

FROM TOWN & COUNTRY

News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

From Our Own Correspondents.

Germiston

Several successful afternoon functions have been arranged recently by the Germiston Women's Zionist League in aid of the Jewish National Fund. The latest took place at the residences of Mrs. J. Kramer of 8 Scott Street; Mrs. D. Goldblatt, of 52 Prince Street, and Mrs. A. L. Osipowitz, of 19 Kinross Street. In addition, a lecture was arranged at the residence of Mrs. I. Metz, of 6 Delville Road. The speaker was Mrs. Newman, and Miss Colly, of Johannesburg, recited.

"SARATOGA" AT THE METRO

The Metro Theatre's current attraction is a vivid and thrilling romance entitled "Saratoga." The stars of this picture are Jean Harlow (this being the last film she made before her tragic death), and Clark Gable, who has the type of role that suits him best. Others in the cast are Frank Morgan, Lionel Barrymore, Walter Pidgeon and Una Merkel. Included in the first half of the programme there is a Pete Smith "short" entitled "Golf Mistakes." A coming attraction at this theatre is "The 13th Chair," which, as its name suggests, is a thriller.

Marquard

The Zionist Society held a mock trial on August 29th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Regensberg. The chief participants were Messrs. Goodman, as judge; Gould, as defending attorney; and Delatizky, as public prosecutor. (Special thanks are due to the last-named, who organised the proceedings). Several "cases" were heard which were interesting in themselves and financially profitable to the Society. Following tea, songs in Hebrew and Yiddish were rendered by Rev. Adler, accompanied by Mrs. C. Meyerthal. The singing of Hatikvah and a vote of thanks to the host and hostess closed a splendid evening. Among those present were several members of the Zionist Society of Clocolan.

Pretoria

The Women's Zionist League will hold an "At Home" at the Memorial Hall on the 23rd inst., at 3 p.m. Dr. Deborah Katzen will speak on "Balfour, the Second Cyrus," and Mrs. E. Ross will render vocal intems. Members and friends are invited.

Port Elizabeth

A successful concert and cinema entertainment was recently held by the Women's Zionist League at the Metro Theatre. The first part of the programme was devoted to concert items which were enthusiastically received by the packed house. In the second half the film, "Come Out of the Pantry," with Jack Buchanan, was screened. The proceeds of this function went to the National Fund. The committee are to be congratulated on this successful function and special thanks are due to Mr. Sam Richardson, proprietor of the Metro Theatre.

An "At Home" was held at the residence of Mrs. Strasburg, in Cape Road, on August 25, where there was a good attendance of members and their friends. Mrs. S. Weinronk presided. The report of the Women's Zionist Council Conference was read, and an appeal was made for members to join and assist in the formation of sewing circles and cultural groups. Two tree certificates were presented, one to Brenda Frume Barris and one to Meyer Herzl Melmed.

Miss Redhouse rendered two violin solos accompanied by her sister. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Ray Schauder, who spoke on "Social aspects and importance of family limitations and maternal welfare among the poor." This was much appreciated. Mrs. A. Levy proposed a vote of thanks to the hostess, speaker and violinist.

Pietersburg

Some fifty members were present at the annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society, which took place on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., in the Communal Hall. The outgoing chairman, Mr. Max Friedel, delivered an interesting address on present conditions in Zionism both here and abroad.

After the financial accounts had been adopted, an election took place of a committee to serve for the ensuing year, with the following result:—Chairman, Mr. J. Hirschman; vice-chairman, Mr. M. H. Cohen; lady vice-chair, Mrs. B. Palte; secretary, Mrs. A. Levi; treasurer, Mr. Ben Levy; committee, Mesdames E. Levine and L. Miller, Miss J. Bernstein, Messrs. M. Friedel, M. Brenner and H. B. Greenberg.

An Artistic Palestine Pictorial Calendar

MORE than fifty striking illustrations of Palestinian incidents, types and scenes are contained in the Art Calendar for 5698 issued by the Palestine Publishing Company. The calendar is undoubtedly one of the most artistic productions of its kind yet achieved in Eretz Israel. The similar Art Calendars for 5697 were extremely popular in this country and were used extensively as gifts. Judging by the success of the production in 5697, it is anticipated that the calendars will again find a place in many Jewish homes.



The Attractive Cover of the Art Calendar

Information has reached the South African Zionist Federation that a number of copies of the calendar are due to reach it shortly from Jerusalem. Advance orders may be placed with the Propaganda Committee of the S.A. Federation, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg. The price of the calendar is post free.

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Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Hillbrow Branch.—A literary afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. Lipshitz on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Mrs. Abelheim read some extracts from the proceedings of a recent conference held in Kimberley particularly in regard to J.N.F. work as well as extracts from an interesting biography of the late Sokolow.

Dr. Deborah Katzen delivered the most inspiring address on the problem and its possible solution. A vote of thanks to the speaker and hostess was proposed by Mrs. Chagy. During the afternoon Mrs. Patley presented three tree certificates to the three mothers of born babies, Mesdames Kivitz, Hams and Mendelow.

Berea Branch.—The above is holding a cultural afternoon at the residence of Mrs. N. B. Levy, 11 Street, Houghton, on the 22nd inst. Mrs. Shakinowsky will read a paper of Jewish interest. A musical programme will also be included in the afternoon's entertainment. Members and friends are cordially invited.

TODAY

IN JEWISH HISTORY

A German Rabbi and Controversialist

RABBI AKIBA EGER, the elder, must not be confused with the far more famous Rabbi Akiba, the younger, the champion of orthodoxy who died in 1837. The younger was the grandson of the elder. Akiba Eger the elder, died on September 17, 1758. Already at the age of 20 he shone as a controversialist and metaphorically crossed swords with the Chief Rabbi of Eisenstadt. This was nine years before he received his first appointment. He left many rabbinical and Talmudical writings but was overshadowed by his far more famous grandson.

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