

### Union of Jewish Women

Mrs. A. Behrmann Elected Chairman of Johannesburg Branch.

The annual general meeting of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, Johannesburg branch, was held on Monday, October 26, at the Jewish Guild. There was a large attendance, and among those present were a number of delegates from other centres who had attended the recent congress.

A very successful year's work was reviewed, the crowning achievement of which was the organisation of the above-mentioned congress, which was attended by delegates from Capetown to Nairobi, and which was the first of its kind to be held in South Africa. The following officers were elected for 1936-37: Chairman, Mrs. A. Behrmann; vice-chairmen, Mrs. I. Marks and Mrs. M. Franks; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. Schwartz; hon. treasurer, Mrs. E. Gordon. The hon. president for this society is Mrs. Landau, wife of the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau. The hon. vice-presidents are Mrs. T. Saphra and Mrs. G. Trevor.

### Zionist Propaganda Meeting in Benoni

Mr. A. J. Levy, the chairman of the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni, presided at a meeting organised under the auspices of the local Zionist Youth Society last Sunday evening. The meeting took the form of a "Ma Nishtanah" evening which has proved a popular and effective method of holding Zionist youth propaganda gatherings.

Mr. S. N. Herman, of the staff of the South African Zionist Federation, and Mr. S. Hirschmann, a member of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, addressed the meeting on the effects of the recent strike on the Yishuv and on the internal organisation of the Zionist machinery with special reference to self-defence, respectively. The young Miss M. Rosenstein, of the Benoni Habonot, answered a question in a bright and lucid manner on the value of the Torah in Jewish life.

Mr. L. G. Frankel, vice-president of the Habonim Council and the Ba-Koach of the East Rand, thanked the speakers for the valuable addresses delivered. He referred to a pleasing feature of the meeting, namely the large number of Bonim and Bonot who were present and who entertained the audience to several Hebrew songs.

### Jewish Reform Congregation

The following honorary officers were elected to the Sisterhood of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, at a meeting of members held at Temple Israel on the 27th ult.: Chair, Mrs. Max Marx; vice-chair, Mrs. M. Cassell; treasurer, Mrs. L. Reichman; hon. secretary, Mrs. Max Franks. Committee: Mesdames D. Brookstone, E. Friendly, L. Gottlieb, Goldblatt, C. K. Hollander, R. Herzenberg, G. Hoffman, E. Jacobson, I. Katz, L. Marks, and H. Davis-Marks.

### A Herzlia Living Newspaper An Amusing Evening

THERE are degrees of *life* associated with a living newspaper: some, despite their name, often prove quite dead. This, however, was definitely not the case with the "Living Newspaper" presented by the Johannesburg Herzlia at the H.O.D. Hall on Sunday of last week. The function proved a most enjoyable one, and was fully appreciated by the audience.

Being a Jewish newspaper, the affair began later than scheduled. The stage — or that portion of the hall where a stage should have been—presented a vivid albeit a highly fanciful picture of a busy journal. Papers were strewn all over the place in true professional style. The "Editor," Mr. L. Lawrence, presided, and was assisted in putting his paper across by an able "Staff" consisting of Miss C. Kahn, Miss M. Maraney, Mrs. E. Bernstein, and Messrs. B. Merber, D. Goldblatt, I. Sieff and E. Bernstein.

The paper was full of most enjoyable humour, interspersed with items which struck a more serious note. There were all the components of a typical newspaper—editorial, "cable" news, articles, short story, "sporting" column, women's feature, social news, "stock exchange" and "police" reports. The "financial" feature, a "Matrimonial Stock Exchange" report, provoked roars of laughter, and the "police" reporter covered, in most entertaining fashion, a "court case" in heaven. The feature article was a delightful satire by Maurice Samuel—"Why the Jews Disappeared." Another feature of a more serious note was a clever parody on the debate of the angels in "Paradise Lost," which was converted by skilful changes into a Zionist debate on the future of Palestine.

In the "sports" section a report of a "rugby match" played by the O.K. Kosher Counter against Combined Kosher Counters of Johannesburg, convulsed the audience; and another item which proved exquisitely funny was Milt Gross' "Jewish History" which narrated "How Heddem und Heve het a nepple" and "How Julius Sizzer was Bumped Hoff."

The Editorial and the "Editor's" brief epilogue related the newspaper to Herzlia and dealt with the comprehensive Zionist progress the Johannesburg Herzlia envisages, and that body's need for support. If the Herzlia treat Johannesburg Jewry to future functions as good as this, there is no doubt that the appeal will not have been made in vain.

### Mock World Jewish Congress Entertaining Function Next Sunday.

The Zionist Socialist Party has arranged a most entertaining function for Sunday night—a Mock World Jewish Congress. Delegates representing all well-known groups in Jewish life—Mizrachi, General Zionists, Revisionists, Wizo, Communists and others, including two most important delegates from South Africa—will participate and delight the audience with their quips and sallies. The function will be held at the Zionist Socialist Party Club, 73 Market Street, Johannesburg, and will commence at 8.30 p.m. Doors will be open at 7.30 p.m.



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### Cultural Evening at Germiston

On Thursday evening of last week, a meeting of the cultural section of the H.O.D. was held at the Synagogue Hall, Germiston, at which Rev. I. Goss delivered an address on "The Prophets." Mr. Z. Hareven, president of the local lodge, acted as chairman and introduced the lecturer. The lecture was devoted to the time of the Biblical Prophets and in an able address Rev. Goss traced how the impulse to prophesy manifested itself among the ancient Hebrews and how they established the principles of justice, equality and fair-play. The lecturer outlined the trials and tribulations of the major and minor prophets, who, while pessimists in their own generation, were optimists for future eras.

Following the lecture the Rev. Idel Kaminer, cantor of the local synagogue, rendered a selection of Hebrew melodies and folk-songs and briefly described their origin.

Mr. M. Goodman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Revs. Goss and Kaminer, pointing out that their efforts to establish cultural ideals in the community would create enthusiasm in the younger folk and be a blessed gift. Mr. A. Zion seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

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