

S.A. Board of Jewish Education More Canadian Tributes to the New Director

Canadian Jewish papers just to hand devote considerable space to the departure from the Dominion of Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik in order to assume his new duties in South Africa. The following are some of the tributes paid to the Board of Education's new Director.



RABBI J. L. ZLOTNIK

A photo taken prior to his departure from Canada for South Africa.

THE Eagle of Montreal deals with Rabbi Zlotnik's departure from Canada in the following terms:—

"The appointment of Rabbi Zlotnik will be a great gain to South Africa and a great loss to Canada. We extend good wishes to a great Rabbi and a great educator."

In its issue of July 7th the same paper in a long article praises in the highest terms, the two books in Hebrew, which have been published in Palestine, and which were written during the Rabbi's sojourn in Vancouver.

THE Jewish Western Bulletin of Vancouver, Canada, writes:—

"Much excitement has been caused not only in Vancouver communal circles but throughout the Dominion since advice was received that Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik would be leaving Vancouver to reside in South Africa. Jewish papers in both Yiddish and English throughout Canada, are congratulating the S.A. Board of Jewish Education on their good fortune, at the same time regretting the loss to Canada of so virile and influential a personality. It is the unanimous opinion in Vancouver and throughout Canada, however, that the Rabbi will have greater scope for his wealth of erudition, his organising ability, and his inspirational zeal as Educational Director in South Africa."

THE Israelite Press of Winnipeg in its issue of July 8th says:—

"The departure of Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik will be a heavy loss to the Canadian Jewish community, where for many years he has played an outstanding role in Canadian Jewish life. Let us hope he will find more time to write for the Jewish people."

THE Vancouver Bulletin, in a further reference to Rabbi Zlotnik says:—

"In his Sunday lectures he analysed for us the significance to the Jewish people of current events, and in his books he has given to Jewish scholars and teachers material with which to enrich Jewish life throughout the coming generations."

HONOURED BY VANCOUVER JEWRY

On Monday evening, August 8th, Vancouver Jewry foregathered en masse in order, as the "Bulletin" put it, "to extend public appreciation of an excellent campaigner, a great organiser, an acclaimed scholar and teacher in Israel, and to extend good wishes and bid him God speed to his new field of activities among the people in South Africa."

DURBAN ACTIVITIES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Oneg Shabbat

Hebrew Week in Durban was inaugurated with an inspiring Oneg Shabbat at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Torf on Friday, 26th August, when a large gathering of members of Zionist Youth and Habonim met. The evening commenced with the singing of Hebrew songs which gave the function the right atmosphere. Mr. Ogus officially inaugurated the Week, with a brief speech in which he stressed the importance of the knowledge of Hebrew to every Zionist Youth member. He extended a warm welcome to Miss Zelda Kirschner, the guest speaker of the evening, who, in an address of considerable charm and freshness, presented a vivid picture of present day Palestine. She also replied to questions, and a hearty vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. Ogus to Miss Kirschner for her memorable address. Amongst those present were Mr. Dave Dunsky, Mr. B. S. Leon (President of Salisbury Zionist Association), Mr. and Mrs. Isakoff, and Mrs. Perlman (Johannesburg).

Mass Meeting

A mass meeting of Durban Jewry was held at the Jewish Club on the evening of the 30th ultimo. Dr. N. Smith, Chairman of the Durban Talmud Torah, presided over a representative audience of seniors and juniors. Addresses were delivered by Mr. N. Kirschner, President of the S.A. Zionist Federation and Mr. S. Ernst.

Mr. Ernst paid warm tribute to Mr. Kirschner for the interest he had shown in the work of the local Youth bodies, remarking how fortunate the Durban community was

in having him with it that evening to speak on so important a theme. He trusted that the Hebrew Board of Education would now give — in its guidance and re-organisation of Hebrew Education in this country — consideration to the close relationship between the work of the Zionist Movement and the revival of the Hebrew language.

Mr. Kirschner, in a masterly address, ably covered the theme "Hebrew, as a language of a Nation." Dealing with the significance of a language to any nation, he showed how naturally Hebrew became the mode of expression for all Jews, and stressed the eternal bond between the Hebrew language and Palestine. Speaking of the vital part which youth must play in the Zionist Movement, he dwelt on the importance to Jewish Youth of a knowledge and appreciation of Hebrew, and urged Durban Jewry to make full use of the excellent local opportunities afforded them for the study of this language.

Mr. S. Ogus conveyed the thanks of the audience to the speakers. Hebrew songs were delightfully rendered by members of the local Habonim during the evening.

MR. KIRSCHNER ENTERTAINED AT JEWISH CLUB

A luncheon was given by the Jewish Club in honour of Mr. and Mrs. N. Kirschner on the 25th August. Mrs. M. Morrison, presiding, cordially welcomed the guests on behalf of the Durban community, paying a warm tribute to Mr. Kirschner for his ceaseless activities on behalf of his people. Mr. Kirschner suitably responded.

HEBREW TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Held

A general meeting of the association took place on Wednesday, the 24th August, at the Doornfontein Hebrew School. Mr. J. Rybko, acting-chairman of the association, gave a survey of the past and future work of the association. The secretary, Mr. Ben Moshe read a letter of resignation from Dr. A. Birnbaum, former chairman of the association. In accepting this resignation, the gathering passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Birnbaum for the splendid services he has rendered to the association as chairman.

Mr. Ben Moshe also reported on the activities of the association for the past six months and read the treasurer's report. Both reports were unanimously adopted.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Presidents: Rabbi M. Chigier, Mr. R. Lake and Mr. J. Rybko; Secretary: Mr. M. Ben Moshe; Treasurer: Rabbi I. Romm; Committee: Mrs. C. Laks and Mr. Z. Infeld.

Rabbi Gold to Lecture

A meeting of the association will take place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 8.15 p.m. at the Coronation Hall, when Rabbi W. Gold will deliver an address on: "The Influence of Parents and Teachers in Education." Rabbi M. Chigier will preside.

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