

## From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### Bellville

Much activity has recently been displayed by the Ladies' Zionist Society of Bellville, Parow and Durbanville. The society has just forwarded £10 10s. for the Dunam Drive, the major portion of this amount being the proceeds of a card evening at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman. As the result of another very successful card evening organised by Mesdames Lipshitz, Dirmiek, Kushlik, Miss Rabinowitz and Miss J. Bloch, a very handsome sum has been handed in to the South African Fund for German Jewry.

On Tuesday evening, December 12, Chanukah was celebrated at the Parow Communal Hall. Rev. and Mrs. Lipshitz are to be congratulated on the success of their pupils who acted and sang in Hebrew. Dr. and Mrs. Resnekov came out from Capetown to attend the function. Dr. Resnekov spoke on the significance of Chanukah, whilst Rev. Lipshitz also addressed the gathering. A most successful evening ended with the singing of Hatikvah.

Mrs. Daitsh and Mrs. Dirmeik have been succeeded as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively of the society by Mrs. Sive and Mrs. Berold.

### Boksburg North

The synagogue was filled to its utmost capacity on Sunday, the 17th ult., when a special Chanukah service, arranged by the Rev. J. Chaitowitz, was held under the auspices of the Boksburg North Hebrew Congregation.

The proceedings commenced with *Maariv*, and with the ancient ceremony of kindling the candles. Hebrew songs and recitations were rendered by the school children and various others; addresses were delivered by Master Solly Gill and Mr. J. Shapiro (vice-president of the Boksburg North Hebrew Congregation), Masters Gaylis and Gill, and the Misses Smukler, Chesler and Harris performed a violin quintet. The vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. S. Saretzky, chairman of the Zionist Society.

### Brakpan

On Wednesday, the 20th ult., a Chanukah concert, arranged by the Rev. M. Altshuler, took place at the Town Hall. The items included songs by the Talmud Torah pupils; a recitation by Miss R. Linton, a song by the Rev. D. Klaff of Boksburg and a piano solo by Miss Brenner of Kimberley. The Jewish Dramatic Society staged "Riverside Drive"—

a play in Yiddish by Leon Kobrin, produced by the Rev. Altshuler. The production, the first of its kind in Brakpan, proved a great success and augurs well for the future activities of the society. During the evening the Rev. Altshuler delivered an inspiring address on "The Message of Chanukah."

### Harrismith

On the 16th ult., the Barmitzvah was celebrated of Master Sol. Theodor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rubenstein, who read Maftir at the local synagogue. On the following Sunday evening the parents entertained a large number of guests at the Masonic Hall. As the result of the American auction of an article presented by Mr. W. Chodos, the sum of £10 10s. was realised, the final purchaser being Mr. L. Belman. The proceeds were forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage.

### Kopjes

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society was held in the synagogue on Thursday evening, November 30. The chairman, Mr. Sidney Ginsberg, in welcoming the members, expressed his delight at the interest shown by the younger members of the Society. The balance sheet was submitted and in spite of the depressing times an amount of approximately £45 had been handled during the year. Mr. L. Margolis was appointed chairman for the evening. Before the office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year, Mr. Margolis proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for the good work done during their term of office. The committee had concentrated on fostering and promoting culture among the youth.

The following were duly elected: Chairman, Mr. Sidney Ginsberg; Vice-Chairlady, Miss Rose Sher; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ellie Papert. Committee: Misses R. Ginsberg, S. Wolfson, F. Immerman, Rev. Fisher and Mr. Spitz.

### Lichtenberg

With the assistance of Mr. L. L. Ginsberg and Mr. A. C. Nafte, a Young Israel Society was recently inaugurated, including in its membership roll most of the young Jewish people of the district. A debate has already been held, having for its subject "Hebrew vs. Yiddish," and a social was held in celebration of Chanukah. At this function Mr. Ginsberg delivered an address entitled "The Call of Freedom," and musical and other items were offered for the entertainment of the audience.

### Jewish Boarding Home for Bays.

Under personal supervision of Mr. I. Pollack (late of the Hebrew High School, Johannesburg) and Mrs. Pollack.

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Miss G. Isakow and a strong committee are outlining a programme for the ensuing year, and under the guidance of Mr. Nafte, a series of lectures on Jewish History and on the Geography of Palestine has been started.

### Middelburg (Cape)

On Tuesday, the 12th ult., a Chanukah concert was given by the pupils of the Rev. Myburg at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Seligman. A number of Jewish and Hebrew songs and recitations were rendered, the performers being the Misses H. Myburg, Z. Myburg, G. Myburg, M. Segall, and R. Segall, and Messrs. D. Seligman, H. Berghaus, M. Edelson, A. Edelson, H. Seinker, and G. Seinker. Master H. Melmed gave a reading, in English, on "Chanukah."

It was decided that at all meetings a "Silver" collection should be made in aid of the National Fund, a special box being kept for the purpose. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess and to the Rev. Myburg was proposed and the meeting closed.

### Pretoria

At the Barmitzvah of Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kaplan, a collection was made for the Jewish National Fund realising £5 10s. The appropriateness of this collection is enhanced by the fact that Mr. Kaplan is the active Jewish National Fund Commissioner for Pretoria.



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