

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BENONI.

A meeting was held on Sunday, October 5th, 1930, for the purpose of forming a Jewish Chess Club. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Revinson; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Arinowitz; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Martinson. Committee: Mr. S. Cohen and Mr. L. Lazarovitz. Chess meetings will take place every Monday and Thursday evening, 8 o'clock and Sunday mornings 10 o'clock, at the Hebrew School rooms.

EAST LONDON.

The Grand Young Israel week of entertainment, organised by the local Young Israel Society, met with unparalleled success. The participants numbered about one hundred, and every function was well patronised.

On the 25th ult. the members were entertained by Mr. M. Shwer, on behalf of the Hebrew Congregation. Friday evening the members attended a special synagogue service during which Rev. Shechter delivered an interesting sermon. The cabaret held on Saturday in the St. Peter's Scout Hall, proved an outstanding success. The following day a picnic was held at Nahoon Mouth, after which the participants congregated in the Communal Hall, where an interesting discussion took place on "Is the British Government justified in adopting the principles enunciated in the White Paper?" The motion, which was moved by Mr. Sive and opposed by Mr. Shapiro, was negated by an overwhelming majority.

On Tuesday a fancy dress ball took place, and the grand finale, which took the form of an address by the Life President and original founder of the local Young Israel Society, Mr. Dave Lazarus, on "Various Aspects of Young Israel," proved interesting and instructive. A vote of thanks to the local society was proposed by Mr. J. Berman on behalf of the visitors for the memorable week spent. The chairman, Mr. A. Kaplan, in a few valedictory remarks, made mention of the excellent assistance rendered by the energetic secretary, Mr. A. Malamed, in connection with the "Week."

LIVINGSTONE.

An enjoyable Chanukah function at which all the local children were entertained, was held under the auspices of the Livingstone Herzl Zionist Society at the residence of Mrs. E. Kopelowitz, on Thursday, the 18th ult. During the afternoon the children recited and sang and Mr. M. Grill, President of the Livingstone Hebrew Congregation, addressed the children on the significance of Chanukah. Before leaving each child was given a Chanukah gift.

Thanks for the success of the function are due to the committee which consists of the following: Mesdames Fredman, Hochstein, Kopelowitz and Wasserson, and also to those who so generously provided the refreshments.

MIDDELBURG (Transvaal).

Mrs. N. Brozin, the local hon. secretary for the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded the sum of £2 17s. to that institution being December subscriptions collected by Mrs. N. Birman.

At the *Bris Melah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Levin, which took place on Sunday, January 4th, a bottle of champagne was sold by American auction, and realised the sum of £15 for the Orphanage.

A successful picnic, organised by the recently-formed Middeburg Young Israel Society, was held at Rockdale, on the 1st inst.

The weather was ideal, and an enjoyable day was spent by all present, amongst whom were a number of visitors from Hendrina.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. M. Steyn, the chairman of the society, to whom thanks are due.

MUIZENBERG.

The Masonic Hall was filled to capacity on Sunday, the 21st ult., on the occasion of the Chanukah celebration by the pupils of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Talmud Torah and the Young Israel Society. After the ceremony of lighting the candles was performed by Master H. Danker, Mr. I. H. Guinsberg, Chairman of the Talmud Torah, addressed the gathering.

An interesting address on the significance of Chanukah was delivered by the Principal, Mr. J. Lehrman.

The pupils of the Talmud Torah rendered Hebrew airs, and also a sketch in Hebrew, the dialogue being contributed by Messrs. S. Emdin and L. Lazarus. Recitations in Hebrew by Miss M. Danker, Master F. Zimmerman and Master H. Lowenberg, and in English by Miss R. Emdin and Miss T. Trakman were much appreciated. Messrs. B. Solomon and Sief sang, and piano solos were rendered by Miss R. Trakman and Miss Yutar. Those responsible for the organisation of this successful function were J. Lehrman and Mr. H. Wolfsohn, Hon Secretary of the Talmud Torah. Special thanks are due to Mrs. S. Wainstein, who, ably assisted by Miss E. Wolfsohn and Miss Kahn, was responsible for the refreshments.

OUTSHOORN.

The Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society under the Presidency of Mrs. A. Berman continues to carry on its activities in different directions.

The half yearly collections for the W.I.Z.O. brought in the handsome amount of about £12, which was remitted direct to headquarters.

The society inscribed Lord Balfour's name in the Golden Book for which an amount of £20 was sent to the S.A. Zionist Federation. It has also bought three dunams of land in the name of the Society at the recent dunam drive.

Other items that deserve special mention are that five shares were bought in the name of the society in the Bank Ezra for which purpose Mr. Plessner of Palestine was touring this country, and at the sale of Shekolim held on Sunday, the 14th of December, two members of the Ladies' Society, namely, the Misses R. Rom and S. Fortune, sold the most.

The society deserves every praise for the good work carried on during the year.

PORT ELIZABETH.

The monthly social of the Ladies' Zionist League was held at Mrs. L. Bernstein's residence on November 16. Dr. Tarlie read an instructive paper on "The Jewish Woman, the Cultural Movement and Our Youth." He showed how the three great problems which the title conveyed are intimately connected and impressed upon the women the necessity to attend, encourage and associate themselves with cultural movements, reading circles, history study circles, and particularly he pleaded for Hebrew kindergartens to be instituted.

The Misses Roma Maisels and Mirener, from Miss Taubie Braun's School, gave a delightful interpretation of A. A. Milne's "The Princess and the Woodcutter," which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The social held at the residence of Mrs. M. Bernstein was well attended. Mrs. B. M. Cartoon, of Johannesburg and Mrs. S. Salaman, of Capetown, sang delightfully.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Victor Segall, who chose as his subject "The Influence of the Home." He pleaded with the mothers to keep up the Jewish customs. They will thus make the atmosphere of their homes Jewish, as the daily Jewishness of one's home leaves an indelible impression on the minds of children. Mrs. R. H. Freedman voiced the thanks of the assembly to the speaker and to those who contributed musical items. A vote of thanks was also passed to the hostess for her kind hospitality.

The prize distribution to the pupils of the Talmudical Class, which is under the tuition of Rabbi Wilenchyk, took place on Sunday, the 28th ult., at the residence of the aforementioned. Prizes, provided by Mr. and Mrs. L. Mirkin, were presented to the following: A. Lazarus, A. Redhouse, F. Benjamin, H. Bloch, I. Segall, and M. Redhouse.

Mr. Mirkin then addressed the children on the importance of the study of the Talmud and its influence. Mr. I. Silbert proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mirkin.

WITBANK.

Mrs. A. Dembo, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded the sum of £11 17s. 6d. to that institution, being the November and December collection.

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