

In Bulawayo

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Progress of Hebrew Classes.—Few, if any, communities in South Africa have during the last year made such great efforts in the cause of Jewish education as has the local Jewish community. Bulawayo was practically the first community to avail itself of the services of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education. No sooner did this organisation begin to operate than a call was extended to Mr. D. Meirowsky, its organising secretary, to visit this town for the purpose of inspecting the local classes.

At the end of 1928 Mr. Mierowsky visited us for the first time, and as a result of his recommendations, a complete reorganisation of the classes took place. Mr. C. Gershater, of Johannesburg, was invited as headmaster of the reorganised school, and entered upon his duties in April last. In the course of the year a kindergarten was established, with Miss Genn as kindergarten mistress.

It is fifteen months since the school began to operate, and Mr. D. Mierowsky has paid us now a third visit, in the course of which he carried out extensive examinations of the classes. We understand that in the report Mr. Mierowsky submitted to the Education Committee of the local congregation, he speaks very highly of the work done by the headmaster and his staff. He was very much impressed with the kindergarten, which in respect of accommodation, comfort and equipment may be regarded as a model institution.

There are few institutions which can boast of such an enthusiastic and energetic committee as our School Committee. Yet this last year's achievement would have been impossible if not for the assiduous labours of Mr. A. Jacobs, the veteran communal worker and indefatigable Chairman of the Education Committee. Mr. Jacobs takes a fatherly interest in the Hebrew classes, which he visits almost daily. It is pleasant to note that as a recognition of his services to the Jewish community the local Zionist Society has decided to have the name of Mr. A. Jacobs inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Lecture by Mr. D. Mierowsky.—On Monday, the 9th inst., Mr. D. Mierowsky addressed a well-attended meeting on the subject of "Jewish Cultural Needs." Rev. Cohen presided. In the course of a powerful address, Mr. Mierowsky traced the various phases in the genesis and development of nationalities, and emphasised the significance of the cultural factor in the life of peoples. The survival of the national culture

BULAWAYO HEBREW KINDERGARTEN.



Rev. Cohen (inset), Mr. C. Gershater (Headmaster), Mr. A. Jacobs (Chairman), Miss Genn (Teacher).

meant the survival of the nation, its progress marked the progress of the nation, and its decline meant the decline and disappearance of the nation.

Applying these general principles to the present-day life of the Jewish Nation, the lecturer claimed that the only way of preserving Jewish life in the exile was by strict maintenance of Jewish culture.

Mr. C. Gershater deplored the state of indifference and apathy amongst the several existing societies in town with regard to cultural activities, and strongly urged the formation of a Study Circle. Others who took part in the discussion were the Chairman, Mrs. M. I. Cohen, Mr. Jack Cohen and Mr. Newman.

The formation of a Circle was decided upon, and the following committee was elected: Mr. B. Goldstein (convenor), Rev. Cohen and C. Gershater (ex-officio), Mme. Dr. Sandler, Messrs. Jack Cohen and Newman, Mrs. A. Kaplan and Mr. Liberman.

Mr. D. Mierowsky later left for Salisbury, and returned to Bulawayo on Monday for the purpose of attending the prize distribution of the local Hebrew School.

OBITUARY.

Mr. S. Goldman (Bethlehem).

We regret to announce the death—which occurred in a Johannesburg nursing home—of Mr. S. Goldman, the well-known communal and Zionist worker, of Bethlehem. For some time past Mr. Goldman had been in failing health and came to Johannesburg to undergo medical treatment. The deceased was born at Serenick 67 years ago. When quite a lad he proceeded to Scotland, where he established himself as a merchant in Edinburgh.

Thirty years ago he landed in South Africa, and for a time lived in Kroonstad. During the Anglo-Boer War he went to Port Elizabeth, and after later residing in East London, made Bethlehem his permanent home, having lived there for the last twenty-two years.

Mr. Goldman always took a keen interest in the advancement of the town, and became one of the leading communal workers. He took a prominent part in Zionist activity in Bethlehem, and was also an enthusiastic Freemason. He endeared himself to a large circle of friends, to whom his death came as a great shock.

The funeral, which took place at Bethlehem on Tuesday last, was attended by a large number of mourners. Prayers at the graveside were rendered by Rev. Altshuler.

MRS. BELLA GLOBAS (Johannesburg).

The death occurred in Johannesburg on Saturday at the age of 85 of Mrs. Bella Globas, a well-known charitable worker. The deceased, who enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago, was a prominent character in Johannesburg, ever ready to be helpful in a good cause. Amongst her relatives she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Pesskin, and a nephew, Mr. H. L. Karnovsky.

OBERKANTOR M. KATZIN.

Notable Concert in Krugersdorp.

The vocal recital by Oberkantor M. Katzin, in the Communal Hall, Krugersdorp, last Saturday evening, proved most successful. The function was held under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress of Krugersdorp, and the hall was crowded on this occasion.

The concert indicated that Mr. Katzin is not only a fine Chazan, but also a real singing artist. He distinguished himself more especially in the rendition of "Uvonucho Yomar," composed by himself. The singing of a number of Italian arias were well rendered and the audience would not permit Mr. Katzin to retire until he had given a number of encores.

Miss M. Cash, L.T.C.L., assisted at the piano and demonstrated the possession of a fine technique. The accompaniments of Miss M. Paikin are worthy of special mention.

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