

BULAWAYO ACTIVITIES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. Maurice Samuel paid a visit to Bulawayo in the middle of August and delivered two lectures to the community. On Wednesday, the 11th ult., he spoke on "The Solution of the Arab-Jewish Problem" to a large audience. Mr. O. Kaufman was in the chair and Rev. M. I. Cohen proposed a vote of thanks. On Thursday, the 12th ult., Mr. Samuel spoke on "Jewry and the World Crisis." Mrs. J. Cohen presided and the vote of thanks was again proposed by Rev. Cohen. The lectures which coincided with the partition controversy, were widely reported in the local press. Mr. Samuel was also the guest of the local Rotary Club at their monthly luncheon, where he delivered an inspiring address.

The annual meeting of the Literary Circle took place recently and was presided over by Mr. Ben Baron. In presenting his report Mr. Baron stated that the circle had maintained its regular cultural activities and had arranged a series of interesting functions. Mr. E. Loewenstein presented the library report and stated that this section had been functioning regularly and numerous new books had been added to the shelves. Rev. M. I. Cohen gave a report on the activities of the Jewish Guild Journal.

The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: Miss Rose Rabinowitz (chairman); Mr. I. D. Fryde (vice-chairman); Miss Celia Margolis (secretary). Committee: Mesdames C. Gershater, J. Cohen, A. Kaplan; Messrs. C. Gershater, N. Blake, J. Cohen, Herlitz, B. Baron, A. Feigenbaum, Gotz, Mirbach, Sonnabend.

On the 9th ult., Mrs. H. Evans delivered an address on the life of Schubert and rendered a number of his songs. Mrs. Isaacson gave a number of pianoforte solos of Schubert. Mrs. Higham acted as accompanist. In conclusion Miss Rose Rabinowitz thanked the artists.

On the 23rd ult., Major J. C. Brundell, O.B.E., delivered a paper on "Immigration Problems of Southern Rhodesia." The lecture attracted much attention; and many questions were put to the speaker, which he answered readily.

Mrs. Max Baron acted as hostess at a cultural afternoon arranged by the W.Z.O. recently. The programme consisted of a debate on the subject of "Home Education Versus State Education." Mrs. M. I. Cohen and Mrs. B. Baron, Miss Celia Margolis and Mrs. Jack Cohen participated. Mrs. B. Palte, a visitor from Petersburg, also addressed the gathering. Mrs. Anna Cohen was in the chair. On the 24th ult. Mr. Ben Yehuda addressed the W.Z.O. on "Great Women in Jewish History." Mrs. J. Cohen acted as hostess.

TRAVELLING TEACHERS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

(From A Capetown Contributor)

A TOUR of the south-western districts of the Cape Province was recently undertaken by Dr. Chas. Resnekov, chairman of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, and Dr. B. Rabinowitz, Inspector of Schools, during which lectures were delivered and Talmud Torahs visited.

Dr. Resnekov is of the opinion that the country districts are badly in need of visits from lecturers on topics of Jewish interest. In some centres the fear of being asked for money at the end of every lecture has become so ingrained that in order to draw any audience at all, it must be specifically stated that no collections are to be made.

Communities can be divided into two classes: Firstly, the larger centres with about twenty families keeping a shochet teacher. In such centres, co-operation between the Board and the teacher would vastly improve the Jewish education of the children, and the congregation too would benefit by making the Hebrew School the pivot of its activities. On the other hand, as Dr. Resnekov points out, the material position of the shochet teacher is often deplorable.

Secondly, the smaller centres with three or four families with no teacher and with children growing up in complete ignorance of anything Jewish. Dr. Resnekov is of opinion that such centres will have to be subsidised from a Central Fund. In England, this has already been done by the Jewish War Memorial Fund which contributes a small sum to assist centres which cannot afford a shochet teacher. Travelling teachers have not been tried out in South Africa, and to-day this might be a possible solution, the teacher visiting the centre twice weekly.

