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FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

(From Our Own Correspondents)

Benoni

An "At Home," given by Mrs. E. Ipp at the residence kindly lent by Mrs. O. Katz, proved an outstanding success both socially and financially. The sum of £14 was realised for the J.N.F.

The annual meeting of the Benoni Women's Zionist League will take place in the form of a social afternoon on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m. All members are invited.

Durban

The Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Diamond, of Braemar, Natal, took place on the 6th inst., at the Claribel Nursing Home, Durban.

Quite a number of friends were present. Mr. N. Hertz was Sandik. Rabbi A. H. Freedman, in a beautiful speech proposed the health of the new born baby.

Rev. H. Rubin proposed the health of the parents, and the grandfather, Mr. R. Snyder. Rev. B. Kuperberg proposed the health of Mr. N. Hertz and eulogised the interest Mr. Hertz takes in communal affairs, particularly in Zionism.

Mr. Hertz stated that although difficult times were ahead, Jewry must stand united and difficulties would be overcome.

Mr. D. Harris proposed the health of the Kwater and Kwaterin, Mr. Israel Hertz and Miss Dorothy Kirson. He made a strong appeal for spiritual and practical Zionism and expressed his hope that when Rabbi Meir Berlin comes to Durban in the interest of the National Fund, the Durban community will do its duty.

Mr. Oscar Hackner made a collection on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, which amounted to £4 0s. 6d., for which trees will be planted in the name of the child.

Harrismith

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., Zamie, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Friedman, read his barmitzvah portion in the Harrismith Synagogue. After the service all present adjourned to the barmitzvah's residence for refreshments. The following night a banquet in celebration of the barmitzvah was given in the Masonic Hall, where several hundred guests were present many coming from Durban, Johannesburg, Bethlehem and surrounding towns.

Rev. Balloch proposed the toast of the barmitzvah, who responded in a praiseworthy manner. Mr. Alfred Brasch, "Rosh" of the local Habonim, presented the barmitzvah with a book on behalf of the Harrismith Habonim. Mr. W. Chodos conducted an American auction of a bottle of whisky which realised the sum of £12 10s. for the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, the successful purchaser being Mr. Max Lever, of Harrismith. Dancing followed till the early hours of the morning.

Middelburg (Cape)

On the 6th inst. a social evening was held under the auspices of the Middelburg Zionist Society and Hebrew Congregation in honour of Mrs. A. Seligman, prior to her departure for overseas, and in honour of Miss S. Seligman, prior to her marriage. Mr. J. Seinker (president of the Heb-

rew Congregation) in wishing Mrs. Seligman godspeed, spoke of her untiring association with both Zionist and communal affairs. Rev. Myburg and Mrs. Capcan spoke similarly, and Mrs. Katz presented Mrs. Seligman with a gift from both societies. Miss E. Mann also made a presentation to Miss S. Seligman, to which Miss Seligman suitably responded.

A musical programme followed, consisting of an orchestral item by Miss Mann and the Misses Myburg; piano solos by Miss Myra Segall and Master Maurice Touyz; violin solo by Master Gerald Seiner; recitation by Miss Ray Touyz and vocal items by Miss Ruth Segall, and Miss Mann.

Parys

Under the auspices of the local Women's Zionist League, a card evening took place on the 29th ult., at the residence of Mrs. Berman. The sum of £4 5s. was realised, of which £2 was donated to WIZO funds. The balance was devoted to local society finance.

Phillipstown, C.P.

Mr. Ch. Winokur, accompanied by Mr. D. Klompus, cleared a few boxes in Phillipstown from which they obtained excellent results. The details are as follows:—Messrs. Kaplan Bros., £2 11s. 3d.; Dr. M. Capcan, £2; Mr. O. Berelowitz, £1.

Volkstrust

Mrs. B. Zulman, hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £14, being £4 17s. 6d. subscription collections from local members and £9 2s. 6d. being proceeds of sale of second-hand clothes by Mrs. B. Fine (Senr.).

Vrede

Mrs. H. Rosen kindly gave an "Orphanage evening" at her residence, as a result of which the sum of £5 17s. 9d. has been forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage by Mrs. R. Fredman, the hon. secretary of the local branch of that institution.

Witbank Activities

The annual meeting of the local Zionist Society was held recently at the synagogue and was well attended.

After the out-going chairman and treasurer had submitted their report the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

The following were elected: Mr. Shein, chairman; Rev. L. Goldberg, vice-chairman; Mrs. T. Maselle, treasurer; Miss L. Swersky, secretary. Committee: Mesdames Y. Dembo, C. Milwidsky, G. Young, Y. Swersky, M. Luntz, Miss R. Goldberg, Messrs. C. Kimner and S. Friedman.

At the first meeting of the new committee a sub-committee was elected, consisting of Mrs. G. Young, Mrs. T. Massele and Rev. L. Goldberg, to devote special attention to the forming of a youth society in Witbank. It was also decided to hold an "One Shabbas" once a month.

The first "One Shabbas" was held on the 21st ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Yudaken. Rev. C. Goldberg presided. The programme opened with the singing of "Sholem Aleichem," in which everybody joined.

Mr. D. Zimmer gave an interesting talk in Yiddish on the "Origin of the Oneg Shabbas and the Significance of Shabbas," which was greatly appreciated. Community singing of various Hebrew and Yiddish songs was heartily enjoyed.

The gathering was entertained by a recital by Miss Eisen, lately from Lithuania, of some of her own poetry and prose.

The hostess was suitably thanked for her kindness.

The sum of £34 10s. 9d. was sent in by Mrs. J. Dembo to the Jewish Orphanage, being £30 subscriptions, and £4 10s. 9d. from collections from boxes, for the period of January to April, 1937.

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