

S.A. BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Forthcoming Conference
The fifth conference of the Board of Jewish Education, which will take place on Sunday, October 3, at the Hebrew High School Hall, at 9.30 a.m., promises to be one of the most important ever held by this body. Many matters of vital interest concerning the future of Jewish education in this country will be discussed. Owing to the resignations of the Director and Inspector and the Propagandist, the conference has been convened six months earlier than it was ordinarily due to take place.

MRS. M. SEGAL RETURNS FROM ZURICH

Bnoth Zion Association Extend Welcome
A warm welcome was accorded Mrs. Mary Segal on her return from Zurich, by the Bnoth Zion Association, at an "At Home" held at the Zionist Hall on Thursday, the 16th inst. Mrs. Segal was one of the South African delegation at both the W.I.Z.O. and World Zionist Congress recently held in Zurich.

Mrs. Segal read extracts from Dr. Vera Weizmann's brilliant opening speech at the W.I.Z.O. Conference, and gave vivid word pictures of some of the outstanding personalities at Conference. No one could fail to be impressed by the high level of intelligence and efficiency of the delegates present.

In dealing with the resolutions passed at Congress, Mrs. Segal drew attention to the importance of schooling in Palestine, and the demand made by the W.I.Z.O. that the Palestine Government should subsidise this work, since at present the schools were inadequate to cater for the needs of all the population.

As part of co-operation with the Women's Mizrahi Organisation, it was decided to vote a sum of £400 per annum towards the maintenance of the existing Mizrahi Meshek for girls.

The Executive was anxious that the work of the W.I.Z.O., which was of national importance, should be incorporated by the Jewish Agency, and that a special department dealing with the needs of women be formed.

Mrs. R. Movsovic presided, and in appreciative terms welcomed Mrs. Segal, and Mrs. M. Kottler thanked Mrs. Segal for her address. During the afternoon, Mrs. Mabel Pinn rendered a few songs to her own accompaniment.

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AN INTERESTING ANALYSIS

"ISRAEL, THE CAUSE OF ITS SURVIVAL. By Bracha Ben-Yacob. Translated by Millie Lazar.

AFTER seven years of tireless devotion to the Zionist and Hebraic ideal in this country, Bracha Ben-Yacob has left for Eretz Israel. She has bequeathed to those seeking a little enlightenment in this year of bewilderment, a booklet "Israel, the Cause of Its Survival," a title which, by the way, is far from indicative of its contents.

Miss Ben-Yacob gives briefly but comprehensively an analysis of the nature of a people, and from her definition "a common civilisation" discusses the Hebrew genius. This Judaism, "this immortal heritage," is traced from its brief glory in its own land, through the countries of the Dispersion, towards its never-forgotten goal, the land of Israel. Throughout the long pilgrimage the author dissects anti-Semitism in its many phases.

A clear and detailed resumé of the early struggles in Zionist history is the theme of the later chapters. Miss Ben-Yacob produces evidence of the maladministration of the Palestinian Civil Service during the recent and early riots. Impotent as these indictments may seem, they serve to convince the doubters and waverers of the strength and endurance of the Yishuv.

A feature of the booklet is the Appendix which deals specifically with the riots of 1936. Well-chosen extracts from Dr. Weizmann's speech at Basle, November, 1936, from a letter of the Marchioness of Reading to Col. Wedgwood, from Ben Gurion's lecture to the Histadruth, and lastly from the Jewish Agency's report to the Royal Commission, give a solid framework to the whole of the chapter.

This book, the language and conciseness of which is done full justice by the excellence of Millie Lazar's translation from the Hebrew, must surely appeal to our South African Jewry. They, fearful and impatient of heavier publications, feel deeply the need of an answer to those questions which so sorely torment their minds: from whence do we come, why our strange destiny and whither do we go?

The booklet is obtainable from the Propaganda Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation at 1s. post free.
C.P.

A PRIZE WINNER



Miss Olda Mehr,
a local pianist, who has been awarded the overseas scholarship tenable for three years at the Royal Academy of Music, London. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mehr, of Johannesburg, and is a pupil of Mr. Isador Epstein.
[Photo by New York Studio.]

PIONEER THEATRE'S UNIQUE PRODUCTION

"Beggars Consolidated, Ltd."

An unusual show for Johannesburg is that now being presented by the new group of theatrical enthusiasts who call themselves the Pioneer Theatres. They have produced "Beggars Consolidated, Ltd.," at the Library Theatre where it is attracting crowded houses nightly. It will run until October 2.

There can be no doubt of the considerable amount of work which went into the making of so unusual an entertainment. Much credit is due to the leading workers. Mr. Herman Hertz's musical direction, with an orchestra of seven, provided attractive items of Kurt Weill's music. It was all full of strong vitality. The stage sets were entirely new and in certain aspects, amazing. Many of the actors and actresses gave highly flavoured performances and rendered their nicely-pointed lines with good effect.

That there were a number of inherent faults in the whole production is no real criticism, because what the Pioneer players are trying to do is in the nature of an experimental theatre. Such experiments can never be perfect and even the faults are often in themselves interesting. On the whole, the organisation can be sincerely congratulated upon its first performance.
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THE SISTERHOOD BALL

In Aid of the Jewish Reform Congregation

A meeting of the Sisterhood of Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, held at Temple Israel, and arrangements were made for the ball to be held at the Langham Hotel on Tuesday, September 28, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Max Marx, chairman of the Sisterhood, reported that almost all the tickets had been sold owing to the untiring efforts of her committee, who spared themselves no labour in order to make the ball a financial as well as a social success. As early as July last these ladies were selling their tickets. The result is entirely satisfactory, and they are assured of an enjoyable evening of dancing to the music of a splendid band, with a good supper to follow.

Mr. Merry Blake and his partner will give exhibition dances, and tickets holders are advised to book their seats by phoning the Langham Hotel as early as possible. The committee responsible for the ball, which has been organised to raise funds for the "Temple Israel Building Fund," consists of the following ladies: Chairwoman, Mrs. Max Marx; vice-chairman, Mrs. H. Cassell; secretary, Mrs. E. Kottler; treasurer, Mrs. L. Reichman; Mrs. L. Katz, D. Brookstone, D. H. Goldblatt, H. Lezard, L. Marks, L. Hochschild, A. Klipin.

JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

Laboratory Branch.—Under the auspices of this branch, a cookery demonstration and mannequin Parade will be held at the Plaza Theatre on Tuesday, October 19th, at 10.30 p.m. There will be a charge of 2s. admission, and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund.

HEBREW TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hebrew teachers of Johannesburg will take place at Coronation Hall, on Sunday, the 26th inst., at 11 a.m. Important matters concerning the Association will be discussed and all teachers are requested to be present.

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