

Johannesburg Women's Mizrahi Organisation

A GOOD YEAR'S WORK

The second annual meeting of the above organisation will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the residence of Mrs. S. Krom, 6 Eleventh Avenue, Mayfair. The annual report and balance sheet will be presented for adoption and the election of new honorary officers will take place. Nominations for the Executive and Committee must reach the honorary secretary, at 2 Station Flats, Central Avenue, Mayfair, on the 23rd inst.

An interesting annual report of the activities has been submitted to members. From this it is shown that the association has been very active. The sum of £135 was handed to the S.A. Fund for German Jewry; £8 10s. was collected for the Hebrew Technicum in Jerusalem. The association assisted in the sale of Shekolim for Braamfontein and increased the total, over last year's, by 110 per cent. A donation of £10 was sent to the Ladies' Seminary in Jerusalem.

Children's classes have been organised under the auspices of the association. These are held on Sunday mornings at the residence of Mrs. B. Meyerowitz. Recently a successful concert was organised. The committee is grateful to Miss Z. Green for the trouble she took with the children, and also to the Fordsburg Talmud Torah for allowing the children to rehearse in their hall.

The association has assisted in the work of the Jewish National Fund and in securing new subscribers for the *Zionist Record*. The chairman of the association, Mrs. B. Meyerowitz, is the representative of the Women's Mizrahi Organisation on the Women's Council of South Africa. A number of interesting literary afternoons have been held during the year.

An attempt was made during the year to form a Hebrew Kindergarten. A large number of children were enrolled. Owing, however, to an inability to find suitable premises, the idea had to be reluctantly abandoned. Attention is called to the urgent necessity for a communal hall for Jewish residents in Mayfair and Fordsburg.

Thanks are accorded in the report for the services of Mr. F. R. Caldecott, the honorary auditor.

Southern Suburbs Ladies' Mizrahi Organisation

The above organisation has arranged a musical evening, which is to be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Turfontein Hotel, cor. Hay and Turf Club Streets. The meeting is to commence at 8 p.m.

Rev. A. L. Kaplan and Advocate S. Kuper will deliver short addresses and the following noted artists will render entertaining musical items: Quartette of Pupils from Max Weinbrenn's Academy of Music, Miss Gladys Sack, Miss Mary Katzeff, Rev. A. L. Kaplan, Master Jack Kruger. Refreshments will be served during the course of the evening, and the presentation of the refrigerator and wireless by the La Rochelle Hebrew Congregation will be made.

The Jewish Guild

There was an excellent attendance at the second presentation of "Melody Time" at the Jewish Guild. The popularity of this musical comedy has been unprecedented, its delightful songs and dances, interwoven with the plot, appealing to the audiences. The settings are artistic, the music tuneful and the humour clean. The cast consists of 35 artists, including a ballet and a chorus. Special attention has been paid to the costumes, which are colourful and have been well designed. Mr. Ike Baruch, the producer, is to be congratulated on an excellent show, the third and final performance of which will take place at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, the 24th inst. A gala night is being arranged.

On Sunday, July 1st, the Rev. H. Leach will deliver a lecture at the Jewish Guild on "The Problem of the Slum." Mr. J. H. Barnett, President of the Guild, will preside.

Big Rise in National Fund Receipts

THE world receipts of the Jewish National Fund from September to April last show an increase on last year of 32.5 per cent. The figures for the seven months are: Last year, £69,196; this year, £127,528. Every month this year has shown an increase over last and with the noticeable exception of the U.S.A., the increase is evident in most countries.

This year the Fund is conducting a special effort for Kfar Menahem Ussishkin imposed on it by the Zionist Congress. The situation in Germany and other lands has also had repercussions in favour of strengthening the Jewish National Fund in Palestine.

An interesting feature of the advance in the Fund's receipts is the growing custom of bequeathing legacies to it.

Organisation of Traditional Judaism

(CHIZUK HADATH)

At a well-attended meeting of the above organisation held at the residence of Rabbi I. Kossowsky, on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., discussion took place concerning the constitution and laws of the organisation, and it was decided to hand these over for printing.

An office will be opened, provisionally, at the South African Talmudical College, corner of Sherwell Street and Saratoga Avenue and will later be transferred to the city. Rabbi E. Zimmermann was appointed honorary organiser, and the committee members promised to enlist new members for the society.

Rabbi I. Kossowsky appealed for help in the difficult task of obtaining strict "kashrus," and it was decided to appeal to the public to support the butchers who are under the supervision of the "Beth-Din." It was also decided to form a Women's and Youth Society on the same basis.

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A Literary Afternoon

A meeting of the Literary Section of the above society will be held on Monday, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., at the Langham Hotel. Dr. Morris Goldberg will deliver a lecture on "Aryanism," and Mrs. E. Gordon will read news items of current events in Zionism.

Women's Zionist League

Kensington Branch.—This branch has lately been extremely active. A fortnightly reading circle has been inaugurated, the first meeting of which took place on the 16th ult. at the residence of Mrs. H. Zinn, when Mrs. A. Friedgut read extracts from the "History of Zionism," by Nahum Sokolow.

On June 1st a reading was held at the residence of Mrs. A. Schwartz, and the interest shown by the women of this area was evidenced by the large number present. The last venue of the circle on the 14th inst. was the residence of Mrs. A. Smith. Mrs. Friedgut read a most interesting paper by Mrs. L. Greenberg on the work of the Wizo in Palestine. At this meeting it was unanimously decided to hold Hebrew classes, and the services of Miss Kassovski as teacher have been secured.

The next meeting of the circle takes place on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 10.30 a.m., at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Kaplan, 20, Cole Street. All interested are asked to attend.

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