

Jewry in the South-Western Districts of the Cape

AN INTERESTING JOINT-FUNCTION.

An event of great importance in the annals of the South-Western Districts Jewry occurred on the evening of Wednesday, the 20th inst., when representatives of the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild, of the Mossel Bay Jewish Community, and the members of the George Zionist Society gathered at a function held in the George Masonic Hall.

Mr. S. Joseph, chairman of the George Zionist Society, presided and was supported on the stage by Mr. V. H. Aschman, president of the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild, and by Mrs. S. Joseph, chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the local Zionist Society.

A telegram from the Zionist Federation was read by the president announcing the forthcoming visit of Adv. J. Herbststein to George.

After the opening address of welcome by the president, the first item, consisting of a piano solo by Mr. M. Bendith, was excellently rendered. This was followed by an instructive and interesting lecture by Dr. M. Elion, of Mossel Bay, on "Colonisation in Palestine." Mr. B. Lewin of Oudtshoorn, accompanied by Miss B. Lipschitz at the piano, then delighted the audience by vocal solos in Yiddish and English. An unusual feature—a physical culture display—was staged by Mr. J. Sher and was deservedly well applauded. Mr. D. Segal then reviewed events of Jewish interest for the past six months in a rapid but comprehensive summary. Mrs. Joseph, accompanied on the piano by Mr. M. Bendith, then rendered some excellent vocal solos.

An interval for refreshments preceded the main event of the evening—the Inter-Debate. The motion "That the Jews' characteristic of splitting into parties on all questions is a national trait and is not due to external influences," was introduced by the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild, represented by Adv. Miss B. Lipschitz, Mr. S. Simanowitz, and Mr. M. Manaschewitz. The George Zionist Society, represented by Mr. H. Comay, Mrs. Y. Landsman and Mr. E. Toker, opposed the motion. After much discussion the motion was carried.

A mouth-organ solo by Mr. J. Sher was well applauded.

The programme concluded with votes of thanks to the hosts by Dr. M. Elion on behalf of the Mossel Bay Community and by Mr. V. Aschman on behalf of the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild, both speakers voicing the sentiment of the audience by expressing the wish that this social would be the fore-runner of many similar functions.

Zionist Youth Activity in the Cape

A Report by the Zionist Youth Executive

AT the tenth annual Young Israel Conference, which was held recently, a strong committee was elected to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, the membership being as follows: President, Mr. E. Kluk; vice-president, Mr. C. K. Friedlander; treasurer, Mr. J. Bobrov; joint secretaries, Miss L. Levy and Mr. A. J. Volks; additional members, Messrs. A. Berezowski and L. Cooper.

It is the objective of this executive to complete existing schemes and to consolidate existing organisations. For this purpose various sub-committees have been deputed to control various activities.

The Cultural Sub-Committee, in order to develop a permanent literature department, has imported large stocks of books and pamphlets dealing with Zionism and Zionist work, and is occupied in compiling pamphlets dealing with aspects which are peculiarly suited to South African youth needs, and which will later be distributed to societies. In addition, literature stalls will be installed at all major functions, and there will be an extension of the English section of the Zionist Hall library. Societies will also be circularised quarterly with mapped-out cultural programmes in order that committees may be supplied with a methodical scheme of activity. Finally, it is intended to create in each society a cultural group, composed of those persons who will absorb cultural material most readily, and who will eventually provide the society with a nucleus of educated Zionists.

Sports Sub-Committee.—It is intended to run properly conducted leagues for rugby, soccer and table tennis this winter. The Table Tennis League has already been instituted and is being well supported.

Peninsula Sub-Committee.—This body, together with the Sports Sub-Committee, recently arranged a most successful function at the Zionist Hall. In the morning a table-tennis tournament took place, as well as a treasure hunt and draught and chess matches. In the afternoon there were two debates in which speakers from all Peninsula societies were represented. Finally there was a social in the evening. The interfunction was exceptionally well attended.

It is intended that similar interfunctions shall be held for Western Province country societies. The country Judean Parliament will be held at Worcester, and a town and country rally will take place at Paarl in September.

Hebrew Classes.—The Executive continues to organise and conduct Hebrew classes wherever possible. New classes have been started at Mowbray, Woodstock and Paarl and several societies are considering the formation of such classes. It is the aim of the Executive to have a Hebrew

class established in every affiliated society. A Hebrew syllabus is under consideration so that there should be cohesive progress.

Palestine Goods.—The Executive has a comprehensive stock of Palestinian goods. Several exhibitions have already been arranged.

National Fund.—The Jewish National Fund Committee has just completed an intensive drive to increase the number of J.N.F. boxes placed in the Peninsula, and has arranged a system of clearance by which the work may be more effectively carried out. Members have been taught to realise the importance of National Fund work.

Personal Contact.—Members of the Executive have visited societies and try as far as possible to establish personal contact with committees. A tour of Naauwpoort, Middelburg, De Aar and Beaufort West was arranged for Mr. S. M. Levin. As a result, the Executive are in a position to give more detailed attention to the needs of outlying societies.

The Menorah.—Menorah work is being extensively encouraged by the organising of systematic canvassing. The Chalutz pledges will be redeemed as speedily as possible and a concerted effort to complete our share of it is in progress. The Eastern Province will be toured by a member of the Executive and later by Mr. Dunsky, if that can be arranged.

A Camp.—Concurrent with the Strand Camp an Eastern Province Camp will be held at Humewood. An effort will be made to secure some co-ordination of work in the Eastern Province.

In Aid of Talmud Torah Building

Arrangements are well in hand for the grand ball to be held at the Boksburg Town Hall on Wednesday, the 29th August, in aid of the Talmud Torah Building Fund. Funds are urgently needed to complete the building which has been a long felt want in Boksburg and Boksburg North.

The function, which will be on a lavish scale, promises to be a big success. Mrs. A. J. Saretzky is the convener and the joint hon. secretaries, from whom tickets may be obtained, are Miss M. Michelson and Mr. B. H. Goldstein.

A WINNER.

It is announced that the winner of the Competition recently organised by the Yeoville Synagogue Ladies' Committee, is Mr. Joe Ginsberg, Johannesburg (ticket-holder No. 83).

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