

Zionist Youth Activities.

Town and Country Rally. The programme of the inter-function of town and country societies during the coming week-end at the end will undoubtedly prove instructive and valuable. The proceedings will commence with a welcome social at the Empire Theatre, and, on Saturday evening, 27th instant, there will be short addresses of welcome, songs and dancing. Throughout Sunday there will be a "Jewish Congress" which will discuss the following matters: (1) The religious position and Palestine's ability to cope with immigration. (2) The political position of Zionism, the Biltmore programme and relations with the United Nations. (3) The Arabs and an Arab Federation. (4) Tendencies undermining Zionism to-day. (5) Zionism and South African Jewish affairs. Each topic will be introduced by a prepared speech. There will be an official luncheon to delegates. The Rally will conclude with an informal social evening. Zionist youth members for whom accommodation has not been reserved are nevertheless welcome to attend all sessions. Particulars of trains, etc., may be obtained from the office.

Oneg Shabbat. Close on two hundred people representing the Gardens branch of the Broth Zion Association, Zionist Youth Societies and Habonim Gedudim in Cape Town, packed the Minor Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 19th instant, for the monthly Oneg Shabbat which was specially devoted to Purim. The stifling heat provided many difficulties, but despite it a most enjoyable evening was spent. There was animated Hebrew singing by Miss Sheila Inspektor, items by Bonim and Bonim and the G.O.Z.S. (the latter being a dramatic Purim play-reading). The highlight was undoubtedly the brilliant address by Cantor Immerman on the significance of Purim, in the course of which he contrasted the political ideologies of those days with current trends. His speech was most enthusiastically received. Mr. S. M. Levin, who presided, referred to the happy co-operation between seniors and youth and thanked the ladies for their efforts in acting as hostesses. He also referred to the forthcoming Shekel and plebiscite drive. Mrs. B. Cohen responded briefly on behalf of the Broth Zion.

Visits. Societies addressed by members of the Executive in the past week included Matieland, Claremont-Wynberg and Sea Point. **Shekel Day.** There was an excellent turnout of Zionist Youth members for the Shekel mass in Cape Town on Sunday, 21st inst. Youth canvassers also took part in many of the suburban drives.

A meeting of the **Muizenberg Young Israel Society** was held on Sunday, 7th March, at the Talmud Torah Hall.

The main feature of the evening was an address by Mr. S. M. Levin, who spoke mainly of the work of Jews in Palestine and their contribution to the war effort. He also dealt

with current Zionist issues and the need for fuller participation in Zionist affairs.

Miss Milly Kosover rendered a song and Miss Sara Rubik played the piano.

Mr. M. Cohen, the Chairman, thanked Mr. Levin for his address. Dancing followed.

A very successful Purim social was held by the **Paarl Junior Zionist Society** on Sunday, 21st March, at the Paarl Talmud Torah Hall. There was a very large attendance of members, including some visitors. The programme was as follows: News commentary by Mr. Solly Fuchs; a short reading about Purim by Miss Sybil Berman; musical items by Misses Joyce Volks and Hilda Abrahams; Purim items by Misses Chana Gulis, Paula Sacks and Hilda Abrahams. A Purim play was staged which proved to be very successful. The meeting concluded with dancing.

The meeting of the **Young Poale Zion** to be held on the 26th March will take the form of a Literary Evening. On Saturday, 27th, there will be a social at the residence of Miss F. Astrinsky. All members are requested to attend.

At the last meeting of the **Young W.I.Z.O.** held at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday evening, 17th instant, Miss R. Sakinofsky was in the chair. A short discussion took place with regard to future meetings. Mrs. Jane Dickman then read an interesting paper on the achievements of Wizo in Eretz Israel, especially in the fields of agriculture and industry in war-time. Mrs. R. Sebba, the sewing convenor, handed out garments to those present.

The Hebrew classes, though not largely attended, are proving successful. Miss E. Boerbaitz is the tutor. Mrs. Harriet Levin has been appointed convenor of the Young W.I.Z.O.

The third meeting of the year was held by the **Oudtshoorn Young Israel Society** at the Hebrew School Hall on Sunday night, 7th March.

After the Chairman, Mr. M. Newman, had opened the meeting a talk was given by Mr. Bennie Noieck, entitled "The Political contribution by the Jews to the war effort in the Middle East and Palestine's importance in the Middle East." The next item was five minutes' heckling which was thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by a news-service read by Mr. Newman. He also gave a summary of Dr. Anni Samuelsdorff's talk. Then followed a recitation by Miss Naomi Friedman which was most enjoyable. Ten questions were asked by Mr. George Batzofin. In conclusion the Chairman wished good-luck to Miss C. Chatckelson who had joined up and was leaving for Pretoria shortly.

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Paarl Wizo Group.

On Sunday, the 14th March, the Paarl Wizo Group held a card evening and sale of goods in the Talmud Torah Hall in aid of funds for the J.N.F.; this proved an outstanding success.

The Chairlady, Mrs. F. Levinsohn, welcomed the many people who had come to buy the goods collected by the energetic members, Mesdames B. Faktor, L. Orolowitz, I. Gulis, J. Friedman and R. Kaplan. She explained the purpose of the function and stressed the importance and the special needs of the J.N.F. at the present moment.

The goods were quickly disposed of and the commendable amount of £70 was raised.

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