

# From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

## Aliwal North

On Sunday, the 19th ult., at the I.O.G.T. Hall, the Young Israel Society held a "variety evening," which was well attended. Mr. M. Bendelstein presided and delivered a short address on "Historic Events in Zionism." The programme included several musical items and sketches. During the intervals the audience took part in a "song competition," the winners of which were Miss D. Marcow and Miss E. Gerber. The evening ended with an impromptu dance.

## Beaufort West

On Thursday, the 1st inst., a Purim play, arranged by Rev. I. Gulis, was staged by the pupils of the Hebrew classes at the Lyric Hall. Rev. Gulis delivered a short address on the celebration, and Mr. I. Korabus congratulated the players. Thanks are due to the parents of the children for providing refreshments, to those ladies who gave assistance, and to Mr. Garb, for the use of the hall. During the evening a sum was collected for the Zionist Library Fund.

## Benoni

A highly-successful Purim concert was held at the Hebrew Hall, Benoni, on the 28th ult., after the reading of the Megillah. This concert was organised by Gedud Sane (Benoni troop of Habonim), and contained many interesting items, among which were Hebrew and Yiddish songs and recitations, a Purim play (in Hebrew), and a Purim play (in English).

The Mayor of Benoni, Mr. Morris Nestadt, presented the Levenas Nachman ("Kirschner Brick") to the winning kvutzar, at the conclusion of the concert.

On Saturday the 17th inst., the Zionist Youth Society will hold its semi-annual dance at the Herbert Hall. All visitors are assured of an entertaining evening.

## Bethlehem

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., a successful Purim social was held at the Park Hotel by the local Zionist Society. A special feature of the evening was a fancy dress competition. A giant homontash presented by Mrs. N. W. Kaplan was sold by American auction, the proceeds being devoted to the recent Dunam Drive. Thanks are due to all who participated.

## Bloemfontein

The Bloemfontein Jewish Women's Benevolent Society have received with thanks and appreciation a gift of £25 sent by Dr. H. Moross, a legacy left to the Society by the late Mr. Moross, a valued and esteemed member of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation.

## Bothaville

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sachs, on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding, the sum of £2 14s. 9d. was collected, and forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage by Mr. M. J. Heller (Hon. Secretary of the local Hebrew Congregation).

## Bronkhorstspuit

An instructive and enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the local Jewish community when on Saturday, the 10th inst., the local Young Israel Society staged a play entitled "The Star of Judah" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus. Other items on the programme were recitations by Misses T. Bernstein and H. Lazarus and Master C. Behr, and a piano solo by Miss L. Lazarus.

The Society's thanks are due to Miss Miller of Pretoria and Mrs. Margow for their able assistance, and to Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus for placing their home at the disposal of the Society at very short notice.

## Burghersdorp

The annual general meeting of the Zionist Society was held on Sunday, February 25th, when the following honorary officers and committee for the ensuing year were elected:—Chairman, Mr. L. Lichtenstein; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. S. Breger; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Paula Singer (re-elected); Assistant Secretary, Miss S. Becker; Committee, Rev. L. Movshon and Mrs. L. Lichtenstein.

On Purim night the Society held an evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morris. Practically the entire community was present and an enjoyable evening was spent. A collection was made for the National Fund. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Morris for their hospitality.

## Cradock

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society was held on Sunday, the 25th ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Levenstein.

The election of new office-bearers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mrs. R. Perl; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Perkin; Treasurer, Miss G. Levenstein; Secretary, Mr. J. Handelson; Committee, Mesdames F. Levenstein, E. Thal, J. Kahn, L. Levenstein and Mr. D. Thal. Mr. P. Kruger proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

## Johannesburg

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Beder, of Fairview, on the 27th ult., the sum of £2 was collected for the Jeppestown Hebrew Talmud Torah, in the name of the infant. Rev. Metz officiated.

At the celebration of the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Joffe, of 14, Mint Road, Fordsburg, which took place on the 18th ult., a collection was made for the Fordsburg Talmud Torah by the grandfather, Mr. Joffe, and bought for £2 by Mr. Friedman in the names of Reb. Nathan Elion and Ann'e Chait. The Rev. H. Plokin acted as Mohel.

## Lichtenburg

On Sunday morning last Mr. M. Segal and Mr. D. Dunsky, representing the Transvaal Youth Executive, addressed the local youth, and as a result, a habonim gedud was formed.

