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A Union of Jewish Women

First Meeting Held in Johannesburg.

A meeting for the purpose of advocating the idea of establishing in South Africa a Union of Jewish Women, was held at the Jewish Guild on Monday afternoon last and attracted a fairly large gathering. Mrs. J. L. Landau presided.

Among the women organisations there were representatives from the following: Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society (Boksburg North), Jewish Religious Union, Jewish Women's Benevolent Society (Germiston), the Ladies' Committee of the Yeoville Synagogue, the Jewish Girls' Residential Club, the Jewish Communal League, Benoni and District Jewish Women's Association and the Johannesburg Jewish Ladies' Association.

In a deeply instructive address, Mrs. Saphra gave a comprehensive survey of the status of the Jewish women from the days of Moses Mendelssohn to our present time. The speaker particularly dwelt on the inspiring work of the first International Conference of Jewish Women, held at Hamburg in 1929.

Remarking on what spheres of labour the local branch of the Union of Jewish Women may be engaged on, Mrs. Saphra stated, among other matters, that this current meeting marks a milestone in the organisation of Jewish women in this country. She regretted that such a meeting could not be first held in Capetown owing to particular circumstances.

It would too, be the aim of the Union of Jewish Women, she said, to do its utmost to help and co-operate with its sister societies overseas in trying to lessen the legal disabilities of women in Jewish law and to fight against the white slave traffic and to work for world peace.

Mrs. Salomon (President of the local branch of the National Council of Women) spoke of the work of women's societies in Johannesburg and elsewhere, emphasising reasons why Jewish ladies should be interested in such a field of activities.

Mrs. Landau as well stressed the local need of a union of Jewish women, which should tackle female problems from a Jewish standpoint. She pleaded for a better observation of the Sabbath Day on the part of Jewish women.

Mrs. Saphra undertook to act as secretary of the society pro tem.

The meeting accepted the principle for which the gathering had been called and agreed to form itself into a committee as a nucleus of a projected Johannesburg branch of the Union of Jewish women. This committee is due to meet some time in October. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the speakers.

"HATECHIYA" FRISHMAN EVENING.

There was an excellent attendance at the "Frishman evening," held under the auspices of "Hatechiya," on Saturday, the 29th August, in the Hebrew High School. Mr. Morris Sewitz was in the chair.

The chairman explained that it was in pursuance of the aims of the association that this meeting was being held, and that they were glad that they had Madame Frishman present to lecture on her husband's life.

Mr. Ch. Lurie spoke on David Frishman's contribution to, and influence on Jewish literature. He pointed out that Frishman was both a destroyer and a builder. While he did not hesitate to throw down old traditions and prejudices, he also gave us much that was new.

Madame Frishman then gave an interesting and instructive lecture on the more intimate side of the life of the great writer, from which it was easy to form a clear picture of the man, his humour, his satire and above all, his kind heart. Madame Frishman's lecture aroused great enthusiasm among the audience. During the evening musical items were ably rendered by Miss Cissy Cohen (violin) and Miss Gertie Copans (piano).

The chairman, in closing the meeting, announced that Hatechiya had bought the first fourteen books published by Madame Frishman—eight Hebrew and six Yiddish.

BRAAMFONTEIN SYNAGOGUE.

The annual meeting of the Braamfontein Hebrew Congregation will be held in the Synagogue, corner Smit and Loveday Streets, Johannesburg, on Sunday, when, in addition to the annual accounts and balance sheet being submitted, the election of officers and committee will take place.