

## From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### Benoni

A large and representative gathering of local Jewish residents assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Oschry on the 8th inst. to extend felicitations to them on the occasion of their silver wedding.

Councillor Morris Nestadt, Mayor of Benoni and president of the United Hebrew Institutions, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, Mrs. Nestadt, said that the company present testified to the popularity and esteem which Mr. and Mrs. Oschry commanded in Benoni. At present, and for many years past, as vice-president of the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni, Mr. Oschry had always made the welfare of the Jewish community his first concern. On behalf of the United Hebrew Institutions, Mr. Nestadt presented Mr. and Mrs. Oschry with a magnificent silver tea service, and wished them many years of happy life.

Mrs. Oschry was the recipient of a presentation from the Jewish Women's Benevolent Association, a body in whose interests she had always been a devoted worker. Mr. N. Kirshner associated himself with Mr. Nestadt's remarks and complimented Mr. and Mrs. Oschry on being excellent co-workers.

Mr. Max Oschry suitably responded, stating that he would endeavour to continue serving the community to his utmost capacity.

### Boksburg and Boksburg North

The monthly social and dance of the Hatechiya Society was held in the Guide Hall, Boksburg, on Saturday, the 28th ult. The committee responsible for the success of the evening were: Mr. B. H. Goldstein (Chairman); L. Swil, M. Kahn, and L. Lurie. Misses B. Hyman, S. Saretzky, R. Friedlander, F. Friedlander, R. Gaylis, S. Harris, J. Chesler, and L. Bentel.

Those who contributed to the social part of the evening were: Miss B. Hyman (pianoforte solo); Miss Lieba Saretzky (pianoforte solo); Miss B. Rosen (recitation); Miss Hannah Plett (song); Miss Paye Hyman (dance); Rev. Klaff (song, accompanied by Miss R. Gaylis); Rev. Chaitowitz (song, accompanied by Miss D. Ballen), Miss R. Shandler (dance); Mr. Polak, of the orchestra, gave some very good turns. A hand-painted cushion with a table-centre to match, was presented to the Hatechiya by Miss M. Goldstein to be raffled. This was won by Mr. Chait of Springs.

### Cradock

Functions recently held at the residences of Mr. and Mrs. S. Perl, Mr. and Mrs. T. Levenstein and Mr. and Mrs. K. Chasan realised the amount of £2 10s. The next social will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kahn.

### George

The Bazaar organised by the local Jewish community was opened at the Town Hall by the Mayor, Mr. A. Comay, on Tuesday evening last. The Mayor explained that the bazaar had been arranged to collect funds for the erection of a communal hall. As the Town Hall was becoming too small for functions, and the knowledge that they would most likely enjoy the convenience of a communal hall would be a stimulus to secure the co-operation of all denominations in making the Bazaar a success.

The Jewish community appreciated that help and special mention must be made of Mr. E. Hirsch, assisted by the ladies, who organised the bazaar, and to the work done by Mrs. J. Berelowitz and Mrs. M. Schlugman; also to those merchants who so kindly and generously assisted.

The bazaar, including contributions, realised the sum of £250, which indeed reflects credit on the local community.

### Harrismith

Barney Aaron, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Freedman, read a portion of the Law and Maftir in the synagogue on Saturday, the 4th inst. On Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Freedman received over 200 guests at a dinner and dance held at the Masonic Hall, which was a great success, many arriving from various parts.

The Rev. Belloch proposed the health of the Barmitzvah, to which the latter suitably replied, and other speakers were the father of the Barmitzvah, Mr. I. A. Stiller, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Ovsowitz, Mr. M. Feinstein, Mr. I. F. Raphaely and the Mayor, Mr. Beno Sammel.

During dinner a cigarette case presented by Mr. and Mrs. Freedman was put up for auction by Mr. W. Chodos in aid of the South African Jewish Orphanage and the handsome sum of £20 was realised, the purchaser being Mr. Harry Gavshon of Bethlehem.

### Krugersdorp

Mrs. E. Gluckman and Dr. D. Katzen were entertained by the local Women's Zionist League on the 26th ult., at the residence of Mrs. Tilly Raissin.

Mrs. Gluckman spoke on the work of the Women's Zionist League and urged upon the workers not to slacken in their efforts to raise funds. Mrs. Katzen then addressed the gathering on Palestine women's work there.

Mrs. Raissin thanked the visitors for their addresses.

A clock, presented by Mrs. Raissin, was raffled and won by Mrs. J. Sackheim. The sum of £4 17s. was realised as a result of the sale of tickets by Mrs. T. Raissin and Elle Friedman.

