

Eighth Annual O.F.S. Young Israel Conference

TO BE HELD IN BLOEMFONTEIN

ON the 6th and 7th of next month, delegates from the various societies of the Orange Free State will meet at the Communal Hall, Bloemfontein, to discuss Young Israel affairs, with particular reference to this Province.

The movement in the Free State was in a parlous plight when the Central Council assumed office, and the Council has succeeded in building up numerous societies. This is evidenced from the fact that the movement had only seven societies twelve months ago, whereas these now number 14.

The conference promises to be the most representative gathering of its kind ever held, but there are still several societies that have not yet submitted the names of their delegates.

It is hoped that the Bloemfontein community will be present at the proceedings, and give the Youth movement every encouragement.

Youth Herzl Memorial Meeting

A very successful Herzl Memorial Meeting took place on Thursday, July 13th, at the H.O.D. Hall at which eloquent addresses were delivered by Mr. Israel Dunsky, Organiser-Secretary of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council, and Mr. J. Rubik, member of the Youth Council. *The Haskarah* was intoned by Cantor Berele Chagy.

The growing interest of the Youth in Zionist matters could clearly be seen at this Memorial Meeting. About 400 young people attended and listened enthusiastically to accounts of the life, ideals and achievements of our immortal leader, Dr. Theodor Herzl.

Germiston Pays Tribute to Herzl

A HERZL memorial mass meeting, organised by the combined Zionist Societies of Germiston took place at the *Shul* Hall on Sunday, 16th July, at 8 p.m., and proved the best attended Zionist cultural meeting of the year. Inspiring orations were delivered by Dr. D. Ordman and Mr. M. L. Genussow.

Mr. Genussow made a short speech in Hebrew and then continued in Yiddish, dealing mainly with the actual life and character of Theodor Herzl. Dr. D. Ordman, speaking in English, drew a living picture of modern Palestine—as seen by himself in his recent visit—and considered it as Herzl's dream being brought to a practical conclusion.

Cantor A. Rudy then intoned the *Haskarah*. The meeting decided to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow of the late M. D. Hersch.

A Siyum Hatorah at Van Rhynsdorp

THE Siyum of a new Sepher Torah presented by the local Jewish Ladies' Society was held on the 2nd inst. in a specially erected temporary hall on the Synagogue ground. Mr. H. Joffe (President of the Hebrew Congregation), was in the chair.

Mr. A. Kaufman, of Maitland, acted as honorary *Sopher*, and after inscribing the last letters in the scroll, delivered an eloquent address on the significance of the ceremony. The Sepher Torah was then carried in into the Synagogue. The *Hakofot* was conducted by Rev. B. Wulf, who also delivered a sermon.

In the evening, a dinner was given by the Jewish Ladies' Society at the residence of Mrs. Minde, and over which Mr. M. Joffe presided. The toast of the Hebrew Congregation was proposed by Mr. I. Frank (vice-chairman of the congregation). Rev. B. Wulf proposed the toast of the Jewish Ladies' Society, and Mr. David Minde responded on behalf of the society. The toast of the visitors was proposed by Mr. B. W. Hoffmann and suitably responded to by Mr. A. Kaufman.

This enjoyable function concluded late in the evening with the singing of many Yiddish and Hebrew songs.

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