

Union of Jewish Women

Johannesburg Branch Holds Annual Meeting

MRS. A. BEHRMANN presided over a large gathering at the annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of the Union of Jewish Women, held at the Jewish Guild on Monday morning.

In her presidential address Mrs. Behrmann said that when the Johannesburg Branch of the Union of Jewish Women was inaugurated, there was considerable misgiving as to whether it would fill a need in the community. But after being in existence only seven years the membership had grown to 520, an increase of 62 on the previous year, and it had 16 affiliated societies.



Photo by Jane Plotz.

MRS. A. BEHRMANN — who was re-elected Chairman.

She went on to report on the various activities of the Branch throughout the year — activities that showed that the Union had more than justified its existence and was playing an important role as far as women's organisations were concerned.

Interesting addresses during the afternoon were delivered by Mrs. J. L. Landau, Hon. President, and Mrs. T. Saphra, Hon. Vice-President.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mrs. A. Behrmann (re-elected); vice-chairmen, Mrs. M. Franks and Mrs. D. Brasch; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Schwartz; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. M. Chaskalson; conveners of sub-committees, Mesdames J. Alexander, A. Ettlinger, F. Fels, E. Gordon, S. Hirsch, N. Levine, I. Marks, J. Meyer and A. T. Shrock.

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Administrator of Transvaal to be Entertained by Jewish Guild

THE Administrator of the Transvaal, General J. J. Pienaar, and Mrs. Pienaar will be the guests of honour at a complimentary luncheon to be organised by the Executive and members of the Jewish Guild, at the Jewish Guild on Wednesday, November 9th, from 1—2 p.m.

Booking plans are filling rapidly and those desirous of attending this function are requested to reserve their seats at the Secretary's office as soon as possible. Booking closes on Tuesday, November 8th, at 1 p.m.

South African Presentation to Tel Aviv Museum

Biblical Narratives by Joseph Hecht

Our readers will be interested to learn that on the initiative of the well-known local Jewish sculptor, Mr. René Shapshak, a special South African artistic presentation is to be made to the Municipal Museum of Tel Aviv. It consists of an outstanding series of etchings depicting the biblical narrative of Noah's Ark, done by the famous French-Jewish artist, Monsieur Joseph Hecht, of Paris. The etchings have been exhibited on several occasions in this country, and most prominently at an exhibition of the artist's work, opened in Pretoria some time ago by the French Consul.

The funds for acquisition of the etchings were provided by the following members of the local Jewish community who have taken a keen interest in the progress of the Museum: Mr. N. Kirschner, Mr. H. Hillman, Mr. S. L. Sive, Mr. H. Lourie, Mr. M. Cowen, Mr. I. Waybourne, Mr. H. Kallenbach and Mrs. Johanna Thal Birsan.

The presentation will certainly be a valuable addition to some of the rare works of art already housed in the Municipal Museum of Tel Aviv, and yet another link between South Africa and the Homeland.

A HEBREW TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

To be held in Johannesburg

A Conference of Hebrew teachers is being arranged to take place in Johannesburg. It is due to open at the Coronation Hall on Thursday, December 15th, and is to continue for five days. Invitations are being extended to all teachers throughout South Africa to attend.

The conference will discuss the raising of the status of the Hebrew teaching profession in this country. A constitution for the proper organisation of Hebrew teachers will be submitted. Model lessons are to be held and lectures by leading educationalists will be delivered. Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, is due to participate in the proceedings.

MR. I. DUNSKY IN QUEENSTOWN

ON Wednesday, 26th October, Mr. Israel Dunskey addressed a representative gathering of the local Jewish Community. Mr. Dunskey was passing through Queenstown during the course of a business trip and stopped to address the meeting at the invitation of the Propaganda Committee of the S.A. Zionist Federation. In the absence of the Chairman of the local Zionist Society, Dr. Rudolf Schaffer took the chair and introduced Mr. Dunskey to the audience.

Mr. Dunskey gave a logical and interesting talk on current events and explained that the position in Palestine was closely related to the political developments in the world at large. He showed that though there was much in the present position to cause the gravest anxiety, there was also much to make us hopeful and confident for the future. He showed that if we continued with our efforts even though there might be temporary setbacks, we must eventually succeed.

Several questions were put to Mr. Dunskey, to which he ably replied.

Rev. Orenstein proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Dr. Schaffer.

After the meeting all were entertained to tea at the house of Dr. and Mrs. Schaffer, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

PRETORIA WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

THE fortieth annual general meeting of the Pretoria Jewish Women's Benevolent Association was held recently.

The following were elected as office bearers and committee members for the ensuing year: Mrs. A. Etin, Chairman; Mrs. S. Price, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. H. Sher, Treasurer; Mrs. H. Schwartz, Hon. Secretary; Committee members: Mesdames N. Rom, L. Resnick, Friedgood, D. L. Burman, J. J. Schwartz, A. Novis, J. Nowesentz, H. Goldberg, A. Miller, B. Joffe, B. Friedland, S. Friedlander, J. Taback, S. Dobkins, S. Ginsberg, G. Kaplan, H. Wingrin and H. Stein.

MR. N. KIRSCHNER LEAVES FOR LONDON

MR. N. KIRSCHNER, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, left yesterday morning by air for London, for the purpose of attending a meeting of the General Council (Actions Committee) of the Zionist Organisation, which opens there on November 11th.

Despite the early hour of his departure, there was a large number of friends at Germiston Aerodrome to see him off.

SYMPHONIC WORK BY SOUTH AFRICAN COMPOSER

ON Tuesday evening, a distinguished audience listened to the performance by the S.A. Broadcasting Orchestra, under the gifted baton of Mr. Theo. Wendt, of a work by a South African composer. The composer was Professor W. H. Bell, of Cape Town, and the work was his "Symphonic variations on an Original Theme," which was composed by him in 1910.

There can be no doubt that the composition is a significant contribution to the literature of South African music. It has many attractive and arresting features, some excellent tunes and really clever orchestration requiring great skill on the part of the players. It is the kind of work upon which it is difficult to give a considered opinion after merely hearing one performance. The lover of music is indeed grateful to Mr. Wendt for having given us the opportunity of hearing so interesting a work, and it is to be hoped that it will again soon be played before a Johannesburg audience.

The rest of the programme was delightfully rendered by an orchestra of clever musicians, who played as one man under the direction of Mr. Wendt's baton.

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN (Cape Town)

The Annual General Meeting of the Union of Jewish Women, Cape Town Branch, took place on Tuesday afternoon, 25th October, at the Talmud Torah Hall.

Mrs. S. R. Sloman, the President, spoke of a year of vigorous activity. Mrs. M. Epstein moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet and paid tribute to the work of the Executive and Committee.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. S. R. Sloman, vice-presidents: Mrs. Israel Abrahams and Mrs. L. Mirvish, Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. S. J. Berman, Hon. Secretary: Mrs. C. Bloch. Committee: Mesdames I. Cristol, Dr. M. Alper, P. Glouts, P. Hirschsohn, H. Mandelbrote, A. Lieberman, P. Machanick; and R. Aslerslow.

After the formal business, Adv. Lichtenstein spoke on "The Habimah Theatre" and Dr. A. Birnbaum gave a most interesting address: "Watchman, What of the Night?"

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mrs. L. B. Cohen.

UPINGTON

ON the second day of Succoth an Oneg Succoth was held in the Succah attached to the King George V Memorial Hall. After a short address by Rev. Wulf, refreshments were served and all present joined in a sing-song of Hebrew songs. The function closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

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