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News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

From
Our Own Correspondents

Bellville and Districts

The Ladies' Zionist Society of Bellville, Parow and Durbanville goes from strength to strength, and now has a further batch of successful activities to report.

A dance which was organised by the committee in aid of the Jewish National Fund recently at the Goodwood Hotel, Goodwood, yielded the sum of £60, which has been duly forwarded to the head office in Johannesburg. The society has also presented £25 towards the furnishing of a complete bedroom at the Girls' Hostel now being built in Palestine, this room to bear the society's name.

On Sunday, the 18th ult., an enjoyable social evening was held at the Parow Communal Hall in commemoration of the Balfour Declaration. An address was delivered by Dr. Sive on the significance of this historic document, whilst items were contributed by Miss Enid Daitsh, Miss Herman, Messrs. M. Lazarus, Kapelus, Kopelowitz and Lusman.

Bloemfontein

At the third annual general meeting of the local branch of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa held on the 29th ult., the president of the executive invited members to tea. Musical items were rendered by Misses L. Dick and R. Kimmel. It was decided to appoint two members to visit the Hospital every month.

Mrs. Shtein gave a review of the year's work and Mrs. Tcherney submitted the balance sheet. Special mention was made of the work done by Mrs. Woolf in collecting and distributing clothes. At Mrs. Bloom's suggestion it was decided to send surplus clothing to other institutions.

Mrs. Shtein thanked the members for their confidence in re-electing the president and committee "en bloc" and assured them that she had drawn up an ambitious programme of work for the ensuing year. She emphasised the necessity of co-operation on the part of the members if the scheme was to be carried into effect.

Mrs. Thalrose proposed that anyone holding an executive position on another society should not be allowed to hold an executive position on the Union of Jewish Women branch. The matter was left for decision to the incoming executive.

Boksburg North

A Chanukah service was held at the Boksburg North Synagogue on Sunday, the 2nd inst. The evening service and the kindling of the candles was performed by the Rev. J. Chaitovitz, assisted by a choir of school children. Mr. J. Shapiro, president of the congregation, delivered an address upon the importance of Chanukah. During the evening prizes were presented to the school children by Mrs. J. Shapiro. Miss M. Shapiro was the accompanist during the evening.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. A. J. Saretzky thanked the Rev. J. Chaitovitz and the school children for the enjoyable evening.

Germiston

A Concert.—Under the auspices of the local Women's Zionist League, a successful concert was held recently at the Rialto Theatre, the sum of £27 being realised in aid of the National Fund. Outstanding among the excellent items were the sketch in Yiddish produced by Miss Anne Schapkaitz and Mr. I. Dunsky, and the children's

sketch produced by Miss Lily Rubin. Miss Celeste Margolius gave an excellent rendering of Israel Zangwill's "Our Own," and was much appreciated. Leslie Aremband performed splendidly, as did the Misses Violet Kahn, Muriel Engelstein and Sara Hareven, Mr. Levin and Mr. I. Sharad.

A Lecture.—A highly interesting lecture, entitled, "Lessons in Jew Hatred," was delivered by Rabbi Weiler to the Women's Zionist League on Thursday, the 15th ult., at the residence of Mrs. Swon, Joubert Street. In the course of the afternoon Miss Lily Rubin rendered several recitations. A large audience was present. Mrs. Ginsberg proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Harrismith

Arrangements for "Orphanage Week" were in the capable hands of the Harrismith Jewish Ladies' Guild and Benevolent Society, the results of their efforts realising the fine sum of £54 7s. 8d. This has been duly forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage by the chairman of the local Orphanage branch, Mr. W. Chodos. More than the required amount having been remitted, an Endowment Bed at the Orphanage will now be allotted to Harrismith.

Various functions were held during the "Week," which enabled the Ladies' Guild to realise this splendid amount. A Garden Party was held at the residence of Mrs. M. Freedman on the 4th ult., where there were different side shows, and the amount collected was £17 0s. 8d. A bridge drive held that evening realised £8 19s. Mrs. W. Chodos very kindly lent her residence for a "bring and buy" tea on the 7th ult., the proceeds thereof being £3 15s. Mrs. O. H. Rosenberg gave a card evening, and a further £12 5s. was added to the funds; £5 represented part proceeds of a cake auctioned at the Barmitzvah of Master Sol Rosenberg of Bethlehem, and was handed over by Mr. M. Freedman. Misses R. and B. Kaplan raffled a cloth, realising £7 8s.

Kopjes

The annual general meeting of the Kopjes Zionist Society was held in the synagogue, on Thursday evening, the 22nd ult. Mr. Sidney Ginsberg, who was in the chair, welcomed the members, and expressed regret at the small attendance, and the lack of interest taken by members in the society's work. Mr. Elli Papert, hon. secretary, submitted an interesting report of the year's work, and pointed out, that from the financial side the society had improved on the previous year.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the outgoing committee. The following were elected to office for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. Sidney Ginsberg (re-elected); vice-chairman, Rev. Fisher (re-elected); hon. secretary, Miss Hennie Wolfson; committee: Misses Ray Ginsberg (re-elected); Stella Wolfson (re-elected); Dr. H. Javen, and Mr. Elli Papert (re-elected).

Randfontein

The second annual general meeting of the local Zionist Association was held on the 20th ult. After the president's report and balance sheet were submitted, the election of officers and committee took place which resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. Sachs*; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. S. Chazen and Mr. C. Nathan; Treasurer, Miss C. Celine*; Secretaries, Mr. S. Weinberg* and Miss G. Senderowitz. Committee: Rev. J. Shapiro*, Mesdames S. Matus*, B. Lee*, A. Celine*, Mrs. N. Matus*, Miss S. Canin*, Messrs M. Chazen*, E. Wilkov*, S. Chazen*, D. Berger*, E. Paiken*, S. Levin*, B. Lee, M. Lipschitz.

(* Re-elected).

Senekal

The Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home has received from Mr. George Rewald, the hon. secretary of the Senekal Hebrew Congregation, the sum of £5 5s., being offerings by the members of the congregation on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur.

Winburg (O.F.S.)

A Chanukah function was held under the auspices of the Young Israel Society in the synagogue on the 1st inst. A most enjoyable evening was spent, there being a very large gathering. The Rev. Kaplan commenced by the kindling of the candles. Mr. B. Kaplan, chairman of the Y.I.S., welcomed those present, and thanked his committee and the ladies for aiding him in making the function a success. He expressed his thanks to the Zionist Youth Council for having sent a useful programme.

During the evening there were lectures, stories, recitations and Hebrew songs, all given by members of the Y.I.S. The Rev. Kaplan proposed a vote of thanks, congratulating the chairman on the success of the evening and also Miss S. Kaplan for having so ably trained the choir. He also stressed the point that the youth should be encouraged to study Jewish history, and concluded by giving a brief talk on the "History of Chanukah."

Mr. Zimmerman, chairman of the Zionist Society, seconded the vote of thanks.

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