

Opening of Teachers' Institute of Study

Interesting Function in Johannesburg

The Teachers' Institute of Study, organised by the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, in co-operation with the Transvaal branch of the S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Association, was officially opened at the offices of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, on Monday night last. A large number of local Hebrew teachers attended the function, over which the president of the Board, Mr. V. Rosenstein, presided.

After extending a welcome to those present, Mr. Rosenstein dwelt at length on the future activities of the Board. They had already appointed—for the present temporarily—a teacher to visit scattered communities and negotiations were now taking place in regard to the appointment of a permanent visiting instructor. They had also taken steps to establish a reference library and museum at the offices of the Board.

In declaring the Institute open, Dr. Landau, speaking in Hebrew, appealed to Hebrew teachers to do their utmost to spread the love of Hebrew learning among the rising generation.

He paid a warm tribute to the personality and scholarship of Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, declaring that in the Director of Education they had the right man at the right moment so far

as the cultural development of their own community was concerned.

Rabbi I. Kossowsky, the next speaker, said that Jewry was now living in a restless and chaotic period of world history. At such a time the strongest weapon in their defence against their enemies was an intensified knowledge of the glories of the ancient Hebrew language and literature, particularly among those living in the Galuth.

The first lecture to the Institute was then given by Rabbi Zlotnik, who spoke on "Our School, Its Aim and Methods." He impressed upon his hearers the necessity of understanding what were the main ideals of Jewish education in present-day Jewish life. The Cheder ought not to be regarded as an independent body, but only as one leading to a higher institution of Jewish learning.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Rabbi Zlotnik was unable to conclude his lecture, and he will, therefore, continue this at the next meeting of the Institute.

Mr. Z. Infeld (Chairman, S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Association) and Mr. W. Rybko (Chairman of the Transvaal branch of the S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Association), also greeted those present on behalf of their respective organisations.

MR. J. ALEXANDER TO SPEAK

Johannesburg Zionist Society

The next Zionist conversation takes place on Sunday evening, the 27th inst., at the Coronation Hall. The speaker will be Mr. J. Alexander, Secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, whose address will deal with "Congress Problems."

BAZAAR AT GERMISTON

Organised by Women's Zionist League

Under the auspices of the Germiston Women's Zionist League a very successful Bazaar was held at the Synagogue Hall on Wednesday, 2nd August. The function was opened by Mr. B. Cohen, J.P., who welcomed those present and congratulated the convener, Mrs. P. G. Barris, the chairman, Mrs. L. Hilewitz, and the very capable and energetic committee, consisting of Mesdames Z. Har-even (vice-chairman), J. Kramer (treasurer), and L. Levy (secretary) on their efforts.

Those responsible for the stalls were: Crockery and Furniture, Mesdames A. Senior, J. Zinn, and Eliasow; Grocery, Mesdames P. G. Barris assisted by A. Osipowitz and Miss C. Gell; Fancy Goods, Mesdames L. Levy, H. Shemer and A. Swon; Toilet, Mesdames Y. Sher, I. Joffe, A. Golombick; Tea Room, Miss A. Liebman and Mesdames I. Dunsky, G. Rosenberg, L. Hosiosky, I. Metz, W. Rosenthal, B. Prag, M. Kopinsky, B. Steinberg.

Thanks are due to Mr. Ginsberg for his excellent services as auctioneer, also to Mrs. M. Levine, Miss R. Kalmek whose pupils performed so delightfully, and to Miss R. Grusd and Miss B. Rosenthal for rendering a violin solo and recitation respectively.

As a result of this effort, the Jewish National Fund will benefit by a handsome amount.

THE LATE PROFESSOR

A. Z. IDELSOHN

Unveiling of Tombstone

The unveiling of the tombstone in memory of the late Professor A. Z. Idelsohn, world renowned scholar of Jewish music and for some time Professor of Jewish music at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, took place at the Reform portion of the Brixton Cemetery last Sunday. Rabbi M. C. Weiler conducted the service, and a large number of relatives and friends was present.

Benoni Zionist Youth Ball

On Saturday, the 26th August, the Benoni Zionist Youth Society is holding its annual ball at the New Town Hall, Benoni. Charles Berman's Personal Orchestra will provide the music. The proceeds will go to the National Funds, although the price of tickets will include a Kofer Hayishuv tax.

Youth Development Association

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BLOEMFONTEIN ACTIVITIES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

At a conversazione held in the Communal Hall on Sunday, 2nd July, a tripartite Palestinian discussion took place. Mr. D. Davidson presided over a fair gathering. British Colonial policy was ably dealt with by Mr. S. Berman, Mr. O. Drobis spoke on the British Government's Arab policy, and Mr. A. Lewis on the Jewish case. Mr. S. Vogelmann proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and Mr. M. Pencharz thanked the convener, Miss H. Jaffe, for organising this interesting evening.

Young Israel Society.

The Young Israel Society's Annual June Night Frolics Dance, which was held in the Communal Hall on Saturday night, 17th June, attracted a large gathering. During the course of the evening Miss Yvonne Viljoen and partner gave an exhibition of ballroom dancing. Music was provided by Klasie Fourie and his Swing Band.

On Wednesday, 5th July, an interesting function was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Herberg. This took the form of a "General Knowledge" evening on Palestine. Mr. S. Morris was in the chair, and the questions were asked by Mr. W. Rubin. There was a fair sprinkling of Herzlia members present. Mr.

R. Collins read the Zionist news of the past few weeks, and the Misses Cecilia and Betty Fainsinger contributed musical items.

S.A.J.B.D.

On Sunday, 10th July, a drive was made for the collection of clothes for the refugees in Palestine, and it is hoped to send a very large parcel.

Ladies' Benevolent Society.

A successful card evening was held in the Communal Hall on Saturday, 8th July. A large number of people attended and an appreciable amount was raised.

Bris Melah.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Goldblatt on the birth of a son. The Bris Melah took place on the 3rd July and was attended by a large gathering.

Obituary.

The death took place on Friday, the 16th June, of Mr. M. Fine, a well-known member of the community. The funeral was attended by a large number of people. Mr. Fine leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, Mrs. I. L. Horwitz, wife of Mr. I. L. Horwitz, K.C., to whom sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

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