

## From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### Bloemfontein

**Women's Zionist Society.**—Mr. I. Dunsky delivered an eloquent address to the members of this society on the 7th inst., at the Communal Hall. He chose as his subject "The Jews in Spain and Their Contribution to Jewish Culture," and referred to the great part the Jews played in the upbuilding of the Spanish nation. The Spaniards had rewarded them with the tyranny and oppression and the Inquisition.

Miss Tcherny presided, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Dunsky was moved by Mrs. L. Hotz.

**Jewish Guild.**—Under the auspices of the Jewish Guild a "Challenge Debate" was held on the 20th inst., between speakers representing the various Zionist parties. Mr. I. Fogel spoke for "General Zionism," Mr. J. Blesovsky for the "Palestine Workers," and Mr. S. Belfort for the "Revisionists."

### Brandfort

A most enthusiastic meeting took place in the Communal Hall on the 13th inst., when a new society—the Brandfort Hertzlia—was inaugurated, simultaneously, incorporating the Brandfort Young Israel Society. Mr. Bloomberg, the president of the Young Israel Society, presided, and introduced the three members of the Young Israel Council, who had come over from Bloemfontein for the occasion.

Mr. Dave Melmed, the president of the Free State Young Israel Council, emphasised the necessity of having a good Youth movement, for upon them rested the success of the Chalutz scheme.

Mr. Marcus Sacks, member of the O.F.S. Young Israel Society Executive, also gave an address and urged the formation of a strong Youth movement in the Free State.

Mr. Solly Belfort, associate editor for the Free State of the Menorah, chose as the text of his address "The Apathy of the Jew."

As a result of the meeting, £13 was raised for the Chalutz scheme. A promise by the Brandfort Hertzlia of £7 raised the total to £20, which is double the amount assessed to Brandfort.

The result of the election of officers for the coming year, resulted as follows: Leo Golding, Chairman; Mr. Bloomberg, Vice-Chairman; Mr. L. Hellmann, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Miss E. Kayser, Mr. M. Immerman, Mr. Altschull, Mr. Jackie Hoffman and Miss G. Kayser, members of the committee.

The meeting terminated with the dancing of the "Hora," and the singing of Hebrew songs and melodies.

### Claremont

The annual general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation took place in the Talmud Torah Hall and the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: R. Newstead, Chairman; J. Sebba, Vice-Chairman; G. Fine, Treasurer; J. Levy, Secretary, and Messrs. Tafelstein, Wilk, Rappaport, Gorfinkel, Katz, Freedman, Singer, Gerber, and Dorfman were elected as committee members.

Captain Friedmann proposed and Mr. Newstead seconded, a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers for the fine work they had done for the congregation during their period of office. The new chairman paid a special tribute to the wholehearted efforts of Mr. Gorfinkel, the outgoing chairman.

### East London

At the Bris Melah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Rozman, celebrated on the 10th inst., a collection in aid of the Hospital Week and National Fund was taken, each of the funds benefiting to the extent of £1 5s.

### Ficksburg

A general meeting of the Zionist Society was held in the synagogue on Sunday, 13th inst., Dr. Melamed presided, and submitted his

report on the activities of the society for the past seven months. The Secretary and Treasurer, Miss P. Aronson, submitted her report. The election of officers took place, resulting as follows: Chairman, Mr. I. Daneman; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Cohen; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss P. Aronson. Committee: Messrs. L. Solomon, J. W. Berman, A. H. Kosviner and D. Tobias.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing committee was proposed by Mr. I. Daneman, who also took the opportunity of wishing Dr. Melamed every success in Johannesburg, his new place of residence.

### Heilbron

Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis, Inspector of Schools, of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, visited Heilbron on the 18th inst., for the purposes of examining the local Jewish children, and also addressing the members of the congregation.

On Saturday night Mr. Shacksnovis attended a debate in which the children took an active part, the function being held under the auspices of the Junior Young Israel Society. On Sunday morning the children were examined by the Inspector.

In the afternoon, Mr. Shacksnovis addressed a large gathering of the parents and the children in the synagogue, praising the work of Rev. Kaplan.

Mr. B. Molk thanked the visitor for his interesting lecture and Mr. L. Misnun, President of the Congregation, thanked Mr. Kaplan on behalf of the congregation for his good work.

