

In Pretoria

NATIONAL FUND DRIVE.

The Jewish National Fund drive organized by the Pretoria Zionist Society was duly held from the 1st to the 8th February, and proved a remarkable and well-merited success. The ground had been thoroughly prepared by preliminary leaflets and notices, and an adequate supply of workers was found to cover every part of the town. This fact, as well as the enthusiasm which was displayed by every one who volunteered for the work, was responsible for the excellent result achieved. The drive was launched, with a house-to-house collection which took place on Sunday the 1st February, and which yielded over half the final sum collected. The house-to-house visits were followed up by calls at every Jewish place of business in the town, with the result that a thorough combing out of the whole community occurred. Generally speaking, the collectors reported that a notable spirit of goodwill to the cause was manifested, and it was seldom that a donation of some sort was refused. This fact bears out the contention, which has been frequently advanced, that the Pretoria Jewish community is very sound at heart, and that it only requires to be suitably approached in order to show its sympathy for the Jewish ideal.

The total sum handed in to date is £87 3s. 6d., which, when outstanding lists are received, should be raised to close upon £100. The following statement represents collections (to date) by various workers; individual contributions will be acknowledged in the *Record* in a later issue:—

Per Messrs. S. Rutovitz & J. L. Saks ...	£5 2 0
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„ Messrs. G. Osrin & P. Machanick ...	8 0 0
„ Messrs. I. Shindler & S. Siipert ...	9 0 6
„ Mrs. C. Isaacson & Mr. L. Hotz ...	4 6 0
„ Messrs. G. Isakov, S. Kumin and D. Mofsowitz ...	2 6 0
„ Messrs. L. Edelstein & G. Isakov ...	7 4 0
„ J. C. Taback & I. Rostovsky ...	7 12 6
„ Messrs. H. Billing & L. Hotz ...	5 5 0
„ Messrs. H. Billing & M. Gavronsky ...	3 5 0
Young Israel Society:—	
Per Misses M. Hirshovitz, Abrahams, Kallitz and Messrs. Goldberg, Zaidel, Galgut and Getz ...	8 3 0
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	£87 3 6

The thanks of the Pretoria Zionist Society are due to all who assisted in making the drive a success.

PRETORIA JEWISH GUILD.

The Jewish Guild is having a literary evening at the Memorial Hall on Sunday the 15th February, at 8 p.m. Papers will be given by Mr. L. Hotz, Mr. M. G. Epstein and Miss Annie Silber, and Miss Ethel Melman will recite.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The Pretoria Young Israel Society held a most successful dance on Saturday, the 7th February, at the Memorial Hall. There was a large attendance of dancers, and the music supplied by the Tramps Jazz Band was greatly to their liking. The hall is admirably suited for affairs of this kind—with its spacious floor, onlookers balcony and large supper hall. There were quite a number of Rand people present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The responsible committee were the Misses Myers, C. and M. Wolson, E. Bliss, F. Shure, and Messrs. S. Levin (chair), S. Biiss, M. Goldberg, O. Galgut and A. Zaidel.

SILVER WEDDING.

The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hock of Irene, will extend to them the most cordial good wishes on their silver wedding, which will be celebrated on the 15th

In Durban

A meeting of the Durban Zionist Association was held at Park Street Synagogue Chambers, on Tuesday night, January 23rd, when Mr. S. A. Nathanson delivered a lecture on "The National Fund in Conjunction with the Balfour Declaration."

Mrs. (Rev.) E. M. Levy, vice-president of the association was in the chair. The lecturer traced the chain of development of the Zionist ideal in its modern form and emphasised that still greater sacrifices were necessary to attain our ideal of a National Home. The National Fund must remain the bulwark of our national and spiritual safety, and young and old should realise it as an instant call upon their purse. If necessary there must be a sacrifice of luxuries in order to swell the coffers of the Jewish National Fund.

An animated discussion followed, in which Rev. Levy, Rev. Rubin, Messrs. Stone, Goldberg and others took part. Mr. Lionel Hart, the president of the association, paid an eloquent tribute to the graceful manner in which Mrs. Levy had occupied the chair and remarked that this was the first time in the history of the association that a lady had presided. He ventured to hope that it would not be the last, and that other ladies would follow the example now set by Mrs. Levy.

At the celebration of the Barmitzvah of Master Hyman Solomon (*Chanah Migdal*) a special appeal made by Mr. Friedman in aid of the National Fund resulted in £2 15s. being collected. A further donation of £2 2s. by Mr. Y. Solomon brought the total to £5. It is to be hoped that this very laudable effort on behalf of the National Fund will be emulated on other similar occasions.

A novel form of entertainment is being inaugurated by Mesdames (Rev.) Levy and M. Franklin. This will take the form of a children's concert and play, the proceeds of which will be divided between the National and other funds.

The January *Hasholem* voices a hearty welcome on behalf of the "Circle" to the newly-formed Lodge of the H.O.D., and, besides topical remarks, mostly of a local colour, contains a panegyric to the "Women in Jewish Life," by the pen of Rev. Levy. There are a number of interesting notes on tennis and also some remarks on "Musical Appreciation," the writer of which harbours a tragic thought that, musically, Jewry is decadent.

The opening function of the Circle—a social in the form of a concert and dance—was extremely well patronised. Musical and vocal items were rendered and refreshment and dancing were indulged in to a late hour.

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February. It is interesting to record that Mr. and Mrs. Hock's eldest son, Dr. Philip Hock, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has just arrived from England on a three months' vacation which he will spend at Irene. Dr. Hock has had a very successful academic career, and at present he is taking his F.R.C.S. course in London. He has already passed his preliminary examination for that degree. It will interest his many friends to know that Dr. Hock has already made his mark in the medical profession overseas. On several occasions, out of over 80 candidates, he was selected for posts at large hospitals in England, a rare achievement for a young man of 24.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

The Pretoria branch of the United South African Jewish Relief Fund is holding a special general meeting at the Memorial Hall on Sunday, the 15th February, at 2.30 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by members of the Relief Fund Executive, and office bearers will be elected for the ensuing year, should it be decided to continue the work of the branch.

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