### Ladybrand

A successful and most enjoyable dance was held at the Central Hotel on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., under the auspices of the local Zionist Society in aid of the Dunam Drive. Dr. and Mrs. C. Immerman acted as host and hostess. Much credit is due to the committee, Dr. C. Immerman, Mr. Oscar Proos, Mesdames C. Immerman and B. Adelstein; the Misses Bella Slomowitz, Sadie Proos and Jeanny Israel, who spared no effort to make the function such a success, whilst the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. M. Horwitz was also much appreciated. Enjoyable music was supplied by Smit's Orchestra and the floor was crowded. Dancing was indulged in until 1.30 a.m.; £10 was netted for the Dunam Drive.

### Molteno

The general meeting of the local Zionist Society took place at the residence of Mr. M. C. Schneider. The chairman took the opportunity of thanking all the ladies who had assisted in organising functions for the Dunam Drive. The amount of £44 was collected.

The following officers were then elected: Chairman, Mr. J. E. Rathouse (re-elected); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Sadie Schneider (re-elected). Committee: Messrs. M. M. Haas, H. Jacobson, Arthur Tabachnik, Alex Schneider, M. Zanger.

### Muizenberg

A function to commemorate the sixteenth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration took place on Thursday evening last at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, under the auspices of the South Peninsula Zionist Association. This was the first function of the newly-elected committee of the society, and there was a very large gathering present. Mr. Davidowitz presided.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis delivered an eloquent address in Yiddish, tracing Jewish historical events leading up to the Balfour Declaration.

The guest of the evening was Adv. H. M. Bloch, who also gave a most interesting address, said Jewry had to look to Zionism as a solution of the personal problems of each individual Jew, no matter in which country he found himself. A free and full Jewish life could only be lived in Palestine to-day.

During the course of the evening musical items were rendered by Miss M. Kadish who sang, Mr. P. H. Lewis who gave a pianoforte solo, and little Miss Canin who recited. A dance display was given by the "Medley Girls," the pupils of Mrs. M. Katzen (Judith Goodman).

### Oudtshoorn

The Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society Held a Flower Sale in aid of the Jewish National Fund, on the 27th ult., as a result of which £12 10s. was realised. The committee wish to thank all those who helped to make the sale a success.

A well attended monthly meeting of the society took place at the residence of Mrs. I. Subersky, at which ways and means were discussed of raising funds for the 1933 Dunam Drive.

### Pietermaritzburg

On the 14th ult. the Annual Ball, held under the auspices of the local Jewish Ladies' Guild, took place at the Hotel Ansonia, and proved to be an immense success. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Feinberg for the splendid manner in which they arranged the function.

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society and the Hebrew Congregation, a lecture was given by Mr. Maurice Samuel to a large and appreciative audience. On his arrival from Durban the visitor was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Feinberg, of Hotel Ansonia.

Mr. Samuel chose for his lecture the subject of "The Bread and Brain of the Jew," which made a deep impression. A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mr. G. L. Kaminsky, Chairman of the Zionist Society.

Local Jewry is full of praise for the S.A. Zionist Federation in having arranged for Mr. Samuel to come to Pietermaritzburg.

### Piet Retief

An interesting debate was held under the auspices of the local Junior Ahavas Zionist Society at the residence of Mr. I. Davidson, on the 30th ult., Dr. Baranov (chairman of the Senior Zionist Society), presiding.

The subject of the debate, "Can the Revisionists accomplish more than the General Zionists for Palestine?" was moved by Messrs. M. Kaplan and Dan Frysche, with Dr. Pesken and Mr. Maurice S. Sack opposing.

### Senekal

The annual general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation took place on the 29th ult. in the synagogue and was well attended. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Councillor S. I. Gordon; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Moses Mark; Secretary, Mr. I. Greenman. Committee: Mr. L. E. Dwolatzky, Mr. George Rewald.

Councillor Gordon is now occupying the position of chairman for the sixth year.

### Standerton

In celebration of Orphanage Day the local branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage, of which Mrs. J. Dison is the hon. secretary, held a card afternoon at her residence and a jumble sale at the location. These functions were organised by Mrs. Jack Orelowitz, Mr. Sam Cohen and Mrs. Dison. The card afternoon, including raffles donated by Mesdames Glass, B. Levy and S. Elias, realised £10, and the jumble sale £20, thus making £30 for Orphanage Day.

### Theunessen

Dr. A. Bernstein, a past president of the society, has been elected the honorary secretary vice Mr. I. Kirsner (resigned).