

Meeting of Local Mizrachi Members

A GENERAL meeting of the Mizrachi organisation was held at the Hebrew High School on Sunday evening. There was a good attendance.

Rabbi K. L. Frenkel was in the chair, and in opening the meeting said the objects were to discuss matters which had arisen from the last Zionist congress and to elect a new committee. He congratulated Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau as being the pioneer of the Mizrachi, and welcomed Rabbi I. Kossowski.

"The Mizrachi as a Zionist religious organisation, apart from its work for Palestine, had also undertaken to strengthen the observance of the Jewish religion in the *diaspora*," said Rabbi Frenkel. "Much had to be done in South Africa in connection with the better observance of the Sabbath, Hebrew education, etc., and the Mizrachi would do its utmost for these objects."

Rabbi Frenkel declared that the Mizrachi was not satisfied with the results of the last congress. Apart from various religious requests, they had demanded of congress to form a coalition-executive representing all Zionist groups, but unfortunately these demands were rejected. The Mizrachi, however, would continue its work for the upbuilding of Palestine.

Dr. Landau pointed out that if they took away the Jewish religion, the basis of the existence of Jewry was removed.

"Zionism aimed to redeem the Jewish land, to assist immigration and colonisation," he said, "but if the Jewish spirit were lacking, the Jewish Sabbath were not observed, destruction awaited in the same manner as destruction had come to the Second Temple, brought about by the conflict between the Pharisees and Saducees." He urged the Agudah to go hand in hand with the Mizrachi to strengthen the political and economic position of the Jews and the Jewish spirit.

Jewish and Religious Education.

RABBI I. KOSSOWSKI pointed out that formerly Jewish education meant religious education and there was no difference between the Jewish people and the Jewish religion. Unfortunately new methods had been introduced making a distinction between Jewry and the Jewish religion. He pointed out that Palestine was now not a question of a party but a solution for the entire nation. Nevertheless, at this last congress, a certain party declared publicly that they were against *Shechita* and *Kashruth*.

Although he did not belong to any particular party he valued highly the Mizrachi, and sincerely hoped that orthodox Jewry would combine for intensive work for Palestine and for strengthening the Jewish religion in the Diaspora.

Rev. B. Schechter submitted the balance sheet for the past ten months, and the Rev. Mr. Katz, the Mizrachi instructor, also spoke.

The election resulted as follows:—Hon. president, Chief Rabbi Dr. Landau; chairman of executive, Rabbi D. Gordon; vice-chairmen, Messrs. B. Abrahams and A. Tubianski; general secretary, Rabbi K. L. Frenkel; chairman of committee, Mr. B. Chaskalson; treasurer, Mr. D. I. Fram; committee: Messrs. M. Peires, P. Lochoff, L. Rabinowitz, Rev. B. Schechter, G. Berman, A. Katz, Biderman, A. Sive, S. Herman, L. K. Hurwitz, B. Friedman, Rev. M. Hilewitz, M. Diamond, Adv. S. Kuper, L. Soreson, H. Jacobs, H. Korff, I. S. Spiro, I. Salmanowitz, Rev. A. L. Kaplan, Rev. A. M. Kaplan, Z. Sostokowsky, Barsel, Blau, J. Green, Rabbi I. Sklader, Rev. I. Mirkin, Stillerman and Avnet.

Mrs. S. Ostroff will represent the Ladies' Mizrachi, Mayfair, on the committee.

Women's Zionist League

La Rochelle Branch.—A grand entertainment will be given by this branch on Thursday, December 7th, at 8 p.m., at the Kenilworth Hall, Fraser Street, Kenilworth. Sketches and playlets by the pupils of Miss Mae Merinsky will be a feature of the programme, and Miss Gingold will dance. Admission 2s., children 1s.

Parktown Branch.—The Parktown branch of the Women's Zionist League held a very successful social afternoon at the residence of Mrs. S. Gordon, 8, St. Andrew's Road, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Mrs. B. Gordon presided.

The special attraction of the afternoon was a lecture by Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P., entitled "A People's Dilemma," in which Mr. Kentridge in his usual masterly fashion discussed the position of the Jewish people from all angles.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. S. Gordon, and Mrs. L. Cowan thanked the hostess for her hospitality on behalf of all present.

"Vanities" at Jewish Guild

The musical art section of the Jewish Guild will present its third big show this year at the Guild on Sundays, December 3rd, 10th and 17th, at 8.15 p.m. The name of the show is "Vanities," the producer being Mr. Sam Reso, who recently scored such a tremendous success with "Hot Ice." "Vanities" promises to be even brighter and better than "Hot Ice." A special scene is being made for the show, and many costumes are attractively modern.

Hechalutz Organisation.

THOSE who wish to be registered, kindly apply to Hon. Secretary, 93, Davies Street, Doornfontein, Stop 13 (Hechalutz Hall), where the Hechalutz meets every evening at 8 o'clock except on Friday nights.

The Johannesburg Hechalutz is organising a grand Chanukah picnic on the Hechalutz farm Doornbosfontein on December 17. Tickets at 2s. each obtainable from all Hechalutz members, Zionist Youth Organisations, and at the Hechalutz Hall.

JOHANNESBURG MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Tuesday's concert was only moderately well attended. The Musical Society deserves better of us. The programme was interesting and excellently balanced. The society's string orchestra is a hopeful combination and will do good work in time. At present it is a nervous and unsure instrument. These symptoms were manifest in the first work played, which was a concerto grosso by Handel, interesting music the beauties of which were only half conveyed. They were better in the Elgar serenade and a prayer for the great man wove itself into the fabric of the beautiful larghetto, a fine example of the inspired composer. The three middle movements of the Glazounov Suite exhibited composer and orchestra at their best, and this work should be repeated soon, but minus the laboured and anti-climactic valse, which sent us away unhappy. Mr. Harold Ketelbey presided. Mr. Harry Hambleton sang a group of songs which should have been effectively contrastive. He has a fine baritone-bass organ and some robustious notes in the middle register. Like the orchestra, he did better in the second half, and he sang Mendelssohn's great "I'm a Roamer" in good style. Maybe experience will help him to put more into his voice than a mere automatism of the larynx.

The next concert is to be given on Wednesday, December 6th, and I hope to see the Selborne Hall filled.

A.A.H.

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