

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA

Interesting Functions to be Held in Johannesburg

The Union of Jewish Women of South Africa was inaugurated as a National body at a congress of women, representing Jewish Women's institutions, held in Johannesburg last year. At that time there were three branches—Johannesburg, Cape-town and Bloemfontein. Since the formation of headquarters in Johannesburg last year, seven new branches have been established, namely, East London, Bethlehem, the West Rand, the East Rand, Pretoria, Durban and Oudtshoorn. Enquiries are constantly arriving from other towns, and it is confidently anticipated that the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa will soon have established branches in all the principal towns of the Union.

Headquarters have made arrangements for the first annual interim executive meeting since Congress. This will take place in Johannesburg from November 10 to 12, and all the branches will be represented.

The sessions planned include an address by Adv. Maurice Franks, K.C., on "The Work of the Board of Deputies," and a symposium on "The Legal Position of the Jewess," at which the speakers will be Rev. Dr. A. T. Shrock, Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P., and Advocate Bertha Solomon, M.P.C.

Several interesting functions have been arranged for the delegates, amongst these being a luncheon at which Mr. J. H. Amschewitz, R.B.A., will give a short talk on Wednesday, November 10. Delegates have also been invited to the reception being given in Pretoria (also on November 10) to Lady Duncan. This has been arranged by the Pretoria branch. On Thursday, November 11, the Johannesburg branch is planning a luncheon, and this branch is also arranging visits to various Jewish institutions for Friday, November 12, and a farewell tea to the delegates at the Transvaal Automobile Club.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Annual Meeting Held

THE fourth annual meeting of the Sisterhood of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation took place on the 19th ult., at the club room of Temple Israel. Mrs. M. Marx, retiring chairwoman, presented the annual report, which revealed that all the various activities carried on by the sisterhood had met with success.

It was reported that Mrs. H. Saevitzon and other members visited the hospital at regular intervals, and distributed cigarettes, literature, etc., to the inmates. Second-hand clothing was donated at various times to the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society. The outstanding features of the year were the public Seder, the Succoth festival, the Friday evening Oneg Shabbaths, which were recently introduced at the conclusion of a number of Friday evening services. The women were responsible for the annual congregational picnic, a morning market, a bridge drive, and the Simchat Torah ball, which was held at the Langham Hotel. The Rabbi completed the third cycle of lectures on Jewish history.

Rabbi Weiler addressed the meeting and complimented the ladies on the success of their work. The following were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairlady, Mrs. M. Marx; Vice-Chair, Mesdames M. Cassell and L. Gottlieb; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. L. Reichman; Hon. secretary, Mrs. L. Marks; additional member to Executive, Mrs. E. Jacobson; Committee: Mesdames W. Alice. A. Cohen, H. Davis-Marks, S. Goldblatt, I. Greenberg, I. Katz, R. Klipin, I. Leveton, H. Saevitzon.

Mrs. L. Gottlieb was appointed representative of the sisterhood to the committee of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation; Mesdames M. Marx and R. Klipin to the Nation Council of Women; Mrs. M. Cassell to the Union of Jewish Women. Mrs. H. Saevitzon was appointed convenor of the Social Service Committee, and Mrs. I. Greenberg convenor of the catering committee for Sisterhood functions.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

OF DURBAN

Annual Meeting Held

The Women's Zionist League held its annual general meeting on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Durban Jewish Club. Mrs. Morrison, of Escombe, who presided, welcomed Rabbi Friedman and Mrs. Lewis (the chairlady of the Union of Jewish Women). Mrs. Morrison complimented the women on their successful year and on their splendid achievements and once again stressed the importance of Zionist work and all that it stood for, concluding with a plea for full cooperation. She then called upon Rabbi Friedman to address the ladies.

In thanking the League for their invitation to be present, Rabbi Friedman praised the work so ably done by the women and expressed the hope that the Men's Zionist Association would be just as steadfast and loyal in their purpose as the women. It was the women, he added, who always preserved the sanctity of the home and worked for the upbuilding of the homeland. In conclusion he wished the League strength and joy in their future undertakings.

Mrs. Torf, the chairlady of the League, read a most comprehensive report which, after being seconded by Mrs. S. Moshal, was duly adopted. After the secretary had read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, the treasurer presented a satisfactory financial report. She congratulated the League on having collected practically all its subscriptions, and pointed out that materials and wools for sewing groups paid for themselves out of the fortnightly sixpences. Once again the League had despatched sixty-eight articles to the Baby Home in Jerusalem. It had also donated £25 to the National Fund of which £15 had already been forwarded.

As only thirteen members stood for election to a committee which permitted twelve office-bearers, it was decided to appoint all these rather than have an election. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair, which was moved by Mrs. Lily Abrahams.

Concert by Artist-Pupils

Some brilliant piano playing is likely to be heard at the Selborne Hall on Monday evening next when the artist-pupils of the Isador Epstein Virtuoso Pianoforte School will give a concert. Besides the excerpts from the classical composers, some of these young players will be heard in the works of the modern school.

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