

Bethlehem

Mr. Z. Jankelowitz has forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage the sum of £5 being clearance from the Orphanage Box at his residence.

A Purim social and meeting of the Bethlehem Zionist Association was held in the supper room of the Bethlehem Town Hall on the 17th ult. Mr. Shacksnovis, of the Board of Jewish Education, addressed the gathering on the significance of Purim. Mr. N. W. Kaplan, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Honorary life president, Dr. S. Zavadier; chairman, Mr. N. W. Kaplan; vice-chairman, Mr. E. M. Berman; secretary, Mr. D. Burgin. Committee: Mesdames A. V. Rosenberg, M. Schwartz, H. Goldberg; Misses R. Mankowitz, and Z. Rosenberg; Messrs. S. Dorfan, B. Munitz, H. Adelstein, P. Kramer, and S. Jankelowitz.

A programme of songs, dances and recitations was presented by Hannah Kaplan, Muriel Myers, Muriel Tyler, and Lola Buskin.

The Union of Jewish Women held their monthly meeting on the 9th ult. at the residence of Mrs. Buskin.

An interesting and instructive paper was read by Mrs. Friedgut. Mrs. W. Israel rendered a pianoforte solo and little Miss Muriel Myers sang and danced most delightfully. Mrs. H. Goldberg, the chairlady, expressed appreciation to the hostess and artists.

Bloemfontein

The monthly meeting of the Women's Zionist Society was held at Mrs. Kahn's residence. Mrs. L. Kramer presided over a large gathering.

It was announced that the next box clearance (Mrs. Fogel is in charge of this branch of the work) would take place some time in April, and that the methods followed by Benoni in box clearances would be adopted.

A card evening is being arranged for the 9th April, in aid of the National Fund, and it was decided to give an annual grant of £10 towards the Hebrew University.

The speaker for the afternoon was Miss H. Joffe, who gave a thought-provoking paper on the Haskalah movement. A vote of thanks to Miss Joffe was passed by Mrs. Tcherny, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Kahn.

A year of varied and successful work was reported by Mrs. B. Tcherney, president of the Woman's Zionist Society, at the ninth annual general meeting which was held in the Communal Hall recently. During the year the society had fulfilled its obligations towards the National Fund by organising several functions.

The work of the sewing circle was under the direction of Mrs. Ostrofsky. In the cultural sphere the society had been able to provide its members with a comprehensive range of lectures on various subjects.

The following committee members were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mrs. L. Kramer; vice-chairman, Mrs. B. Tcherney; treasurer, Mrs. Collins; assistant treasurer, Mrs. S. Fainsinger; secretary, Mrs. S. Lewis; assistant secretary, Mrs. S. Kahn; convener National Fund boxes, Mrs. B. Fogel. Committee: Mesdames Probis, Ray, Casper, J. Fainsinger, Mendelsohn, Ostrofsky, Cohen, Noick, Landau, Berman, R. Lurie, Adder, Zacks, Caplan.

COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

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Brakpan

A successful card afternoon was organised at the residence of Mrs. Panovka on the 17th ult., in aid of the Jewish National Fund, which realised the splendid sum of £15 0s. 6d.

Clocolan

Splendid results were obtained during the last clearance of J.N.F. Boxes in Clocolan. Particularly impressive are the yields from the J.N.F. Boxes of Messrs. Max Pick and J. Solomon in which the excellent amounts of £5 3s. 3d. and £4 8s. 9d. respectively were found. These are the two best results of a very good clearance.

East London

A function to bid farewell to Mr. Max Angorn, who is leaving East London for Johannesburg in the near future, was held in the Communal Hall under the auspices of the East London Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult.

Mr. B. Baskir, president of the society, was in the chair, and there were present the full committee of the institution together with the heads of all institutions.

Short addresses were given by the following: Rabbi Dr. Wald, the Rev. O. Altshuler, as well as Mr. M. Shwer, president of the Hebrew congregation; A. Addelson, president of the Zionist Association; D. Lazarus, president of the Hebrew Order of David, A. P. Bender's Lodge No. 9, and Messrs. J. M. Pearl, and H. Winnett, committee members of the Helping Hand Society.

Mr. B. Baskir presented a purse to Mr. Max Angorn, who replied suitably.

