

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

From
Our Own Correspondents

Bethlehem

An enjoyable and successful Chanukah evening was held at the new Park Hotel on the 2nd inst., under the auspices of the local Zionist Youth Society. Special thanks is due to Rev. Lidwen, who arranged the programme, and to the members, the committee, and Mr. and Mrs. Myers for their kind hospitality.

On the 16th inst. a picnic was held at Loch Athlone by the Zionist Youth, which proved most enjoyable. A dance took place in the evening at the Royal Hotel, and the society thanks Mr. and Mrs. Resnick for the loan of the hotel.

Bothaville

A Chanukah function, arranged by the local Zionist Society, took place on Sunday, the 2nd inst., Mr. M. Brill, who presided, thanked Mr. and Mrs. M. Mervis for the use of their house and also the ladies responsible for the refreshments. After Solomon Hotz had kindled the Chanukah candles, Rabbi Borowitz delivered a lecture on Chanukah.

The *cheder* children sang, conducted by Ada Mervis, and a Chanukah paper, edited by Mr. M. Brill was read by Miss B. Blumberg. Interesting contributions to the latter paper were made by the following members: Miss F. Sacks, Miss B. Blumberg, Messrs. Behr, Rabbi Borowitz, H. Cohen, M. Cohen, I. Cohen, J. Cohen, A. Gabia, H. J. Heller, A. Dritz, S. Mervis, H. Pokroy, A. Sacks and B. Stockiner. Two songs were rendered by Mrs. A. Lewus of Pietersburg and highly appreciated by the audience.

Kroonstad

A Chanukah play and concert, produced and arranged by Mr. A. Goldberg, who was assisted by the committee of the local Talmud Torah, took place on Sunday, the 9th inst, at the Doring House. There was a large gathering. Mr. W. Kretzmer, chairman of the Hebrew School, expressed the community's appreciation for the fine work carried out by Mr. Goldberg during the year. He further thanked all those who had helped to make the concert a success.

In the course of the evening a Chanukah service was given by Rev. Pashman and the school choir. Hebrew songs were rendered, led by I. Kaplan, and an address relating to Chanukah was given by one of the Talmud Torah pupils. An interesting feature of the concert was a Hebrew play, which was much appreciated.

The following took part in the concert: Miss Yazbeck, Mr. J. C. Fowler, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. N. Nieman, Miss G. Jacobson, Messrs. A. Savage and H. Rabinowitz, Miss Dawson and Mr. Max Herman.

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Harrismith

The annual general meeting of the local Women's Zionist Society was held on Sunday, the 9th inst. The attendance was good and the meeting was a most enthusiastic one. There is every hope that the membership of the society will be considerably increased.

It was decided to continue sewing circles with the monthly cultural afternoons in future, and it is also hoped to start Hebrew classes early in January. The following office-bearers were elected: Chairlady, Mrs. H. Helman (re-elected); treasurer, Miss F. Delatizky; secretary, Miss M. Lewis (re-elected). Committee: Mesdames W. Chodos, M. Helman, Lever, Serebro, Sutner, and Miss E. Delatizky.

Muizenberg

A most successful function was held under the auspices of the South Peninsula Zionist Society on Sunday, the 16th inst. Rabbi L. Shwartz delivered a much-appreciated and inspiring address on "Palestine and the Diaspora." The lecturer said that Jewry was always guided by two pillars: one was the national sentiment expressed in different forms; the second was Hebrew education, the mainstay of Jewish existence. During the evening Cantors Zive and Klaff entertained the audience with folk songs. Messrs. Satusky, Davidowitz and Jankelowitz proposed votes of thanks to the lecturer and the artists. Rabbi M. Gervis, chairman of the society, presided.

Port Elizabeth

The monthly social of the Port Elizabeth Ladies' Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. Herman Katz, Northwood Road, on the 20th inst, and was attended by over 60 ladies, including visitors from other parts of the Union and Rhodesia. Among those present were Mrs. B. Weinronk and her daughter, Hilda, who had returned from a prolonged stay in Palestine a few days previously. Mrs. R. H. Freedman, who presided, officially welcomed them back to Port Elizabeth.

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The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. D. Mierowsky, the Director of Hebrew Education, whose address was on the great Hebrew Revivalist, Ben Yehuda. Mr. Mierowsky dealt in a masterly manner with the life of this patriot and enthusiast, and described his intense absorption in learning. He referred to this great scholar's desire to revive the Hebrew language, and also dwelt on the almost miraculous piece of work performed by him—the compilation of the Hebrew Dictionary—seven volumes of which had already been published at the time of his death.

Mr. Mierowsky's address was deeply appreciated. Mrs. A. Levy proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and the hostess.

Riversdale (C.P.)

A Chanukah social was held under the auspices of the local Young Israel Society in the Talmud Torah Hall on the 9th inst. A most enjoyable evening was spent, there being a large gathering including many visitors from Heidelberg and district. Dr. Sagor, chairman of the Zionist Society, welcomed those present, and thanked the committee and the Ladies' Society for their assistance in making the function a success.

A dance was organised by the committee in aid of the Jewish National Fund and yielded the fine sum of £23 10s. During the evening there were lecture stories, recitations and Hebrew songs, given by members of the society. Outstanding among the excellent items was the sketch in Yiddish produced by Mrs. Slotnick and Mr. J. Dissler, of Heidelberg. The following took part in the concert: Jack Slotnick, Misses Celina Nainkin, Edna Berman, Katie Abramowitz, Nola Nainkin, Edna Parlo and Nita Samuels. Rev. Slotnick gave a brief talk on the history of Chanukah. Dr. Sagor proposed the vote of thanks.

Salisbury

One of the most enjoyable functions held in Salisbury for a long while was the dance organised by the Salisbury Women's Zionist Organisation, and held in the Guild Hall on the 2nd inst. in aid of the Jewish National Fund. Combined with the function was a farewell to the secretary of the organisation, Mrs. Leah Nathan, who is leaving on a tour of Palestine and has done a great deal of good work in aiding the cause of the society. In appreciation of her work and untiring efforts, a presentation was made to her during the course of the evening in the form of a travelling clock.

There was a record gathering. Mr. Dave Shepherd's Orchestra was in attendance. The hall was most attractively decorated. There were a number of novelty dances, the prizes for which were kindly donated by various local firms.

Thaba 'Nchu

Mr. E. Dreyer, chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £1 6s., being the monthly subscription collection from local members.

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