### Ladybrand

A representative gathering of local Jewry assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Slomowitz on Sunday evening, July 16, to commemorate the *Yahrzeit* of Dr. Theodor Herzl. Rev. Wolk impressively intoned the *Hashkavah*. Miss Zelda Israel then very ably recited a poem on Dr. Herzl, after which Miss Sarah Lessem, of Johannesburg, read interesting extracts from his diary. Dr. Immerman thanked both ladies on behalf of the gathering, and also the host and hostess for the loan of their house. The singing of *Hatikvah* concluded a very pleasant function.

### Malmesbury

Under the auspices of the reorganised Zionist Society, the first of a series of *Conversaciones* was held on Thursday evening, 3rd inst., at the residence of Dr. H. Myers, a large number of members being present. Items were rendered by Miss S. Myers (piano solo), Miss E. Misnun (recitation), and songs by Mrs. M. Solomon and Dr. Myers. Dr. Myers then read a paper entitled "Historical Association of the 9th Ab," tracing the history of Judaism from the death of King Solomon to the loss of the Jewish independence. A very pleasant evening concluded with votes of thanks to the artists by Mr. M. B. Luntz and to the host and hostess by Rev. Effren, seconded by Mr. Hahn.

### Pietersburg

The first annual general meeting of the Pietersburg and District Womens' Zionist League was held in the Communal Hall on the 16th inst. A satisfactory report of the work of the League was submitted. Great credit is due to Mrs. Hirschman, the chairwoman, and Mrs. Eitzmann, hon. secretary, for the able manner in which the League was run during the year.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairwoman, Mrs. D. Hirschman; Vice-Chairwoman, Mrs. E. Young; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Levi. Committee: Mrs. J. Kallmeyer, M. Israelsohn, J. I. Levine; Mesdames S. Palte, B. Herman, H. Manashewitz, E. Levine, A. Eitzmann, H. Gifter, M. Miller, S. H. Solomon, A. Skok, Bloch, A. Lewis, and S. Miller.

### Potchefstroom

On Sunday evening, the 13th inst., a social and dance was held at the Communal Hall, to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bloch, who are leaving Potchefstroom to take up their residence in Johannesburg.

The hall was crowded and indicated the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Bloch were held here. Mrs. Bloch was for many years Honorary Secretary of the Zionist Society, as well as the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and Mr. Bloch having served on different committees, was always ready to assist in any cause whenever called upon.

During the evening, Mr. Gamsu, on behalf of the Hebrew Congregation and the Ladies Benevolent Society, presented Mr. and Mrs. Bloch with a beautiful Kiddush Cup, while Mr. H. Fynn presented them with a tea service on behalf of the Zionist Society. Felicitous speeches were made by Mr. Gamsu and Mr. Fynn, to which Mr. Bloch suitably replied.

### Senekal

With reference to the ninth annual Zionist Ball held here on the 9th inst., and reported upon in our last issue, mention must also be made of Mrs. G. Rewald, who was on the committee of ladies who gave invaluable assistance for the success of the function.

### Swellendam

To commemorate Dr. Herzl's *Yahrzeit*, a social function was held here recently under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scatz. Mr. N. Sakinofsky of Buffeljachts River lectured on the life and work of Dr. Herzl, whilst recitations were delivered by Miss Dorah Kahn, Master David Kahn and Miss Rosa Blumberg of Buffeljachts River. The Chairman, Mr. Leon Blumberg, then made an appeal on behalf of the S.A. Fund for German Jewry which yielded £18 18s., after which a 10s. note was raffled, realising £1 15s., for which trees in the Herzl Forest were bought in the name of the Society.

### Theunissen

The usual monthly social and cultural meeting of the Zionist Society was held on the 13th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosenberg, where an enthusiastic gathering assembled. Mrs. M. Mandelsweig presided.

An interesting and instructive paper was read by Dr. Bernstein on the "Principles of Zionism." Mr. S. Kirchner read a humorous Jewish article, "A Night in the Country," and rendered several Jewish songs. Dancing and bridge were indulged in.

### Upington

A well attended meeting of the local Zionist Society was held on the 6th inst., at the Upington Hotel.

A recitation competition was initiated and twenty-three children took part, the prize-winners being Selma Ringer, Joy Nurick, Syma Berson, Ronnie Robinson, Louis Chesed, Baby Shulman, Fay Nurick, Freda Chesed, Shirley Robinson, Maurice Ringer, Ada Nurick, Jamie Shulman.

Musical items were rendered by Misses L. Kangisher and J. Shulman and Messrs. Ringer and Blum.

Mr. Blum preceded his song with a short talk on the persecution of the Jews in Germany, and exhorted those who were in a position to do so, to contribute to the fund for German Jewry.

Miss Kahn and Mr. Bellon presented a shadowgraph scene. Mr. Phil Morris recited.

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