

## A YOUNG ISRAEL "BARMITZVAH"

13 Years of Durban Y.I.S.

**D**URBAN Jewry was en fete between the 18th and 25th July to celebrate the thirteenth year of the existence of the Durban Young Israel Society. A dinner was held at the Jewish Club on Thursday, the 18th, in honour of the event, when representatives of all sections of Durban Jewry attended. Mr. J. Greene, President of the Club, presided, and welcomed Mr. N. Kirschner, Chairman of the Executive Council of the South African Zionist Federation, and Mr. A. Abrahamson, Organiser-Secretary of the South African Zionist Youth Council, the latter having come down specially to represent the Council.

Inspiring addresses were delivered by Messrs. N. Kirschner, A. Abrahamson, J. Gurwitz, Presidents of the Durban Y.I.S., and D. Melmed who spoke on behalf of Habonim. Mr. Josh Goldberg proposed a vote of thanks, and Hebrew songs were indulged in until a late hour.

Mr. Josh Goldberg conducted a special Youth Sabbath service at the St. Andrews Street Synagogue, and the sermon was delivered by Rabbi Romm, of Bloemfontein. Rev. Menachemson was "at home" to visiting members of Zionist Youth Societies and of the Durban Society on the same evening. On Saturday, July 20, a reception was given to visiting members and an enjoyable time was spent by all. An address was delivered by Mr. A. Abrahamson.

Dr. Broomberg presided over a well attended meeting in memory of Theodor Herzl, Chaim Nachman Bialik, and Shmarya Levin. Messrs. L. Rubin and G. Stone gave readings on the lives and works of Herzl and Bialik respectively, and Mr. A. Abrahamson spoke on Shmarya Levin.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Rubens, Chairman of the Durban Zionist Association, who feelingly referred to the death of Mr. Benzion Hersch. The Haskarah was intoned by Rev. Menachemson.

The general value of this Young Israel Week cannot be fully estimated here. The Durban Young Israel Society is to be heartily congratulated on the arrangements, and it is hoped that the society will continue to show the same rate of progress and enthusiasm which characterises its activities at present.

### Young Mizrachi Organisation

A Shilling Day in aid of the Hapoel Hamizrachi in Palestine will be held on Sunday, the 11th inst. It is hoped that the Jewish public will generously contribute.

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## Oratorical Contest

### DETAILS OF WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE FUNCTION

The Johannesburg Women's Zionist League announces the holding of an oratorical contest on Sunday, August 25, at 10 a.m., at the Jewish Guild. The contest is to be divided into two sections:

**Section A** for boys and girls under 17, and the subject for this section is "The Importance of the Youth in Zionism," and the judges for this section will be Adv. G. Saron, Mr. Dunsky and Mr. Harris.

**Section B** for young people from 17 to 21, and the subject for this section is "Shmarya Levin," and the judges Adv. M. Franks, Dr. D. Katzen and Mr. D. Mierowsky.

No speech in either section is to exceed 10 minutes. Prizes of £3 3s. and £2 2s. to be expended on books at the Zionist Federation will be awarded.

Entries to be sent, together with details of name, age and address, not later than August 15, to Mrs. S. P. Jacobson, 173 Main Street, Kenilworth.

### South African Board of Jewish Education

**Mr. Lewin's Activities.**—Mr. Alexander Lewin visited during the last week Graaff-Reinet and Aberdeen. In Graaff-Reinet, where, owing to the small number of Jewish families, a meeting could not be held, Mr. Lewin was assisted in his work by Mr. Satlz.

In Aberdeen, Mr. Lewin addressed a public meeting which was presided over by Rev. Rubin. Mr. Lewin dealt very fully and effectively with the various problems affecting Jewish Education in this country. In Aberdeen Mr. Lewin was assisted in his work by Mr. Cramer.

**History and Palestine Lessons.**—A further two lessons in history have been issued by the Board, which brings them down to the close of the Second Commonwealth. A further lesson on Palestine has also been completed dealing with the new settlements in Eretz Israel. All the three lessons will be distributed within a few days.

**Proficiency Tests.**—The announcement in last week's "Zionist Record" regarding the Junior Proficiency Examinations to be held on October 27 next, has called forth a great deal of interest in the country, and many enquiries have reached the office regarding further details.

Principals are requested to send in names of candidates at an early date.

### Tree Donations

On the occasion of the commemorations of the Yahrzeit of Herzl and Bialik, the following contributions of trees were made: At De Aar, 12 trees; at Tarkastad, 11 trees; at Naauwpoort, 8 trees.

Robertson Young Israel Society has contributed five trees on the same occasion.

At the Berea Synagogue in Johannesburg, where Haskarah for Herzl was made on Sabbath, July 20, the congregation donated five trees.

### ERRATUM.

**Windhoek.**—In our issue of July 19 included in Jewish National Fund details of Box clearances was an amount of £2 8s. from the Box of J. Silberman. This should have read "Mrs. J. Silberman."

## Herzlia Activities

On the 18th ult. the Herzlia held a debate at the H.O.D. Hall on the topic "That Judaism has flourished to a greater extent in lands of oppression than in lands of freedom." Mr. Rubinstein moved whilst Mr. Baranov opposed. The motion was carried by a big majority, after a lengthy and interesting discussion.

Adv. L. Lawrence, who presided, referred to the great loss sustained by Jewry and in particular by Zionists, in the lamented passing of Mr. Benzion Hersch. He paid a glowing tribute to the great pioneering work effected by the deceased. A vote of condolence was passed to the bereaved family, and the audience rose as a mark of respect.

Mr. S. Sapire gave a comprehensive survey of current news-items. Mr. Lopato thanked the speakers for the able manner in which they had presented their subjects.

The Herzlia intends holding a book review and a Bialik evening in August. Full details will be published later.

## A Fine Symphony Concert

On Tuesday evening last at the Jewish Guild the A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra was heard in a Russian programme. Under the able baton of Mr. J. Schulman, the orchestra interpreted excerpts of the compositions of Dvorak, Borodin, Tchaikovsky and Glazounow. There was a large audience of nearly six hundred people present. This demonstrates the remarkable popularity of these symphony concerts.

It was not an evening of heavy music. Nevertheless, the works of these Russian composers need careful and able interpretation. Mr. Schulman and his orchestra gave splendid renditions of the compositions to the delight of an appreciative and discerning audience. The next concert is due to take place on August the 13th.

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