In the evening, at a social of the Zionist Society held at the residence of Dr. I. Greenstein, chairman of the Society, Mr. S. Green, Mayor of Oudtshoorn, who was on a visit to Lichtenburg, and Messrs. Segal and Dunsky, addressed a gathering representative of the entire local Jewish population. Rev. Isaacov was elected honorary president of the society, and it was decided to hold a monthly function similar to that which had taken place that night. Musical items were rendered and the American auction of a cake, resulted in the collection of about £5, which is to be devoted to the National Fund.

## Potchefstroom

On Sunday, the 11th inst., the Jewish Communal Hall was filled to capacity when Messrs. A. Abrahamson, M. Ginsberg and L. Rabinowitz addressed the local Youth Society. Mr. L. Klivjansky presided. Mr. L. Rabinowitz spoke on "Habonim," and Mr. M. Ginsberg on "The Study of the Hebrew Language." Mr. Abrahamson, in giving a review of the unity that has been established in the movement, stated that it was an event to be proud of.

After the lectures, Mr. Abrahamson presented Mr. I. R. Greenblatt with the annual Hebrew prize for obtaining the highest marks in the Transvaal matriculation examination.

## Randfontein

The local synagogue was filled to its utmost capacity on Monday, the 26th ult., when Rabbi J. Kahaneman, of Ponevez, delivered an address on the subject, "The Echo of Mount Sinai." Mr. Levitas presided over the meeting which was held under the auspices of the Randfontein Hebrew Congregation and was supported on the platform by Rev. J. Shapiro. Mr. Odess proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for his eloquent and inspiring address.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the Randfontein Zionist Association held another of their well-attended monthly meetings when the subject, "That the Emancipation of Jewry has been Detrimental to Judaism," was keenly debated. Mrs. S. Levin and Miss G. Senderowitz spoke in favour of the motion. This was opposed by Messrs. C. Nathan and M. Fedler. Many members took part in the general discussion which ensued. On the motion being put to the vote the result was declared to be a draw.

## Senekal

On the 4th inst. a picnic was held on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, which realised £4 5s. J.N.F. Headquarters acknowledges receipt of this amount together with £3 13s. 3d. representing the proceeds of the February Box.

A picnic was recently held by the Zionist Society on a farm nine miles from town. There was a large attendance, including visitors from Bethlehem and Arlington. The outing proved most enjoyable, and a sum of £2 was collected in a raffle.

In the evening a party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rubin. A lady's handbag, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rubin in honour of their son's first birthday, was sold by American Auction, the sum of £2 10s. being realised.

## Tweespruit

As a result of the Chanukah party held at "Lovedale," Tweespruit, an amount of £5 was realised for the Jewish National Fund, and remitted to its offices in Johannesburg.

## Winburg

The annual general meeting of the Zionist Society was held on Sunday evening, the 18th ult., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. I. Sacks. The report and balance sheet having been read and adopted, the outgoing committee were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year as follows:—Chairman, Mr. H. Zimmerman; Vice-Chairman, Rev. S. Kaplan; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. I. Sacks; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Glass; Committee, Mesdames J. Kaplan, A. Jacobson, Messrs. J. Kaplan and P. Minsker. The chairman thanked the gathering for the confidence displayed in the outgoing committee by re-electing them, and hoped that the ensuing year's work would be very successful. He paid a tribute to the valued co-operation of the honorary secretary and honorary treasurer.

These proceedings were followed by the usual monthly "At Home" of the Society, the feature being a most eloquent and able address by Dr. Sacks on the "Causes of Anti-Semitism."

It was resolved that the Society inscribe its name in the Golden Book at the end of the current year, and as a beginning £2 10s. 6d. was collected. Tea and dainties were then served and a most enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah."

The local Zionist and Young Israel Societies took the opportunity of organising a Purim Party on the occasion of Mr. Tager's visit to this centre on the 6th inst. in the interests of the Dunam Drive.

Before Mr. Tager delivered his address on the Dunam Drive, an entertaining programme was presented in which the following participated: Misses Dinah Pincus, Annie Shulman, Rita Kaplan, Sarah Jacobson, Rachel Minsker, Annette Kaplan, Queenie Kaplan, Mrs. Sacks, Messrs. Boris Kaplan, Louis Kaplan, Harry Simon, Isy Jacobson, Louis Minsker, Leon Zimmerman, Archie Jacobson, and Solomon Seligman. Rev. Kaplan spoke on the Shekel. Thanks are due to one and all who assisted in making this function the success that it was.