

Johannesburg Zionist Society

THE INAUGURAL PUBLIC MEETING

will be held at the

CORONATION HALL
(Cor. Claim and Plein Streets),

on

SUNDAY, 8th MAY

at 8.15 p.m.

Addresses will be delivered by

Mr. N. Kirschner

(Chairman, S.A. Zionist Federation)

and

Adv. J. Herbstein

(Chairman of the Dorshei Zion Association of Capetown).

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GOOD PROGRESS MADE BY AGED HOME

THE annual general meeting of subscribers to the "Meshev Zekenim" was held at the Home in Louisa Street, Doornfontein, on Sunday morning.

Mr. I. Heymann, the life president, was in the chair and in opening the proceedings thanked the committee of the Jewish Orphanage for postponing their meeting, which was to have taken place that morning, so that it should not clash with the Aged Home meeting. He also expressed sympathy with Chief Rabbi Dr. Landau, in his illness, and on behalf of the meeting wished him a speedy recovery.

Other Branches.

THE chairman then moved the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 1937, an extract of which was published in the last issue of the *Zionist Record*. He thanked all those mentioned in the report for their assistance in carrying on the work of the Institution in various ways. There were now 23 branches outside Johannesburg, and each one was doing good work. In this connection he singled out for special mention Mr. Harris Goldberg, who had been mainly instrumental in establishing the Boksburg and Boksburg North branches, and Mr. L. Cohen, the chairman of the Benoni branch. He moved that Mr. Goldberg be elected an hon. life member of the Institution, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Proceeding, the chairman said they were especially thankful to the Ladies' Committee which had made a special collection of £467 for the New Year, to Mr. H. Wittert, their hon. treasurer, and to Mrs. M. Miller, who had raised £400 at a social evening given at her residence, and had donated £300 in celebration of the Barmitzvah of her son, Leonard Michael. The Institution cost over £800 a month to run, and after a liberal expenditure on all requirements of the Home and its inmates, they had finished the year with a surplus of £1,000. For that excellent result, they had to thank the generous Jewish community. He added that a cash reserve fund had been created for future contingencies, for they had to take a long view and provide for the eventuality of a rainy day.

Mr. A. W. Katzen, the vice-president, seconded the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

Rabbi I. Kossowsky, the Rav of the Transvaal Federation of Synagogues, in a short address, voiced the pleasure which it gave him, as a rav, to visit the Home. The true Jewish spirit and religious atmosphere prevailed there, and it was the one place in which there could be no differences of opinion. Johannesburg Jewry could well pride itself on the fact that its Aged Home was one of the finest in world Jewry.

Other speakers were Messrs. L. Frank, H. Lourie, L. H. Cohen, and Mrs. Sieradzki.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

The election of hon. officers and committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. Isidor Heymann; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. W. Katzen and B. Starfield; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Wittert; hon. secretary, Mr. A. L. Heymann; trustees, Messrs. H. Hersov and J. Rabinowitz. Committee: Mesdames L.

Cohen, S. Galgut, M. Davis, H. Gerson, M. Miller, J. Port, A. Schlosberg, G. Sieradzki, Messrs. L. H. Cohen, Ph. Cohen, Morris Cohen, M. Gladstone, N. M. Harris, Michael Miller, M. Joffe, M. J. Gordon, P. Myers, M. Steel, and M. Treisman.



Mr. I. Heymann,
who presided at the meeting.

Mr. Leopold Snider, president of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, congratulated the committee and members on the good work they were carrying on so successfully. He pointed out that both the Aged Home and the Orphanage received outstandingly generous support from members of the community, though these did not bother to attend the annual meetings of either Institution.

Affiliation Fees.

THE chairman then read a letter from the Jewish Board of Deputies which asked that each subscriber to the Aged Home should pay one shilling per annum as affiliation fee to the Board. In view of the impracticability of adopting such a method of collecting affiliation fees, the chairman, on behalf of the Executive, recommended, and the meeting agreed, that the Institution should pay a sum of 50 guineas to the Board of Deputies for this year, instead of the shilling per member.

Szigeti Concert on Sunday

Joseph Szigeti, the famous violinist who is to make a concert tour of South Africa, will give his first recital in Johannesburg, on Sunday night, May 1st, at 8.45, at the Colosseum Theatre. He will give subsequent recitals at the Standard Theatre on May 6th, and at the Colosseum on May 8th.

The appearance of Szigeti in Johannesburg should make musical history here, as this celebrated violinist enjoys an international reputation, and has played to audiences in most parts of the world, including Palestine. The programme of his first recital on May 1st will include the famous Beethoven Sonata in A major ("The Kreutzer"), Mozart's Concerto in F Major and Habanera's Nigun (Chassidic Life). Szigeti will be accompanied at the piano by Endre Petri. Booking, which is already heavy, may be made at Publix and at the Colosseum.

Berea Hebrew Congregation

Large Attendance at Annual Meeting

THERE was an exceptionally large attendance at the annual general meeting of members of the Berea Hebrew Congregation, which place last Sunday morning.

Mr. S. Kessel, the president, was in the chair, and moved the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet, extracts of which appeared last week's issue of the *Zionist Record*.

Mr. L. Bagg, the vice-president, seconded the motion, and referred to the satisfactory record of the year, especially as regards the increase of thirty members since the previous year.

After discussion, the annual report and balance sheet were adopted. At the instance of the chairman, it was decided to send a message to Chief Rabbi Dr. L. Landau expressing sympathy with him in his illness, wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

The election of hon. officers and committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. S. Kessel; vice-president, Mr. L. Bagg; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Milwidsky; hon. secretary, Mr. Ralph A. H. Mann; trustees, Messrs. E. C. M. Kalmanson and B. Marcus; council, Messrs. S. Asher, W. H. B. Friedman, J. Lewison, S. Serfaty, I. J. Yodaiken, W. Myerson, D. K. S. Saharin, J. Feitelberg and Hersch.

A grant of twenty-five guineas was unanimously passed to the Berea Hebrew University in Palestine for the year 1938.

Mr. S. Tolkin raised the question of the usual donation that the Berea Hebrew Congregation gave annually to the United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg.

Mr. I. J. Hersch proposed, and Mr. J. Feitelberg seconded, that the meeting endorse the council's action in disaffiliating from the United Hebrew Schools. This was carried unanimously.

These gentlemen then moved and seconded respectively that the donation to the United Hebrew Schools be left to the coming committee to deal with if they thought fit. On being put to the vote, this resolution was carried by a large majority.

Seminary for Labour Zionists

THE opening of the Seminary will take place on Thursday, April 28th, in the Coronation Hall.

The programme for the first week is as follows:—Monday, 2nd, 8—9 p.m., "The Jewish Labour Movement and its Place in the General Labour Movement." The speaker will be Mr. J. Batnitzky. 9 p.m., "Forms of Colonisation of Palestine." The speaker will be Mr. Hanoach.

Thursday, May 5th, 8—9 p.m., "Palestine in Jewish History Literature" (second lecture). The speaker will be Dr. Birnbaum. 9 p.m., "History of Zionism." Rabbi Weiler will be the speaker.

Thursday, May 12th, 8—9 p.m., "Social Psychology." Dr. W. S. will speak. 9—10 p.m., "History of Zionism" (second lecture). Rabbi Dr. Weiler is to speak.

Monday, May 16th, 8—9 p.m., "Economic and Financial Problems of the Upbuilding of Palestine." Dr. H. Frankel will speak. 9 p.m., "History of Political Zionism." The speaker will be Mr. E. Klug.

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