

## Bethlehem

A farewell social in honour of Rev. H. Lidvin was held at the Town Hall supper room on the 15th inst. The president of the local Hebrew Congregation, Mr. P. Seligson, made a presentation on behalf of the Jewish community as a token of appreciation for the services rendered by Rev. Lidvin during the five years he had been with them.

Mrs. H. Goldberg, chairlady of the local branch of the Union of Jewish Women, Mr. N. W. Kaplan (Zionist Society), and R. P. Rom (Chevra Kadisha) endorsed the remarks of the president.

Thanks are due to Habonim (the Rosh and his Gedud), Miss H. Seligson and Mr. J. Jankelowitz, who rendered musical items during the evening.

## Boksburg North

A Chanukah concert was staged by the children of the Boksburg North Hebrew School, in the Talmud Torah Hall, on Sunday evening, the 5th inst. After the Rev. J. Chaitowitz had kindled the lights, the pupils sang "Ma-oz Zur." A programme of musical items, recitations in Hebrew and English, dances and a sketch was presented. The Rev. J. Chaitowitz also rendered songs.

Mr. A. J. Saretzky proposed, and Mr. J. Shapiro seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Chaitowitz and the Hebrew school.

## Bothaville

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mr. H. J. Heller, hon. treasurer of the Bothaville Hebrew Congregation, the sum of £30 3s. 9d., of which £28 13s. 3d. was the clearance of Orphanage boxes.

## Brakpan

An "afternoon tea" was held by the local Women's Zionist League at the residence of Mrs. Sim Levin on the 22nd inst. Mrs. F. Blumenfeld presided. Dr. Deborah Katzen delivered an interesting address on "The Festival of Chanukah," which was much appreciated. Mrs. M. Chaskelson spoke on the work of the National Fund and emphasised the importance of the Blue Box.

An enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close after Mrs. Altshuler had proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors and to the hostess.

## Ficksburg

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society was held in the Synagogue on the 29th ult. Mr. M. Feinberg presided. The secretary and treasurer's report was presented by Miss P. H. Aronson, who announced a satisfactory increase in J.N.F. Box yields.

The following were elected to hold office for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. I. Daneman, vice-chairman, Mr. M. Feinberg; hon. secretary, Miss P. H. Aronson (re-elected); treasurer, Miss H. Kosviner; committee: Rev. H. J. Oleska, Mr. Sam Levin, Mrs. L. I. Israel.

Mr. I. Daneman expressed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

## George

On the 7th inst. the local Zionist Society was "at home" to the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild. About 40 members of the Guild travelled over for this inter-function.

Mr. S. Miller, chairman of the Zionist Society, presided, and welcomed the visitors. The first item was a Jewish song by Rev. I. Wolk. Mr. Immelman, of Oudtshoorn, then lectured on "The Life of a True Citizen," and Mrs. S. Joseph delighted the audience with two songs,

followed by the reading of the news-reel by Mr. David Segal.

An inter-debate took place. Mr. S. Miller, on behalf of the Zionist Society, moved "That Partition of Palestine be accepted," and Mr. S. Lison, on behalf of the Jewish Guild, opposed the motion. The motion was defeated.

Mr. Victor Aschman, chairman of the Jewish Guild of Oudtshoorn, thanked the Zionist Society for its hospitality.

## A CHANUKAH PLAY.

The annual Chanukah play was produced on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, before a large audience. The play presented was "Pictures Out of the Past" by Louis Witt. The cast was as follows: Mrs. J. Landsman, Miss Deb. Israelsohn, Miss Edna Landsman, Master Philip Dryer, Miss Lillah Landsman and Master Maurice Hill. Others who took part in the programme were the Rev. Wolk and the following Cheder pupils: Selma Ress, Sheilah Kottler, Arnold Kottler, Hymie Frankel, Colin Bloch, Reuben Berelowitz, Gerald Landsman.

Miss D. Israelsohn played the piano and Mr. Bertie Segal spoke on Chanukah. Impromptu speeches were given from the audience by Mr. E. Toker, Mr. Wulf Israelsohn, Mrs. Harry Comay, Mr. Leon Hill, Mr. J. Landsman and Mrs. J. Landsman. Mr. David Segal then gave an unusual item—a forecast of 1938.

## Harrismith

The sum of £63 15s. has been received by the S.A. Jewish Orphanage from the Harrismith branch, per Mrs. P. Davidson, the hon. secretary, made up as follows: Proceeds of bridge drive, £14 19s.; proceeds of competition by Mrs. Green, £8 2s.; cut glass lamp presented by Messrs. Saul Pincus and sold by American auction, won by Mr. W. Chodos and presented for another competition and won by Master Sol Rubinstein, £10 10s.; donations and cards, £26 9s. This makes a total of £60 as the proceeds of "Orphanage Day" functions held by this branch, and the balance of £3 15s. represented membership subscriptions from local members.

## Ladybrand

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society a social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Adelstein on Sunday, the 14th ult. A paper on the "Balfour Declaration" was read by Mrs. Adelstein, and a discussion followed. The chairman, Mr. M. Steckoll, thanked the host and hostess and the speaker.

