

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own Correspondents

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BENONI.

On the 28th September a thorough clearance of all the National Fund boxes was carried out, which yielded the sum of £31 12s. 5d. The box of Mr. N. Kirschner headed the list with £3 10s. and was followed by that of Mr. S. Cohen with £2, S. Aisman with £1 9s. and H. Levy with £1 2s.

The Johannesburg Jewish Guild Musical Revellers kindly performed at the concert held on the 11th inst. at the Hebrew Hall, under the auspices of the Benoni Women's Zionist League. As a result of this function the sum of £41 was raised in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

At the "at home" given by Mrs. A. Suzman at her residence, the sum of £11 was also realised on behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

BETHLEHEM.

The local Grand Theatre presented an animated sight on Sunday evening, the 12th inst., when a play adapted from Shalom Aleichem's *Tzu zeit un Tzu Shpreit* by the Rev. M. Altshuler was produced by the local Jewish Dramatic Society in aid of the Jewish Library. The following took part in the play: Mr. S. Isaacson, Mrs. M. Altshuler, Mr. M. Kravitz, Miss L. Regensburg, Miss A. Ackerman, Mr. M. Shafner, Mr. H. Orelowitz, Oscar Hurwitz, Miss G. Jankelowitz, Mr. H. L. Zinn, Miss S. Skuy, Miss M. Goodkind and Mr. H. Orelowitz.

The annual ball organised by the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation was held in the New Park Hotel, and proved an outstanding success. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jacobson acted as host and hostess. Thanks are due to the ladies' committee, Mesdames J. S. Jacobson, R. P. Rom, M. Altshuler, M. Shulman, H. Belcher and D. Selikson.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

The engagement is announced of Eva, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nochimovitz, of Oudtshoorn, to Louis Imber, son of Mrs. Imber and the late Mr. W. Imber. Mr. Louis Imber is a well-known Zionist worker and a member of the committee of the Zionist Society. He has contributed to Zionist funds, and is a keen supporter of the Keren Hayesod. Miss Nochimovitz is also a well-known communal worker.

FICKSBURG.

The Ficksburg Cultural Society organised a "Trial of a Character in Fiction" evening at the Good Templars' Hall on Sunday, the 26th inst. The book chosen was "In Chains," by Joseph Delmont, the following taking part: Messrs. B. Brown, A. Kosviner, I. Daneman, Dr. J. Melamed, Sam Behram, Miss F. Hurwitz, Mrs. Hurwitz, A. Melamed, Mrs. Kosviner, Miss Rae Brown, and Messrs. M. Myerowitz, Sol. Abrahamson and Dr. William Mark.

The function proved most interesting and entertaining, and altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

GERMISTON.

A concert in aid of the South African Jewish Orphanage and the Jewish Aged Home, given by members of the Jewish Guild "1930 Musical Revellers," attracted a big audience to Maxime's Bioscope Cafe, Germiston, on Sunday evening, Mr. M. Shapiro, the promoter, thanked the audience for its liberal response in the cause of charity. Mrs. Mitchell (manageress) and the staff of Maxime's were thanked. The Mayor (Mr. A. Gibson) also expressed appreciation of the entertainers' efforts, and the Mayoress presented each of the ladies with a box of chocolates. Mrs. M. Margolius, chairwoman, Germiston Branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, thanked Mr. Shapiro and the committee who promoted the concert.

JOHANNESBURG.

The Women's Zionist League has again carried out a clearance in the following suburbs: Belgravia, Parktown, Saxonold, Yeoville, Fordsburg and City, which yielded the sum of £38 11s. 6s.

The Parkview Branch of the Women's Zionist League received an amount of £9 to the National Fund Office, being respect of a Bridge Drive arranged by Mrs. Horwitz.

KIMBERLEY.

The death occurred at the Kimberley Hospital under tragic circumstances of Mr. Leopold Brenner. The deceased resided at Long Gong, and was well known and highly esteemed. His timely death came as a great shock to his numerous friends and the deepest sympathy is extended to his young widow in irreparable loss.

KOPJES.

Local Jewry celebrated *Simchas Torah* in the local synagogue on the 12th inst. The arrangements for the evening were in the capable hands of Mrs. M. Ginsberg (chairlady of the Hebrew Congregation) and Mesdames Schutz and Fisher.

After the celebration the older folk gathered at the residence of Rev. Fisher, where speeches were delivered and folk songs sung. The younger set congregated at the residence of Mrs. Sher, where dancing was indulged in.

An evening in aid of the *Shool* Building was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. Sher at their residence on Sunday, the 19th inst., and as a result the sum of £6 was realised. A tea service was raffled, which was won by Miss Hodda Papert. The function proved both a social and financial success.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Sher for their hospitality.

The Headquarters of the Jewish National Fund have received an amount of £30 from Kopjes, being the proceeds of the Annual Zionist Ball which was held in the Bioscope Hall on the 8th inst., a report of which appeared in our last week's issue.

