., proved a great success, and the Committee responsible deserve every credit. There was a large number of dancers and the ladies responsible are to be congratulated on the success of the affair. The U.P.C. Band was in attendance and rendered an excellent programme. The ball proved both a financial and social success. The amount raised will be given to the Jewish Orphans' Fund.

WELLINGTON.

The newly-formed Young Israel Society is showing much activity. On October 2nd Mr. S. Turtledove, of Capetown, addressed a meeting of the local community in the Synagogue for the special benefit of the Juniors. Mr. A. Polusky presided and introduced the speaker, whose address was most entertaining and enjoyable, and left a great impression upon his youthful hearers. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker on motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. I. Solomon, and the proceedings concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah." Later, at the residence of Mr. I. Solomon, the members of the Society received much valuable advice from Mr. Turtledove on the best methods for carrying on its work.

On the evening of November 2nd the Society held its first social in the Bioscope Hall. There was a fairly large attendance, including members of the Paarl Young Maccabean Society, and the Stellenbosch Young Israel Society. The chairman, Mr. A. Polusky, opened the proceedings. The following artists contributed items:—Misses D. Friedman, M. Epstein, F. and E. Goldstein, S. Solomon, E. Gaffernowitz, Syl. and Sad. Segal, D. Friedgood and L. Sarembock, and the following from Stellenbosch: Misses E. and A. Stein, Mr. L. Lewinson and Mr. P. Marcus. Miss E. Goldstein accompanied at the piano. After the concert a silver collection was made. The Society's supervisor, Mr. I. Solomon, sold by auction a cake and chocolates, which realised a good sum. The function was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

WORCESTER.

A general meeting of the Junior Zionist Society was held in the Zionist Hall on the 2nd inst., Mr. I. Cohen being in the chair. Mr. Jack Leader, the delegate of the Junior Zionist Society to the recent Young Israel Conference held at Capetown, rendered a report. Mr. Leader explained the significance of the recent conference and dealt with various resolutions which had been submitted. The speaker implored his hearers to revive interest in the Zionist movement. The Chairman thanked Mr. Leader for the great services he had rendered the Society.

The local Jewish community were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zurnamer on the occasion of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jack, on Sunday, 26th ult. The Commercial Hall was kindly lent by Mr. Volks for the happy occasion. Mr. Rabinowitz acted as chairman of the function. Two cakes were put up for auction. One was purchased by Mr. Greenstein for £2, the money to be devoted to charity. The other cake was bought by the *Bal-Simcha* himself for £4, the money to be devoted towards the Synagogue Building Fund.

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