## Vryheid

During the last clearance of J.N.F. boxes in Vryheid, the following yielded the best results: Mrs. B. Skuy, £3 14s.; Mrs. M. Skuy, £2 8s.

# COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

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## Maritzburg

A special Chanukah service, fully choral, in which the children of the Hebrew School took part, was held in the presence of a large gathering, among whom were many students from the neighbouring colleges. The Rev. M. Diamond spoke on the significance of Chanukah.

Maritzburg also held a special Chanukah week drive, the proceeds of which were sent to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

## Marquard

The Zionist Society held a pleasant function in the form of a Chanukah evening on the 29th ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Posner. After Rev. J. Adler had kindled the lights and the "Cheder" children had sung a Chanukah song, dancing and cards were indulged in to a late hour.

## Middelburg, (Tvl.)

A successful card party was given by Mr. and Mrs. S. Levin at their residence on Saturday evening, the 27th ult. The hostess, Mrs. Levin, presented a "smoker's companion" to be raffled, and altogether a sum of £3 4s. was realised during the evening for the National Fund, this sum being forwarded to the headquarters by Mrs. I. Frame.

## Port Elizabeth

In the report which appeared in our issue of November 12, of the "at home" given under the auspices of the Port Elizabeth Ladies' Zionist Society, it was stated that a Miss Taitz sang. This should have read "Miss Zartz." This lady often appears on platforms for Zionist functions and her services are very deeply appreciated.

Mesdames I. Katz and A. Ryan are to be congratulated on the splendid results of their National Fund boxes which yielded £4 10s. and £4 13s. 8d. respectively.

## Thaba 'Nchu

Mr. E. Dreyer, chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £1 2s., being monthly subscription collection from local members.

## Theunissen

During the last clearance of J.N.F. Boxes in Theunissen those of the following three yielded the best results:—Mrs. D. E. Kotzen, £2 5s.; Mr. B. Cahl, £2; and Mr. D. M. Rosin, £1 17s.

## Upington

A Farewell.—A farewell evening was given by the local Jewish community at the Palace Cafe on the 25th ult., to Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Galgut, who are leaving to take up residence in Pretoria. Mr. J. Kowe, president of the Hebrew Congregation, was in the chair. Among the speakers who paid tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Galgut were the Rev. B. Wul Messrs. H. S. Jacobson, Sam Werbloff, B. Broude, C. H. Robinson, and C. Brower. Mr. Phil Morris gave a humorous sketch.

On behalf of the community Mr. J. Kowe presented Dr. Galgut with an inscribed cigarette case. Mrs. Galgut received a silver one. Dr. Galgut suitably replied.

Prize Distribution.—A Chanukah evening and the annual prize distribution of the Hebrew School took place at the Communal Hall on Sunday, the 28th ult. Mr. C. H. Robinson, chairman of the Education Committee, presided. After the kindling of the lights by Master L. Chesebrough and songs by the school choir, the pupils presented a Hebrew programme of songs, sketches and dances. Rev. B. Wulf addressed the gathering.

Mr. L. Caplan, principal of the school, reported on the year's activity, and Mr. Robinson paid tribute to the teachers. Mr. J. Kowe also spoke. The prizes were presented by Mrs. C. Brower.

## Witbank

On the 12th ult., Mr. Israel Dunsky, representative of the S.A. Zionist Federation, paid a visit to the Witbank Jewish community. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dunsky, and the visitors were entertained by the community at an Oneg Shabbos at the residence of Mrs. J. Dembo.

During the evening, Mr. Dunsky addressed the gathering, dealing at length with the position of Jewry in South Africa. Several questions were put to the speaker by members of the audience, and satisfactorily elucidated. The next morning after the services, Mr. Dunsky again delivered an excellent address at the synagogue to the members of the Witbank Ladies' cultural Section. It is hoped that Mr. Dunsky may visit Witbank again in the near future.

## Vrede

Mrs. Berman gave an "orphanage tea" at her residence, as a result of which the sum of £4 4s. has been received by the S.A. Jewish Orphanage per Mrs. G. Wolman, hon. secretary of the Jewish Ladies' Guild.

## Volkstrand

Under the auspices of the Volkstrand Zionist Society, a card party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewis, on Sunday evening, the 5th inst., in aid of the Society Funds. The sum of £3 9s. 6d. was realised. Thanks are due to the hostess, Mrs. L. Lewis, and to the committee.

## Vryburg

At the annual general meeting of the Zionist Society held on the 31st ult., the following honorary officers and committee were elected for the ensuing term: Hon. president, Lieberthal, snr.; chairman, L. Friedman; vice-chairman, Dr. Getz; treasurer, Mrs. H. Joffe; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. D. Savell. Committee: Miss A. Lieberthal, Mrs. Joffe, and Mr. L. I. Slonim.

The meeting decided that the society was now sufficiently well established to become affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation, and has accordingly taken the necessary steps.