

# FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

*News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa*

## From Our Own Correspondents

### Beaufort West

The annual general meeting of the Zionist Society was held on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., in the synagogue vestry room. Dr. N. Klass, Chairman of the Society, presided, and Rev. I. Gulis, Hon. Secretary, submitted an interesting report of the year's work. The financial statement showed a balance of £10 9s. 8d., which has been passed on to the Jewish National Fund, £3 3s. being towards the Golden Book tribute to the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild, and the balance for the Dunam Drive.

The election of officers and committee resulted as follows:—Chairman, Dr. N. Klass; Hon. Secretary, Rev. I. Gulis (both re-elected); Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Todes; Committee, Messrs. L. Goldenbaum, M. Weinberg and A. Todes.

### Brandfort

On the 25th ult., the unveiling of the tombstone for the late Rev. Joshua Batlan (who had served the Brandfort Congregation for a period of 27 years) took place at the local cemetery. Prior to the unveiling of the tombstone, a service was held in the synagogue and Rabbi Dr. M. Romm of Bloemfontein, delivered a suitable address.

After the service the whole congregation proceeded to the cemetery for the unveiling ceremony. Rev. Rachman, of Brandfort, officiated. All denominations were represented at the service in the synagogue and at the cemetery.

In the afternoon, Rabbi Dr. Romm was the guest of the congregation in the Communal Hall. He was welcomed by Mr. M. S. Kotzen (President of the congregation). Dr. Romm's address was greatly appreciated. During his stay in Brandfort, Dr. Romm was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kotzen.

### Cradock

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kahn kindly offered their residence for a card evening, this function being mainly arranged with a view to reviving the dormant state of affairs evident in the society.

The evening proved an encouraging success. A large number of people participated, the amount of £1 9s. being realised.

### De Aar

A Chanukah function was held by the local Zionist Society in the Buffalo Hall on Sunday, the 2nd instant, the occasion being also a farewell to the hon. secretary of the society, Miss Feldman, who is to be married shortly and is leaving De Aar.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Vice-President, Mrs. M. Hoffmann, presided. On behalf of the society, Mrs. B. Baumgarten made a handsome presentation to Miss Feldman and expressed the good wishes of all members and their appreciation of her splendid work and devotion for the cause.

An amount of £3 8s. was realised from the gathering, which is to be augmented by the sale of a gift kindly presented by Mrs. Hoffmann, the grand total to be in aid of the Girls' Trades School in Jerusalem. Mrs. R. Blumenthal has succeeded Miss Feldman as Hon. Sec. of the Zionist Society.

### Kopjes

The local Zionist Society held a most enjoyable Chanukah social on Tuesday evening, 4th inst., in the Bioscope hall. Mr. Sidney Ginsberg, chairman of the society, welcomed the gathering. The kindling of the candles was performed by of "Cheder" children. The "History of Chanukah" was then told in Hebrew by Master Archie Nankin.

The programme, arranged by Rev. Fisher, was successfully carried out by the "Cheder" children. Rev. Fisher also spoke on Chanukah.

A pair of candlesticks was raffled and was won by Miss Thelma Schutz.

Mr. L. Margolis proposed a hearty vote of thanks, congratulating Rev. Fisher on the success of the evening.

Miss Ray Nankin was the accompanist for the evening.

### Krugersdorp

In celebration of "Orphanage Day," the Krugersdorp branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage organised a raffle of a flower bowl, kindly donated by the chairlady, Mrs. Yetty Raissen. The tickets were sold by Mrs. Raissen, assisted by Mrs. Stutzen, Miss Sarah Trump and Mr. Jack Sher, and the proceeds, amounting to £8 2s., were remitted to the Orphanage by Mr. S. Phillips.

### Middelburg (Tvl.)

Mrs. N. Brozin, the hon. secretary of the Middelburg branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £2 5s., being the October subscription collection from local members.

### Muizenberg

The annual general meeting of the South Peninsula Zionist Society, Muizenberg, took place on Sunday, the 2nd inst. Mr. Davidowitz presided over a large audience. Rabbi Gervis delivered an interesting ad-

dress on the late Baron Rothschild, and dealt with the different philanthropic enterprises of Baron Hirsch and others. Rothschild, he said, was the first Jewish nobleman who realised the complexity of Jewish problems and looked for a solution in Eretz Israel. The address was greatly appreciated.

The following were elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Rabbi Gervis; vice-president, W. Satusky; treasurer, I. Tucker; hon. secretary, M. Arenson; committee: Drs. Gordon, Krikler, Rev. Frank, and Messrs. M. Wolman, N. Wolman, L. Rifkin, M. Jankelowitz, J. Lehmann, Shoskolsky, Davidowitz and Apter.

### Oudtshoorn

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society took place at the residence of Mrs. I. J. Kahn, Queen Street, on December 12. There was a full attendance.

Mr. Max Nochimowitz, who recently returned from a visit to Palestine, gave an interesting account of his experiences and impressions of Eretz Israel. Miss Sally Kussel proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The sum of £1 was handed in as a donation to the Jewish National Fund from the estate of the late Mrs. Manashewitz.

### Rustenburg

A successful concert was held by the local Zionist Society on Sunday, the 8th inst., when a large gathering was entertained by all sections of the community.

A pleasant feature was the singing of Jewish songs by the children. Rev. Kahan read a paper on "Chanukah," while later in the evening he sang several folk songs. The society's thanks are due to Miss Bertha Liebenthal, for her work in making the concert so outstanding a success.

A sum of £5 was raised, which has been forwarded to the Jewish National Fund, and a like amount was collected from the Box clearance, held in November.

### Volksrust

Mrs. H. Serebro, President of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has sent to that institution, the sum of £7 8s. 6d., being £4 12s. 6d. proceeds of sale of second-hand clothes by Mrs. B. Fine, 6s. donation by Mr. Lessem, and £2 10s. monthly membership subscriptions collected by Miss Hylda Serebro.

Under the auspices of the local Zionist society a card evening was held at the Volksrust Hotel on the 2nd inst. All members were present and an enjoyable evening was spent. The society benefited by the sum of £3 13s. The president, Mr. Sam Berman, thanked Mr. R. Baigel for acting as host and all the members for their support.

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