KRUGERSDORP.

A successful dance under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League, was held in the Communal Hall on the 11th inst. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the Chiert's Orchestra was in attendance. Mr. Saul Phillips was the energetic D.C., and he was ably assisted by the Misses Molly Simon, Sadie Friedman and Lisbeth Reich. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the committee, headed by the chairlady, Mrs. Morris Raissen and the energetic secretary, Mrs. S. Canter. The other members of the committee of the Women's Zionist League are Mesdames P. Silbert, Adler, M. Friedman, Israel Friedman, G. Sackheim, Stutzen, Zinn, Levy, Simon, Matthews, Gotsman, Mendel Raissen and Misses Smulowitz and Taitz.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Mendel Raissen and Mr. M. Sewitz for having sold the majority of the tickets and so helped largely to the financial success of the function.

Mr. D. Levy, vice-chairman of the W.R.L. Zion Association, presented a beautiful scent spray to be raffled, which was won by Miss May Bulafkin.

The sum of about £40 was realised as a result of this function, half of which will go to the Kfar Yeladim and the other half towards the funds to be collected for the Dunam Drive. It is the intention of the Ladies' Zionist League to hold similar functions in the future.

LEEUDOORNSTAD.

Mr. J. Chain of Leeuwoordstad has forwarded a cheque for £10 10s. to the National Fund Office in Johannesburg as a result of a collection made by him on the occasion of the *Bris Milah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lisus, which was celebrated on the 19th inst.

MAFEKING.

At the annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society, held on Sunday, 19th inst., the following office-bearers and committee were elected: President, Mr. B. Manchewsky; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. L. Singer. Committee: Misses H. Amler, B. Glick, M. Nurock, Messrs. J. Hill, I. Hurwitz, A. Gordon, S. Bobrow and the Rev. J. Perlman.

MIDDELBURG, CAPE.

On *Simchas Torah* night the newly formed reading circle of the local Zionist Society held its first meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lurie.

Mr. Lurie presided, and stated that the inauguration of the reading circle was an important event, and urged all members to take a keen interest in its activities.

The readers for the evening were Messrs. Lurie and Edelson. The former read two chapters from Dr. Herzl's diaries, which proved most interesting and instructive, and the latter chose a chapter from *Shalom Aleichem*, which produced great merriment.

During the evening pianoforte solos were rendered by the Misses S. and R. Capcan, a violin solo by Mrs. D. Melmed, and songs by Miss J. Seinker and Mr. Lurie.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Lurie for placing their home at the disposal of the society.

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NAAUWPOORT.

On the occasion of the *Bris Milah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Tabachowitz, it was decided to inscribe the name of the infant in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. £1 5s. was collected and remitted to the J.N.F. Headquarters as the first instalment.

PORT ELIZABETH.

The monthly social of the Ladies' Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. S. Abrahams, 92 Cape Road, on the 16th inst. The president (Mrs. A. Schumacher) extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. I. Kerbel, a past member of the committee, who with her husband and family settled in Palestine, and recently returned to Port Elizabeth on a visit. During the course of the afternoon, vocal solos were ably rendered by Mrs. J. Aarons and Miss Minnie Solomon. Miss H. Benjamin recited delightfully.

The gem of the afternoon was Mrs. Mibashan's paper on "The Jewish Woman's Social Work in Palestine." Remarking on the inestimable influence of woman in war and peace and mentioning the different aspects of their work assumed under both conditions, the lecturer finally led up to the great part our women take in the life and work of Palestine.

Mrs. A. Levy proposed a vote of thanks to the hostess and those ladies who so ably added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

PRETORIA.

Miss Frieda Sack of Johannesburg, read an interesting paper before the Pretoria Women's Zionist League at an "At Home," held on the 21st inst. Mrs. P. Machanik presided and in introducing Miss Sack, said that she felt sure that the name of Miss Sack was familiar to all of them.

Miss Sack's subject was "Palestine as I Saw It." She gave a vivid description of the life of the colonists, as well as the people of the towns. She touched upon the present situation and urged all those present to carry on. The lecturer emphasised the spirit that prevailed in the Holy Land and said that she only wished the same spirit was present among the Jews outside of Palestine.

Palestine was full of problems but they were sure to right themselves, as the people there were so full of determination.

Miss M. Abrahams contributed two delightful songs, and Miss M. Hirschowitz moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

SOMERSET WEST.

The Somerset West Synagogue was crowded on the occasion of the celebration of Simchas Torah and the recent election of Mr. H. M. Jaffe, the vice-chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, as Mayor of Somerset West. At the conclusion of the Mariv service, the chairman, Mr. W. Miller, addressed the children on the significance of Simchas Torah. He then referred to the good work carried out by Mr. Joffe on behalf of the congregation, both as secretary and vice-chairman, and mentioned how proud he and the community felt at the fact that a Jew was elected Mayor of Somerset West and district for the first time in its history.

