

Bloemfontein

The monthly meeting of the local Women's Zionist Society was held at the Communal Hall on Wednesday, the 27th April. Mrs. Lewis presided. It was reported that 354 Shekalim had been sold, that the card evening held on the 9th April in aid of the National Fund, had realised approximately £22, and that a parcel of baby garments made by the Sewing Circle would in all probability be sent to Eretz Israel during this month.

During the course of the afternoon, a paper was read by Mrs. Pencharz on "The Work of the W.I.Z.O.," by Mrs. Anna Braudo, of Tel-Aviv. Miss P. Lurie read a paper on "Impressions of the Women's Congress at Zurich," written by Mrs. Matheson, of Port Elizabeth.

Mrs. Sperber proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Pencharz and Miss Lurie.

Clocolan

An enjoyable evening was spent on Sunday, the 24th April, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kaplan. The occasion was a Barmitzvah party given in honour of their son, Issy. Mr. Arenson, who acted as M.C., called upon Mr. A. Lewis to propose the toast of the parents of the Barmitzvah. Rev. M. Lison addressed the Barmitzvah and Dr. Klein, who has just returned from England and the Continent after an absence of 15 months, proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah. Thereafter the Barmitzvah delivered a very fine speech. In the course of the evening a cake was sold by American auction and yielded the satisfactory amount of £10 10s.

Bethlehem

The monthly meeting of the Union of Jewish Women was held on the 6th April at the residence of Mrs. W. Israel. An interesting paper, which was much appreciated, was read by Miss Annette Goodman on "The Jew of Rome" by Feuchtwanger. Mrs. S. Sachs read a report of the Conference attended by Mrs. Trevor in America. A vote of thanks to Miss Goodman was passed by Mrs. M. Schwartz.

Jagersfontein—Fauresmith

A successful social was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. B. Phillips at their residence at Fauresmith, which realised the amount of £3 10s. for the Jewish National Fund.

Middelburg Tvl.

A card evening took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Birman, on April 26. This proved to be a very successful function both from a social and a financial point of view.

Mrs. N. Brozin, hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £2 2s. 6d., being subscription collected from local members.

Oudtshoorn

The monthly meeting of the Herzl Ladies Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Nurick, Queen Street. There was a fair attendance. In the absence of the President, Miss E. Maltz, one of the vice-presidents, took the chair. Several collections were handed in, the returns for the National Fund and Shekalim being very encouraging. Mrs. L. Locketz read a pamphlet on the "Sefer Hayered" forwarded by the Women's Zionist Council, and the President urged all those present to support it.

COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

REPORTED BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

The next social afternoon will take place on May the 15th, and an interesting programme has been arranged, including a talk by Mr. P. Agranat on "Zionism in the early days of Oudtshoorn."

A successful Saturday afternoon function was held on April 6, at the residence of Mrs. T. Ostroff, on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the Young Girls' and Boys' Sabbath Circles.

The Chairlady, Miss Rebecca Ostroff welcomed the guests among whom was Dr. H. Reinhold. An inter-debate on the subject "The Jewish Mission has been Successful" was the main event of the afternoon. Miss Dolly Sachawitzky proposed, and Mr. Maurice Wainstein seconded the motion. Mr. David Cohen, seconded by Miss Minnie Kangisser, opposed it. The motion was won. Various items were rendered by the members of the circles and there was also community singing. Mr. Jack Lewis, chairman of the Boys' Circle, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. Ostroff for their hospitality.

Rustenburg

Mr. Englesberg addressed a well-attended meeting of the local Zionist Society at the Masonic Hall on the 1st of May. Mr. M. Levitt, chairman of the society, presided. Mr. Englesberg gave a vivid description of present-day conditions in Palestine and showed how the Zionist Organisation had borne the brunt of the up-building of the Jewish National Home. Mr. H. Shapiro proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The committee of the Rustenburg Zionist Society is at present constituted as follows: Chairman, Mr. M. Levitt; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Shapiro; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss B. Liebenthal. Committee: Mesdames P. Wulfsohn, B. Harris and W. Rapeport, Miss G. Sichel and Messrs. Sichel, Finkel and Rev. Kahan.

Mr. C. Hermer who, together with Mrs. Hermer, has for many years given valuable service to Zionism in Rustenburg, relinquished his position as chairman owing to his impending departure from Rustenburg.

