

ZIONIST LEADERS AT GERMISTON

Fine Reception to Sokolow and Jaffe

MR. NAHUM SOKOLOW, accompanied by Dr. Celina Sokolow and Mr. Leib Jaffe, reached Germiston from Johannesburg on Wednesday evening, May 23rd. The local Habonim and Habonoth, under the command of Miss Sarah Hareven, greeted the distinguished visitors, who then entered the synagogue, which was exceptionally well filled, some four hundred persons being present.

Mr. B. Cohen, President of the United Hebrew Institutions and Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Committee, presided, and was supported by Rev. W. H. Wyscheik, Mr. N. Segal, Chairman of the Zionist Society; Mr. S. Kramer, Hon. President; Mr. H. Rosen, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Kalmek, Acting Hon. Treasurer of the Keren Hayesod Committee and Messrs. Z. Hareven and J. Zinn. The two latter gentlemen expressed a greeting to the visitors in glowing terms and extended Germiston's heartiest welcome.

Mr. Sokolow then addressed the gathering and complimented them on their beautiful Synagogue. Referring to the Pinkase Kehilah of old Jewish congregations, he pointed out that there were always to be found peculiar items of expenditure, such as "Aniye Eretz Israel" (the Poor of Eretz Israel) and "Pidyan Shevuim" (Redemption of Jewish Captives). The Keren Hayesod was also a fund for the redemption of the Jewish captives of the Diaspora, especially in such lands as Soviet Russia, Germany and Poland, where the Jewish population was being ground and annihilated under the heavy wheels of economic and political upheavals. The Keren Hayesod, therefore, was continuing the noble Jewish tradition of "Pidyan Shevuim" by redeeming the Jewish masses from those countries and bringing them to Palestine to a free and undisturbed national life, and all Jews were called to do their utmost in this cause. The audience listened to their leader's address with absorbed attention, and at its close paid him the tribute of long and enthusiastic applause.

Mr. Jaffe followed with an address in which he stressed the famous promise of God to Abraham; "To your seed I have given this land," and side by side with this famous promise of the Jewish people: "If I forget Thee, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning." In glowing words Mr. Jaffe pointed out that if the Jewish people fulfilled their promise God would fulfil His. After dealing with Jewish achievements in Eretz Israel, Mr. Jaffe concluded, amidst hearty applause, by exhorting one and all to honour the solemn promise of the Jewish people.

Warm thanks to the visitors were then expressed by Messrs. S. Kramer and H. Rosen, after which the gathering adjourned to the Synagogue Hall, where a fine reception was held in honour of the guests. On this occasion Dr. Celina Sokolow addressed them, as representative of the Wizo, and stressed the importance of that organisation's work in Palestine in training the Chaluzoth. The Wizo was giving Jewish

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women an opportunity to participate in the upbuilding of Eretz Israel and Dr. Sokolow appealed to the Jewish women of Germiston to become a contributing factor in this great movement. The opportunity was taken by the ladies present to make their contributions there and then for women's work, and in a few minutes, Mr. Hareven, who recorded all the donations, was able to announce a very gratifying total. The singing of some Jewish folk songs by Cantor A. Rudy and the recitation of a Chalutz poem by Miss Zillah Hareven enhanced the enjoyment of the evening, which concluded about 11.45 p.m. with the strains of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

It is most gratifying to record once more the outstanding work of the Germiston Keren Hayesod Committee who, though not yet finished with their work, have already secured a total of contributions to the Keren Hayesod from the residents of Germiston and district which exceeds by more than 50 per cent. the very fine total achieved in the last Campaign. There is every reason to hope that by the time the work of the men and women is finished the 1932 total will have been doubled. These facts speak volumes for the fine national sentiment of Germiston Jewry, as well as for the devotion of the leading workers and officers, namely: Messrs. N. Segal, Z. Hareven, M. Margolius, L. Finger, B. Liebman, A. Senior, E. Kramer, G. Gavronsky, M. Cohen, J. Zinn, A. Kalmek, and many others.



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