

Models of Ancient Temples in Jerusalem

Enjoyable Function Held by Hillbrow Branch of Women's Zionist League.

THE large lounge in the home of Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Balkin, of Harrow Road, Berea, was filled on Wednesday evening by an interested gathering which had come to listen to an address by Mr. Z. Axelrod.

This gentleman is a well-known Palestinian architect who is now engaged upon the interesting labour of making models of the Ancient Temples in Jerusalem. These will be exhibited at the forthcoming Empire Exhibition at Milner Park. Mr. Axelrod gave an illuminating address in Yiddish entitled the "Journey Through Eretz Israel." In this he explained the lure and fascination of Palestine to all who visited the country.

Mrs. B. Chagy (chairman of the Entertainment and Literary Committee) presided over the function, which was held under the auspices of the Hillbrow branch of the Jewish Women's Zionist League, of which Mrs. I. J. Balkin is the chairman.

During the evening, Dr. I. Steinberg, the well-known Yiddish cultural speaker, outlined the work of Mr. Axelrod in creating his most attractive models and assured the audience that these would prove one of the most striking features of the forthcoming Empire Exhibition.

When examining the models, one was filled with a sense of admiration and awe at the old builders in Israel. Every stone is accounted for and laid in its proper place. The Temples were marvellous pieces of architecture of which the Jewish race could be proud for all time.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the branch and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

An Interesting Concert

The concert held on Friday evening last by the Contemporary Music Society in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Sharp, of Westcliff, proved the vitality of the work of modern English composers. Mr. Douglas Mossop gave an interesting short survey of the development of English music. The programme included works by Delius, Bax, Roger Quilter, Vaughan Williams, Michael Head and others.

Miss Hilda Harries, in a beautiful soprano voice, rendered the songs which were keenly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The hearing of such songs indicated that England could well be proud of its present day composers. This impression was further deepened by the playing at the piano of Mr. Mossop in a number of John Ireland's attractive harmonies and Arnold Bax's arresting rhythms. Delius's sonata for piano and violin was played by Mr. Mossop and Mr. Nat Kofsky. The players brought out the rare beauty of this remarkable composition.

Benoni and District

Dr. A. Syngalowski will deliver an address on "From Chaos to Order," at Benoni Hebrew Hall on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Mr. A. J. Levy will be in the chair.

"Jewish Book Day"

Concentrated Effort to Establish Jewish Library.

The responsibility for establishing a comprehensive collection of Jewish books has fallen upon the Zionist Youth in the Transvaal. It has been felt for some considerable time that facilities were lacking whereby those interested could indulge in the perusing of books on Jewish subjects.

The task has now been undertaken by the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, which is busy collecting books and records and is housing them in offices adjacent to the South African Zionist Federation in Progress Building. A full time librarian has been appointed to attend to the collection.

A fine nucleus of books has already been obtained and it is hoped shortly to establish a fully equipped library which will be open to all interested—youth and seniors. The projected collection will comprise the finest Judaeica and Hebraica in the Transvaal.

Whilst the libraries and University contain interesting volumes, such collections are not up to date or complete and cannot satisfy the long-felt need for a fully equipped establishment. The project has the unqualified support of Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and Professor Brodetsky, who, before leaving South Africa, expressed himself as wholly in sympathy with the idea. Sunday, August 16, has been set aside as "Book Day" and the youth will be holding a thorough canvass of Jewish homes on that day.

Jewish residents will be given an opportunity of showing their sympathy with the effort by making a small monetary contribution or by actually donating books of Jewish interest. It is hoped that the seniors will encourage the youth in this worthy effort.

An Excellent Custom

A pleasant custom has become popular particularly in Johannesburg, which can well be emulated by all centres throughout South Africa. The idea is to identify Jewish children from their birth with the up-building work in Eretz Israel by planting trees in their name.

The Johannesburg Women's Zionist League has done some useful work in popularising this idea among individuals. Credit is due to Mrs. I. Adelson for having made the greatest number of tree certificate presentations to her friends on various occasions of rejoicing.

"Tobias and the Angel"

An interesting production is to be given by the Johannesburg Repertory Players at the New Library Theatre from August 19 to August 22. This is "Tobias and the Angel," by James Bridie and calls for an interesting series of Biblical costumes of the Assyro-Thaldean period among the Hebrews. Later in the play, however, when the scene is shifted to Nineveh-on-the-Tigris, the Persian element predominates.

Altogether the production, for which Miss Muriel Alexander will be responsible, will be an unique affair for Johannesburg.

WINNER OF RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. B. G. Shapiro.

It is announced in a cable received by the Secretary of Education that the 1851 Science Research Scholarship has been awarded to Dr. B. G. Shapiro, M.A., Ph.D., of the physiology department of the University of Cape Town. It is interesting to note that this is the second year in succession that this laboratory has been awarded the scholarship.

This scholarship, which is awarded for the best record in research work in any branch of science, is extended annually to the universities of the British Empire—one candidate to come from South Africa. Each university in South Africa nominates one man, and the commissioners in London choose one of the nominees to represent the country.

The scholarship is for £250 a year for two years, to be extended for a further year if the research work done is of special importance.

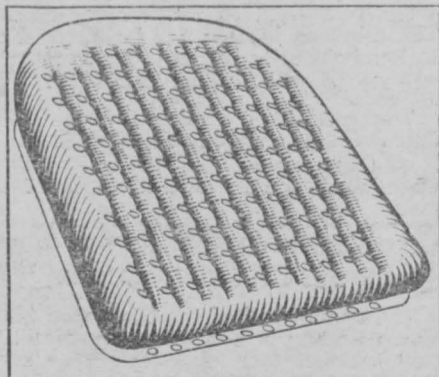
One of the clauses of the scholarship states: "The record of the candidate's work must indicate a high promise of capacity for advancing science or its applications by original research."

Dr. Shapiro is a son of the late Mr. Solomon Shapiro of Cape Town, who was well-known as one of the pioneer Zionist and Jewish communal workers of this country. Many of the older Zionists will be pleased to learn that the son of one of the first Zionist workers has so distinguished himself in the scholastic world.

"HECHALUTZ (Johannesburg).

A lecture will be delivered at the "Hechalutz" Hall on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 8.15 p.m., by Mr. J. S. Judelowitz, the well-known cultural speaker.

The series of lectures which Mr. M. Lazar is conducting at the Hechalutz Hall will in future be held on Wednesday, instead of Thursdays.



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