Mr. C. Hermer, the chairman, presided over a fair attendance at the annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society, which took place in the Masonic Hall on Sunday evening,

the 13th ultimo. (The news of Mr. Hermer's impending departure from Rustenburg has been received with great regret by the community, as both he and Mrs. Hermer are devoted workers for Zionism).

The elections resulted in the appointment of the following officers:—Chairman, Mr. M. Levitt; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Shapiro; secretary, Miss B. Liebenthal. Committee: Mesdames B. Hafris, W. Rapeport, P. Wulfsohn and Miss G. Sichel, Rev. Kahn and Messrs. Finkel and M. Sichel.

In the course of the evening tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. R. Pleshus and the late Mr. I. Liebenthal.

At a committee meeting held later in the week, Mr. M. Sichel undertook the duties of National Fund Commissioner and Mesdames Harris and Rapeport and Miss G. Sichel will form the Ladies' Committee for the year. It is the committee's intention to hold functions regularly and it is hoped that the Federation will assist in keeping the Zionist flag flying high in Rustenburg.

During the past year the Ladies' Section has met regularly, and its activities have been attended with marked success.

Springbok

Mrs. T. Gordon, the chairman of the Women's Zionist Society in Springbok, is to be heartily congratulated on her work for the Jewish National Fund. At a good deal of personal inconvenience, she took advantage of a visit to Port Nolloth in order to arrange a special campaign for the Jewish National Fund. As a result of her efforts an amount of £103 10s. has been collected. It is anticipated that this will be augmented by one or two other contributions. Mrs. Gordon has set an example of Zionist zeal and enthusiasm worthy of emulation. Thanks are also due to the members of the small Jewish community of Port Nolloth who responded generously to Mrs. Gordon's appeal.

Umkomaas

Mr. I. P. Hellman, of Umkomaas, Natal, has contributed an amount of £1 1s. to the Jewish National Fund on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his late wife, and in her memory.

Kirkwood

On Sunday night, 2nd May, a Maist meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. Aires.

The chairman, Mr. Day, presided over a large attendance. The minutes had been confirmed, the idea of a J.N.F. bulletin was carried and proved a great success. Rosie Aronson sang and Altschuler gave an inspiring address on the survival of the Jewish people. Master Joseph Japie entertained the evening with a finely delivered address.

After the subscriptions were collected, Mr. Persky read a Jewish article, i.e., "Weiss demir a mol nog a schiksa." Abey Altschuler contributed a song, and Miss Rosie Aronson, Master Nathan Altschuler and Mrs. Gertie Altschuler for the society were thanked for the persons of Miss Gertie Altschuler, Ruby Thal, and Mrs. N. Altschuler. Mr. T. Altschuler thanked the host and hostess for their hospitality, and Mr. Altschuler thanked those who had taken part in the evening's entertainment.

Germiston

The annual general meeting of the local branch of the Women's Zionist League was held at the Hotel on Tuesday, the 26th April. Mrs. Barris, the chairlady, presided and welcomed the representatives of the Women's Central Council, Mrs. Greenberg and Mrs. K. Gluckmann.

Mrs. Greenberg congratulated the executive on the excellent work shown in the balance sheet, and suggested that the holding of functions and the formation of new circles might be methods of increasing new members. Mrs. Greenberg also delivered an illuminating address on the splendid work accomplished by the Wizo in Palestine.

Mrs. Barris extended her thanks to the outgoing committee for their operation and zealous work of the past year.

Mrs. Gluckmann recommended a presentation of 10 trees to Mrs. Barris, in recognition of her services.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Chairlady, Mrs. I. Dunskey; vice-chairmen, Mrs. Barris and Mrs. A. Senior; secretary, Mrs. J. Kramer; National Fund, Mrs. I. Dunskey; Committee, Mesdames A. Swon, L. Neifeld, J. Dunskey, N. L. Ginzburg, J. Zinn, I. Metz, J. Powitz, A. S. Bernstein, N. H. Szewach, I. Joffe, I. Segal, M. Segal, H. L. Rosen, L. Saffer, A. Gold Marcus and Miss A. Liebman.

After Mrs. Gluckmann presided over the gathering, a vote of thanks was passed by Mrs. Barris.

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