Addresses were also delivered by Messrs Kruss, I. Ipp, Dr. B. Isaacson, G. Laden, Rev. Schlomov and K. Hoffman, all of whom spoke in eulogistic vein of Mr. Jaffe and the work he has accomplished for the congregation and wishes were expressed for a successful term of office.

The chairman, in presenting Mr. Jaffe with an illuminated address, expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of making the presentation on behalf of the committee and congregation.

Mr. Jaffe thanked all the speakers for the good wishes and assured them that he would endeavour to do the best in his power to make a success of his office as Mayor and that he would always bear the Jewish National cause in mind.

Mr. J. Miller, the treasurer of the congregation, moved a vote of thanks to the chairlady and committee of the Ladies' Benevolent Society for the splendid work done by them in connection with this function.

Refreshments were then served and an enjoyable evening brought to a close.

WILLOWMORE.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Willowmore Judean Society was held in the *Shool Hall*, on Sunday, the 12th inst. The chairman (Rev. Patashink) and the treasurer (Miss Cohen) delivered brief reports on the society's activities for the past six months. The chairman made special mention of the contribution of £5 which was made by the society towards the Palestine Bursary Scheme. The following members were

In Cape Town

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"INFLUENCES IN JEWISH LIFE."

Mrs. P. M. Clouts presided over a well-attended meeting of the Broth Zion Association last Tuesday afternoon, when Rev. A. P. Bender delivered the first of a series of lectures on the above, to be given by prominent members of the community.

Rev. Bender dwelt on the important part always played by the woman in the Jewish community and her influence in Jewish life generally. He stressed the present serious position of Judaism, and the need for greater activity on the part of our women.

At the conclusion of the lecture a short discussion took place, in which Miss R. van Gelderen, Mrs. M. Zuckerman and Mrs. Shrire participated.

An interesting little ceremony took place during the afternoon, when Rev. Bender, on behalf of the Association, presented Miss Riva Cosay with a Golden Book Certificate in recognition of her services as secretary for many years.

A vote of thanks to Rev. Bender was proposed by Mrs. H. Glaser, and the function soon after came to a close.

"REFORM IN THE SYNAGOGUE."

The above was the subject of a discussion which lasted throughout practically the whole of the Zionist conversazione held last Tuesday night, when Mr. and Mrs. D. Getz acted as host and hostess.

The discussion was initiated by Mr. S. Futeran, whose main contention was that the major portion of the synagogue service should be rendered in the language which was understood by the worshippers and not necessarily in Hebrew.

Those who took part in the discussion were Mrs. Birsan, Dr. J. Sacks, Mr. H. M. Block, Mr. M. Gurland, Mr. L. Rabkin and Mr. Zabow.

The Simchas Torah Ball in aid of the Cape Jewish Aged Home was held in the City Hall last Wednesday evening, and was an unqualified success. The hall was very beautifully decorated, and dancing took place till a late hour to the strains of Norrie Sowman and his Revellers Orchestra. The Ball Committee is to be congratulated on an excellently arranged affair.

then elected to office:—Chairman, Mr. K. Musikanth; vice-chairman, Rev. J. Patashnik; secretary, Mr. P. Horowitz; treasurer, Miss P. Cohen; committee member, Mr. L. Gellman.

VOLKSRUST.

On Sunday, the 19th inst., a most successful *Simchas Torah* party was held at the Volksrust Hotel, Mr. and the Misses Baigel acting as host and hostess. During the early part of the evening the members of the local Young Israel Society contributed to the programme, and greatly delighted the audience.

Dancing was also indulged in, and altogether an enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent.

Thanks are due to the host and hostesses for the able manner in which they carried out their duties.

VENTERSDORP.

A representative gathering of Ventersdorp Jewry met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Isaacs on Sunday, 12th October, for the purpose of forming a Zionist Society.

Mr. Brasch presided, and the meeting was treated to an able and eloquent address by Mr. Peretz Cornfeld, the official propagandist of the Zionist Federation. Mr. Cornfeld dwelt upon the aims of Zionism and also stressed the significance to the movement of recent political events. In passing, he touched on the relationship between the terms Judaism and Zionism, and showed how unfounded the accusations were that Zionism was a non-religious movement.

A few words were also spoken by the Rev. R. Marks.

An election of office-bearers was held, and the following committee was appointed: Chairman, Mr. S. Brasch; Vice-Chairman, Mr. N. Sher; Secretary and National Fund Commissioner, Mr. M. Hyman. Committee members: Mesdames N. Sher, Kussel, Levinson, Friedman, Miss Levitan, and Messrs. L. I. Myerson, A. Friedman, H. Sacks and S. A. Levinson.

Refreshments were served during the proceedings. The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. and Mrs. H. Isaacs and to those ladies who assisted so ably and generously in helping to make the meeting the success it was.