Germiston

The annual general meeting of the Germiston and District Jewish Women's Benevolent Society was held at the Hotel Alexander on the 15th ult.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames G. Goldblatt, G. P. Barris, L. Saffer, Sherman, A. S. Bernstein, I. Joffe, A. Senior, J. Kramer, S. Kramer, Nach, Eliason, Dodo, B. Steinberg, N. L. Ginsburg and Swon. Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames L. Neifeld, A. L. Ospowitz, W. Rosenthal, H. L. Joffe and H. Rubin.

The chairlady of the society, Mrs. D. Goldblatt, presided, and thanked the outgoing committee for their excellent work during the past year.

The election of new office-bearers resulted as follows: Hon. presidents, Mesdames Arkin, N. L. Ginsburg and M. Huftel; chairlady, Mrs. D. Goldblatt (re-elected); vice-chairlady, P. G. Barris; treasurer, A. Swon; secretary, M. Wigdorowitz. The rest of the ladies present were elected committee members.

Kirkwood

On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., a well attended meeting of the local Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Aronson. Mr. David Aires, chairman of the society, presided. An eloquent address was delivered by Rev. Altshuler on the partition problem.

Other features of the evening were songs by Miss Rosie Aronson and Master Nathan Altshuler, and recitations by Masters Abe Altshuler and Joseph Joffee.

The chairman took the opportunity of extending the good wishes of the gathering to Mr. and Mrs. L. Aronson, on their recent marriage.

Kroonstad

During the last clearance of J.N.F. Boxes in Kroonstad, the best results were obtained from the J.N.F. Boxes of Messrs. H. Gershon and H. Trope, which yielded the fine amounts of £3 8s. 6d. and £3 respectively.

A very successful function was held in the Communal Hall on Wednesday, March 16, under the auspices of the Kroonstad Zionist Society.

For the first part of the evening, community singing of Jewish and Hebrew songs was indulged in, after which a short Purim sketch was staged. The cast acquitted themselves exceedingly well. As a result of the evening, the sum of £6 was raised for the Jewish National Fund.

Little Hilda and Zeldia Kaplan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chaem Kaplan, deserve mention for their effort in raffling a vase for the J.N.F. Fund which realised the sum of £1 5s.

Middelburg (Tvl.)

Mrs. N. Brozin, non. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £2 being February subscription collection from local members.

A Zionist evening was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Frame. It proved to be a very successful affair, both socially and financially.

Queenstown

The sum of £5 3s. 6d. has been handed to the Jewish National Fund as a result of a bridge drive ably organised by Mrs. N. Gordon.

The Jewish National Fund also acknowledges with thanks the sum of £3 4s. 6d. collected at the Bris Milah of the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Ginsberg.

Salisbury

A gathering of parents and pupils of the local Hebrew classes met in the Jewish Guild Hall on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., when the annual distribution of prizes took place. Mrs. H. Shapiro distributed the prizes.

The Rev. M. Konviser, in presenting his report, said that loyalty to

the Synagogue, to Jewish tea and to national aspirations, could be expected from those who ignorant of Jewish traditions ideals. He appealed for great interest in the school on the part of parents, adding that Jewish education was the most precious gift any parent could give to his children.

An excellent concert, which included a Purim sketch, was presented by the pupils, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Senekal

The Jewish National Fund acknowledges with thanks an amount of £2 9s. 6d, being the half-proceeds of a competition for a cake at the marriage of Miss Phillis Muller, of Senekal, and Mr. Cyril Lewin, of Senekal, which took place on the 27th ult., at Senekal.

Springs

Under the auspices of the Springs Women's Zionist League, a luncheon was held at the residence of Mr. H. Kapelas, Lynch Selection Park, on February 28. Davidoff addressed the gathering on the work done in other parts of the world in connection with Zionism and stressed the part played by women.

In recounting her experiences abroad, the speaker gave her impressions of some of the prominent Zionist workers whom she had met and ended her address with a short reference to the importance of the Shekels.

At the end of the afternoon, a collection was sold by American auction, in aid of Zionist funds.

Thaba 'Nchu

A most successful clearance of J.N.F. Boxes has just taken place at Thaba 'Nchu. Heartiest congratulations are due to Mesdames Sing Wilensky for the excellent results which they did in this connection. Full details of the clearance will be published in the acknowledged columns of the *Zionist Record*.

Uppington

The J.N.F. Box of Mrs. L. Joffe of Uppington, yielded the fine sum of £2 5s., this being the best result of the last clearance.

Vrede

Mrs. G. Wolman, hon. secretary of the Jewish Ladies' Guild, has forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage the sum of £4 4s., being proceeds of "orphanage tea" held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Krawitz.

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