

# ACTIVITIES IN DURBAN

## D.O.D. "Barmitzvah" Celebrations

Order of David.—On Wednesday, 23rd March, the F. C. Hollander Lodge No. 11 Durban, of the Order of David, celebrated its Barmitzvah.

The function took the form of a full synagogue service at the St. Andrew's Street Shool at 7.30 p.m., followed by a cold supper and music at the S.O.E. Hall, the Durban headquarters of the lodge. At both there were large attendances of brethren and friends, as well as representatives from all Jewish institutions in Durban.

The synagogue service was most impressive. Praise is due to the presence of Wor. Bro. Rev. N. Menachemson who conducted the service and read a sermon in the absence of Rabbi A. H. Freedman, who was unfortunately indisposed. Wor. Bro. Menachemson was assisted by Bro. Rev. Rubin and Rev. A. D. Berg. The choir, led by J. Lurie, was augmented by Shagam, Grace Smith, Phyllis (vocalists), and I. Roth and A. Roberts, with Mrs. Gertrude Israel at the organ.

Coming to the fact that the Provisional Council was in session in Durban, Bro. F. C. Hollander was unable to be present as anticipated, and Bro. H. Mossman deputised for him at the

proposing the first toast of the evening—the F. C. Hollander Lodge—Bro. Mossman spoke of the trying circumstances through which we were passing and expressed the hope that the Council would continue to make progress in the past and would in a measure be instrumental in bringing the peace and understanding between Jew and non-Jew as so earnestly desired.

In responding, Wor. Bro. N. Menachemson quoted the motto of the Order—"Love Thy Neighbour As Thyself"—and showed how it provided the foundation for the Order's existence and work.

The next toast "To Other Jewish Institutions" was proposed by Wor. Bro. J. Lindsay. He welcomed the representatives of other Jewish institutions, and mentioned that the Order held executive sessions in all Durban Jewish institutions.

In responding, Mr. S. Moshal stressed the urgent need for unity amongst the Jews. He wished the Order every success and hoped it would continue to grow in strength and length.

During the evening the audience treated to some excellent musical contributions by Mrs. C. I. Israel (soprano); Mrs. B. Barnett (siffluse); A. Roberts (cellist); and Mrs. I. Shagam (soprano), whose efforts were enthusiastically applauded.

Past President, Wor. Bro. E. Levene, thanked all the speakers for their kind remarks and voiced the appreciation of the lodge to all the ladies who were responsible for the preparations. A hearty vote of thanks was also extended to the artists.

### Women's Zionist League.

The March function of the Durban Women's Zionist League, which was held at the residence of Mrs. Wolpert on Tuesday, the 27th ult., was well attended, about 60 ladies being present.

Mrs. Torf opened the function by welcoming all those present. Mrs. A. H. Friedman read an excellent paper on current events.

A highly informative paper by Mrs. L. Braudo on the Wizo in Palestine was read by Mrs. S. Moshal. Members were extremely interested. Whilst tea was being served, Mrs. Torf reported on the Blue Box Collections and appealed to the ladies for fuller co-operation.

Mr. Levine then gave an interesting talk on Palestine. He said that whilst one's vision was apt to be clouded by the intense emotions aroused in Palestine, there was, nevertheless, a feeling of friendship between the Arabs and the Jews. The majority of Arabs realised that we had brought them prosperity. The Jews had overcome many hardships, and would overcome the present difficulties as well.

Speaking on Partition, Mr. Levine said that considering what the Jews had achieved in Palestine against such tremendous odds, it would be almost a betrayal of Palestine to take even one square inch away from them. Whatever happened we would not be deterred from carrying on with our work.

Mrs. Broomberg, on behalf of the gathering, thanked Mr. Levine for his address. She also thanked the hostess for so kindly placing her home at the disposal of the League.

### Durban Zionist Youth.

On Saturday evening, the 26th ult., the President and Executive of the Zionist Youth Society were "at home" to the members of the society at a social and dance at the Jewish Club. The function was a success from every point of view. Some 120 people were present and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. Clever cabaret turns were rendered by the Misses Dulcie Sinclair and Sadie Stein and Messrs. L. Sebba and J. Goldberg. At supper Mr. Ogus, the president, welcomed the members and representatives of other bodies, and urged the youth to double their efforts in the Zionist youth movement. Mr. Ernst also spoke.

### PRESENT SITUATION OF S. AFRICAN JEWRY

Forthcoming Address by Mr. Franks

An address on the present situation of South African Jewry will be delivered by Mr. Maurice Franks, K.C., President of the Board, at the Jewish Guild, corner Bree and Von Brandis Streets, Johannesburg, on Sunday, April 10, at 11.30 a.m.

In view of current events, it is expected that some important pronouncements will be made.

The meeting is open to the public.



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