

Purim Functions in Many Centres

(REPORTS SENT IN BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS).

BETHELEHEM.

A Purim social and dance was held at the Park Hotel on Sunday, the 12th inst., under the auspices of the local Zionist Society and realised £4 4s. Mr. Epstein, who presided, gave a short address and Rev. Lidwin spoke on the story of Purim. During the evening a giant Hamantosh was sold by American auction. Items were rendered by Mrs. A. Goodman, Miss Joyce Myers and Mr. L. Burgin.

BRONKHORSTSPRUIT.

An enjoyable evening was spent when the local Young Israel Society held its first function on Purim at the Town Hall. Musical items were rendered by Misses. T. Bernstein and L. Lazarus. Other items were speeches by Messrs. I. Chonowitz, M. Goldberg and A. Schlosberg; recitation by Miss H. Behr and a dialogue by Messrs. L. Ginsberg and M. Marcus.

Refreshments provided by the ladies of the community were served during the evening; £2 10s. was raised for the Dunam Drive. A vote of thanks to all those who helped to make the evening a success, was moved by Mr. M. Goldberg.

GERMISTON.

Young Israelites from all over the Transvaal were present at the masked Fancy Dress Ball in Germiston, on Wednesday, 15th inst. Mr. S. Ostrofsky, the chairman of the Transvaal Y.I.S., presented prizes to the following: For the best Jewish costume to Miss J. Grolman, representing Ruth; for the most beautiful costume to Miss L. Cohen, as Victorian lady; for the most original costumes to Miss Godin and Mr. Grolman, as automatic telephones.

A special prize was given to Brith-Trumpeldor representative as a National Fund Box. The Karlin Brothers entertained with musical items. Marjorie Fuller gave an exhibition dance. Mr. M. Karklin, the well-known photographer, and Mr. Shapshak were the judges of the Beauty Contest, and Miss Maloon was hailed as Queen Esther of the evening and crowned with great pomp and acclamation. Mr. D. Dunsky, the chairman, thanked Messrs. Karklin and Shapshak and Mesdames Dr. Ordman and Z. Hareven, who judged the Fancy Dress Contest, and all those who participated.

KOPJES.

All local Jewry congregated at Miss Papert's studio on Sunday evening, the 12th inst., to celebrate Purim. An interesting programme was arranged by Rev. Fisher, consisting of Hebrew songs and recitations rendered by the Cheder children. During the evening, Miss Muriel Schutz (Chairlady of the Young Israel Society), presented the prizes to Sonia Kooren and Master Abe Wolfson for good behaviour. Miss Papert rendered a few piano solos and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

On Sunday morning, the 19th inst., the members of the Young Israel Society assembled in the Cheder room to bid farewell to Mr. H. Zulman, Chairman of the Zionist Society and one of the founders of the Young Israel Society, who was leaving Kopjes to take up residence in Heidelberg. Miss Muriel Schutz (Chairlady of the Young Israel Society), presented Mr. Zulman with a silver cup in appreciation of his assistance. Rev. Fisher, too, expressed his good wishes. Mr. Zulman suitably responded. He thanked the members for their good wishes and gift, which would be greatly treasured.

LA ROCHELLE.

A Purim social, under the auspices of the La Rochelle Ladies' Entertainment Committee was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Communal Hall. Musical items were rendered by

the Misses G. Sack and M. Merimsky, and dramatic selection by Miss M. Merimsky's pupils.

Rev. Kaplan addressed the gathering. It was announced that Mr. M. Haskel was the winner of the candelabra competition. A cake presented by Mrs. I. Isserow was sold.

MIDDELBURG (Cape).

On Sunday evening, the 12th inst., a social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Seinker—the first part of the evening taking the form of a Purim concert, by members of Rev. Myburg's Hebrew Class, consisting of Misses Hetty Myburg, Golda Myburg, Myra Segall, Doris Touyz, Zelda Myburg, Rachel Touyz, and Ruth Segall, Masters Harry Berghaus, David Seligman, Maurice Touyz, Milton Edelson, Harry Seinker.

The programme consisted of appropriate songs sung in Hebrew by the class as a whole, and some amusing sketches by Master Harry Berghaus, Misses Zelda Myburg, Doris Touyz, Myra Segall. Miss Hetty Myburg related the story of Purim in English, and Purim addresses were also delivered by Rev. Myburg and Mr. Edelson (chairman).

The second part of the evening consisted of songs by Mr. Nathan Melmed, and dancing was later indulged in.

MUIZENBERG.

The Junior Branch of the local Young Israel Society continued its birthday celebrations on Saturday night, 11th inst., at a Purim "At Home," to parents and friends at the Marine Hotel, Muizenberg. Over two hundred people were present, amongst them Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Mr. S. F. Waterson, M.P., and Mr. Max Sonnenberg, M.P.C.

Mr. S. M. Levin, the chairman, welcomed the guests. Adv. J. Herstein exhorted the gathering to realise its Jewish responsibilities. The Supervisor, M. H. Stern, presided over a concert programme which consisted of eight variety items, including a song by Oberkantor Katzin.

Mr. Jankelowitz, Chairman of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation, presided when addresses and toasts on various subjects were delivered by a number of speakers. A vivid demonstration of the "Hora" dance was later given by a number of members of the Judean Central Executive.

The birthday week concluded the following night with a concert at the Pavilion Theatre, as a result of which the local Talmud Torah funds will benefit. The success of this function was due to the work of the Second Muizenberg (Jewish Troop) Scouts.

RUSTENBURG.

A grand social and dance took place at the Grand Bio. Hall on Sunday, the 12th inst. The function was held under the combined auspices of the local Zionist Society and the Young Israel Society. Almost the whole of the Jewish community was present.

Mr. Herbert Cranko delivered an eloquent and interesting address dealing with the various aspects of the Purim celebration. A short address then followed by Rev. Mirkin.

Items for the concert were contributed by the following: Masters J. Wulfsohn, M. Liebenthal, Frank Mundel, M. Harris, the Misses H. Hermer, J. Harris, R. Cohen, J. Lifman and Mr. M. Racenmore. After the concert, dancing was indulged in. Refreshments were provided by the ladies' committee. Altogether the social proved most successful and enjoyable. Much credit for the success of the function is due to Rev. Mirkin, Mr. Z. Shilkin, Mr. B. Harris and Mrs. Phillip Wulfsohn.

WINBERG.

The Young Israel Society held a Purim Party on Sunday, the 12th inst., which proved a great success. The programme for the evening included a short talk on Purim by Rev. Kaplan, recitations in English and Hebrew by the cheder children, reading "Purim in the Olden Days" and "Purim in Palestine," by Rachel Pincus and Louis Minsker, and Hebrew songs by the cheder children.

At the close of the programme, Mr. H. Zimmerman, chairman of the Zionist Society, seconded by Dr. I. Sacks, proposed a vote of thanks to the Society for promoting the function.

The Society's thanks are due to Rev. Kaplan and to Mrs. Sacks and Miss Sylvia Kaplan, who were responsible for the recitations and songs.

WORCESTER.

On Sunday, the 12th inst., the Junior members of the Zionist Society celebrated Purim. Master George Wilk, recited a poem. This was followed by Yiddish and Hebrew songs. Mr. Bennie Broide then explained the story of Purim. A Purim sketch was ably carried out by Messrs. M. Rabinowitz, R. Sakinovsky, G. Wilk, A. Israelite, and G. Lipman.

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