

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN

Addresses by Mrs. Behrmann and Mrs. Reinhold

The work undertaken by the National Council of Jewish Women in America and England was the subject of the address given by Mrs. A. Behrmann, President of the Union of Jewish Women, at the monthly meeting of the society on Monday, at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall.

The speaker referred to the fact that to-day many Jews were again seeking a refuge and a home, and it was natural that many of them should try to enter America. For this reason, the work done for the immigrant, the refugee and the alien by the National Council of Jewish Women is conducted on a large scale.

Founded in 1893, by 1936 the organization had a membership of over 40,000. Its activities include Jewish education for the pre-school child to help parents to adjust their children to modern life; service to immigrants, which for 40 years has been uninterruptedly carried on, and educating and protecting the newly-arrived Jewish women and girls. Steamers are met and aliens assisted, last year 2,500 from 23 countries receiving help.

Through trained committees, local state and federal legislation was studied, abstracted and made known to the entire membership.

Through this guidance thousands of women became focal points for social betterment in their communities. With regard to contemporary Jewish affairs, there are 102 study groups in the States, who study and discuss conditions amongst Jewry all over the world. In addition, the Council undertakes three aspects of peace; propaganda, education and active co-operation with the principal peace forces of the country.

The welfare of the foreign-born also concerns the Council, which secures for them free medical aid, educational facilities and recreational opportunities. It also sponsors the immigration of German refugee children.

Mrs. B. Reinhold spoke briefly on the W.I.Z.O. Conference held recently at Zurich, at which there were four representatives from S. Africa. The aspects discussed were financial; the welfare of children in Palestine, where infant mortality is the lowest in the world; the club for the children of parents who work, for which no assistance is received from the Government.

Mrs. J. L. Landau proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Behrmann, and Mrs. I. Marks thanked Mrs. Reinhold on behalf of those present.

Mr. N. Kirschner in Ermelo

Mr. N. Kirschner, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, visited Ermelo on Wednesday, the 17th ult., in order to address the local community and initiate the National Fund campaign. Mr. J. Garber, the chairman of Ermelo Zionist Society, presided over the meeting which took place in the evening, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitor.

Mr. Kirschner delivered an eloquent and inspiring address on the position of the Jews in Palestine to-day and showed that there were great possibilities in spite of the difficulties which stand in the way. Mr. Kirschner's address evoked a generous response from the members of the audience who contributed liberally towards the National Fund campaign.

During his visit to Ermelo, Mr. Kirschner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Garber.

Johannesburg Reform Congregation

An impressive choral Chanukah service was held at the Temple Israel on Sunday, the 28th ult. Many children of the Temple Israel school were present, and the Rabbi delivered an interesting sermon on "The Meaning of Chanukah." Mr. I. Greenberg, president of the Congregation, read the prayer for the Royal Family, and Mrs. Cassell, vice-chairwoman of the Sisterhood, lit the Chanukah candles.

Berea Hebrew Congregation

A Chanukah service will be held by the above congregation on Sunday, the 5th inst., at 4.30 p.m. Chief Cantor S. Steinberg assisted by a full choir under the baton of Mr. S. Steinberg, will conduct the service, and Rabbi I. M. Gervis will deliver a sermon. The public is cordially invited.

The Berea Hebrew School's final Oneg Shabbos of the year will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 p.m., and the presentation of prizes on Sunday, the 12th inst., at 10 a.m. Parents are invited to attend both these functions.

Vereeniging Hebrew Congregation

The annual general meeting of the Vereeniging Hebrew Congregation took place at the Isaac Lewis Hall on Sunday, the 14th inst. There was a large gathering of members present, and the following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. M. Lubner; vice-president, Mr. J. Sacks; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Benjamin; hon. secretary, Mr. B. Klein. Committee: Messrs. A. Kellen, A. Folb, D. I. Joffe, L. Mandelstein, E. Shapiro, and J. Klaff.

A Forthcoming Cabaret

The ninth annual cabaret, to be held under the auspices of the Hebrew Order of David, Dr. Herzl Lodge No. 1, takes place at the H.O.D. Hall on December 15. This cabaret, which is in aid of the Benevolent Fund, promises to be a successful one; Charles Berman's personal orchestra will be in attendance, and novelties and supper will be included. There will be dancing from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m., and a most enjoyable evening is assured. Table reservations should be made not later than Monday, the 13th prox. The Secretary, at 14 De Villiers Street, will furnish further information.

Zionist Activity in Pietersburg

The annual general meeting of the Pietersburg and District Women's Zionist League was held on the 3rd ult. in the Communal Hall, Pietersburg. Mrs. E. Young, the chairlady, presided, and presented an interesting report of the year's activities. The balance sheet showed that the society was in a satisfactory financial position.

The following office-bearers were elected: Chairlady, Mrs. S. Palte; vice-chairladies, Mesdames E. Young and D. Hirschmann; hon. secretary, Mrs. Max Miller; hon. treasurer, Mrs. B. Levy. Committee: Mesdames H. Gifter, Joseph, Hirschmann, H. Greenberg, B. Herman, M. Hirschmann, I. Brenner, Max Brenner, A. J. Lewis. District Committee members: Mrs. M. Himmelhoch (Louis Trichardt); Mrs. B. Meyer (Groot Spelonken and Zoekmekaar); Mrs. Malk (Messina); Mrs. J. Rakusin (Duivelskloof and Tzaneen).

A resolution to the effect "that no one be permitted to be a chairlady for more than two years in succession" was passed unanimously. Tree certificates were presented to Maureen Hack (infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. Hack); and to Leonard Julius Eichholz (infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Eichholz).

Mrs. Joseph Hirschmann has now taken charge of the J.N.F. box clearances.

On the 13th ult. a sewing and cultural meeting was held at Mrs. B. Herman's residence. Mrs. Palte, who presided, reported that an acknowledgment for a parcel of clothes, made by the members, had just been received from Jerusalem. News items were read by Mrs. H. Greenberg and Mrs. Max Brenner. Papers on "Lord Balfour," "The Balfour Declaration" and "Balfour Day" were read by Mrs. P. Hack and Mrs. Jack Hirschmann.

LOSS TO BULAWAYO COMMUNITY

Death of Mr. Nathan Rabinovitch

(An Appreciation)

The Bulawayo Jewish community has to mourn the untimely death of one of its finest young men—Nathan Rabinovitch, who passed away the week-end at the early age of 35. Educated in our schools and Hebrew classes, he was one of the best types of Rhodesian Jewry. After leaving school, where he was very popular and a fine athlete, he became one of the most zealous workers in our Young Israel Society, and in the Guild, of which he was the assistant honorary secretary. For the last 14 years he travelled continuously through all parts of Rhodesia, and was universally respected and beloved. He was a true Nationalist—the honour of the Jewish name was dear to him, and any symptoms of anti-Semitism caused him intense grief.

The deceased was a model son, brother, husband, father and friend, and profound sympathy is felt for his bereaved family, and particularly for his young wife and little daughter. His wife has done yeoman work for the community and especially for the W.Z.O., of which she is the zealous honorary treasurer. Many have been bereaved by the tragic passing of Nathan Rabinovitch and a sense of gloom has been experienced by the entire community. The memory of the brave and loving personality of the late Nathan Rabinovitch will not soon pass away among us.

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