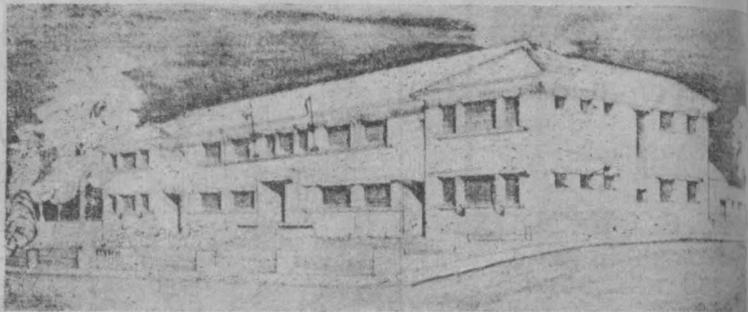
As a result of his observations, Dr. Resnekov found that in country districts the youth of the ages of 20 and upwards is practically non-existent, all having migrated to the larger centres, but that there is an urgent necessity for adequate provision for lectures for parents and such of the youth as still remain. He feels that without a proper Jewish education, we cannot hope that our youth will be able to appreciate our National aspirations, and the new orientation thereof which is likely to take place in the near future.

M.O.

"DROSHA" BY DR. LANDAU

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau will deliver a *drosha* on Shabas Shuvoh, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, at 5 p.m.

NEW SCHOOLS FOR CAPETOWN



Sketch of the New Buildings of the United Hebrew Schools.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

MR. W. HARRIS presided at the annual general meeting of the United Hebrew Schools on Sunday morning, 5th September. In moving the adoption of the annual report, he stressed the necessity for more funds in order to complete the new building of the Talmud Torah and to carry on the work of the institution. Mr. Harris thanked the teachers and officials for their services during the year.

The balance sheet was then presented by Mr. M. Rabie, hon. treasurer.

Among those who spoke on the report were, Mr. B. Chideckle, Rabbi Ch. Mirvish, Mrs. Man Cohen, Dr. B. Rabinowitz.

Rabbi Israel Abrahams, in addressing the meeting, said that the study of the Torah was the pivot round which the whole of Jewish life revolved. He traced the falling off of synagogue goers and the loosening of orthodoxy in the home to the lack of understanding of the Torah. The Talmud Torah was the only place in which the change could be affected, its function was to impart Jewish knowledge and to inspire a Jewish understanding and sentiment. If this function was fulfilled then we could expect our young people voluntarily to accept and want these things that are fundamental in Jewish life.

Even the true feeling for Eretz Israel was dependent on a knowledge of and love for the Hebrew language.

"If we take Jewish life seriously," said Rabbi Abrahams, "we should on an occasion such as this have the whole of the Jewish community present. In the Talmud Torah we are training those who will have to fight the battle of Judaism."

Rabbi Abrahams concluded by expressing appreciation of the work accomplished by the teachers in the Talmud Torah.

The retiring committee was elected en bloc with the addition of Mr. T. I. Myers and Mrs. Man Cohen.

THE REPORT.

A WELL written report of the year carried out during the period from September 1, 1935, to September 31, 1937, was submitted to the subscribers and donors.

Reference is made to the fact that "in South Africa, there has been an unfortunate tendency to make of the Talmud Torah the Cinderella of Jewish Institutions. Our houses of worship and charitable institutions constantly increasing in number and importance and will bear comparison with older established institutions in Europe. But the Talmud Torah has not kept pace with the demands and should command the serious attention of our people as a sore point in our communal organization."

Mention is also made in the report of the completion of the new building which will mark a new era in the work of the United Hebrew Schools. The new building will afford facilities in Hebrew and religious education for all the children of the Capetown community. It will be remembered that the foundation stone of this building was laid in April, 1935.

Honorary Officers.

The following honorary officers were elected: Hon. President, Ben P. Bender, M.A., J.P.; Hon. Life Presidents, Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish, Mr. A. Silbert; Chairman, W. Harris; Vice-Chairmen, M. Rosen, I. Mauerberger; Hon. Treasurer, M. Rabie; Chairman, Building Committee, A. Silbert; Hon. Treasurer, Building Committee, J. Bernstein; Chairman, School Fees Committee, S. Friedland; Hon. Secretary, Education Committee, B. Chideckle. Comm. Messrs. N. Bloch, P. M. Clouts, Cohen, Snr., Max Cohen, Jr., J. Lin, A. Liberman, P. Halperin, J. J. volsky, Dr. C. Resnekov, and Mrs. H. Sacks, L. M. Sachs, T. H. Sachs (co-opted).

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