

KEREN HAYESOD IN SMALL CENTRES

of Rabbi Schwartz and Mr. Padowich

ENTHUSIASTIC support was accorded to the Keren Hayesod by Namaqualand Jewry, when Mr. Padowich resumed his tour of the territory on the 24th January. A cordial reception awaited him everywhere, and substantial amounts were raised for the Keren Hayesod.

GARIES.

Mr. Padowich reached Garies on the 24th January and was welcomed on arrival by Messrs. Abrahamson, Kluk and Pachter. A meeting of the entire community was held the same evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rosenberg. Mr. S. Kluk was in the chair and introduced the visitor. In a stirring address, Mr. Padowich reviewed the present situation, and pointed out that recent events had made it more obvious than ever that Zionism offered the only solution to the Jewish problem.

At the conclusion of the address refreshments were served and thereafter the campaign was successfully inaugurated.

SPRINGBOK.

The cordial welcome accorded Mr. Padowich in Garies was well emulated by Springbok Jewry, whom he addressed on the following evening. Prior to the address, the Palestine sound film, "Land of Promise," was exhibited, and made a powerful impression on the enthusiastic audience. In an able and eloquent address Mr. Padowich reviewed current Zionist events. He showed how necessary it was for all sections of Jewry to participate in the great constructive effort to rebuild the Jewish Homeland.

Mr. Jowell ably presided over the meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the speaker by Rev. Segal.

The campaign inaugurated that evening was successfully completed on the following day with the assistance of Mr. Jowell.

PORT NOLLOTH.

Accompanied by Mr. D. Gelb, of Springbok, Mr. Padowich journeyed to Port Nolloth. The small Jewish community accorded the Keren Hayesod extremely generous support. Mr. Padowich also took occasion to stop at Kalkfontein.

Mr. Padowich's Further Itinerary.

AFTER completing the campaign in Namaqualand, Mr. Padowich entered South-West Africa. On Sunday, 31st January, he was at Keetmanshoop and subsequently proceeded to Windhoek stopping en route at Marienthal. From Windhoek he is proceeding to Upington where he is due to address a meeting on Sunday, the 14th inst. After visiting Kenhardt, Marydale and Prieska, Mr. Padowich will return to Johannesburg.

RABBI SCHWARTZ IN NATAL

ON Friday, 5th February, Rabbi Schwartz paid a visit to Wakkerboom, where he was cordially welcomed by Mr. Friedman.

Before beginning a tour of the smaller centres of Natal, Rabbi Schwartz addressed a propaganda meeting at Vryheid, on Sunday evening, 31st January. The community assembled in the local synagogue and Rabbi Rudy was in the chair. Rabbi Schwartz delivered a stirring address of current Zionist events and was ac-

Vigorous Preparations for Shekel Day

Johannesburg Committee Formed

AS previously announced, Shekel Day has this year been fixed for Sunday, the 7th March, throughout South Africa and adjacent territories.

The United Shekel Commission is meeting regularly and plans have been prepared for a very vigorous drive throughout the country. The supply of Shekolim, together with the necessary instructions, will be in the hands of Zionist Societies within the next few days. The Women's Zionist Council and the S.A. Zionist Youth Council have offered their ready assistance, and affiliated bodies will be circularised to co-operate with the Zionist Societies in their particular centres in carrying through the sale of Shekolim.

Johannesburg and Reef Centres.

Arrangements are also well in hand for a record drive in Johannesburg and neighbouring Reef centres. A special meeting of representatives of all the Zionist bodies was held in the Board Room of the S.A. Zionist Federation on the 26th January. Mr. J. Bahr, chairman of the United Shekel Commission for South Africa was in the chair, and Mr. E. Kluk acted as secretary. The following representatives were present:

Mrs. Udwin and Mrs. Davidoff on behalf of the Women's Zionist League; Mr. Abrahamson, Herzlia; Mr. Segal, Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive;

Miss Goldberg and Mr. Goldfoot, Houghton Zionist Youth Society; Miss Miller and Mr. Goldfain, Central Districts Zionist Youth Society; Mrs. Meyerovitz, Women's Mizrahi; Miss Goldberg and Mr. Meyerovitz, Western Suburbs Guild; Messrs. Myerson and Wilkin, United Zionist Socialist Party.

A committee to take charge of Johannesburg was elected, with Mrs. H. Davidoff in the chair and Miss N. Miller as hon. secretary. The city was divided into districts and supervisors were appointed for each district. It is proposed to enrol several hundred collectors, and an appeal has been issued to all Zionist workers to rally for service in their particular district. Mrs. Davidoff, a member of the United Shekel Commission, has been visiting neighbouring Reef centres during the past week and consulting the leading workers on the organisation of an intensive and systematic canvass.

The number of Shekel holders is an index to the strength of the National Movement. At a time like this, when the Jewish people is being harassed and afflicted on all sides, when a violent onslaught has been made on the last hope and refuge of our people, it is essential that we renew our faith in the Cause which has sustained our forefathers throughout the darkest periods of Jewish history. Let us demonstrate our national solidarity with the aspirations and strivings of our brethren everywhere for a revitalised Jewish people and a rejuvenated Homeland. We must once again show this year our firm adherence to the Movement which offers the only true solution for Jewish life to-day.

S.A. BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

During the last few weeks the offices of the board have been visited daily by numerous visitors from the country amongst them many teachers who called on the director for the purpose of discussing with him local educational problems.

A number of important appointments have recently been made in the various schools in the country with the help and under the guidance of the board.

Certificates in favour of successful candidates in the recent proficiency test examinations will be issued shortly and forwarded to the various centres. Lesson No. XII of "Hebrew Self-Taught" will be issued towards the end of this week. Up to the end of the lesson only the present tense is used and the linguistic material had, of necessity, to be somewhat circumscribed. The next cycle, which will comprise a similar number of lessons, is designed to enable students to carry on freely a simple Hebrew conversation.

During the last few weeks, Mr. Alexander Lewin visited several important centres including: Graaff-Reneit, Middelburg, Willowmore, Knysna, Uniondale, Riversdale, Heidelberg, Port Elizabeth, Swellendam, Bredasdorp, Caledon, Robertson, East London, Queenstown, Fort Beaufort and Adelaide. In most of these centres Mr. Lewin addressed successful public meetings and stimulated interest in Jewish education.

corded a hearty vote of thanks by the chairman. Accompanied by Rev. Rudy, Rabbi Schwartz made a tour of the Vryheid district. Substantial contributions were forthcoming from the Jewish inhabitants.

Thence Rabbi Schwartz proceeded to Dannhauser, whose small community accorded the Keren Hayesod their enthusiastic support. Accompanied by Mr. Samuel Finger, of Dannhauser, Rabbi Schwartz journeyed to Waschbank and Ladysmith, where again substantial amounts were raised for the Keren Hayesod.

Rabbi Schwartz and Mr. Finger were appreciably assisted in their mission by Dr. Hoffman, of Ladysmith.

During the current week Rabbi Schwartz, who was accompanied by Mr. A. Abrahamson, visited Harri-smith and a few other Free State centres.

A BALL.

On Saturday evening, the 27th inst., Northern Districts Zionist Youth Society are holding their second annual ball at the Wanderers Hall.

The full Ambassadors Personal Band will be in attendance and Jack Woolf's trio are to give a display of Adagio dancing. Every effort is being made to ensure an unqualified success.

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