

Synagogue and Talmud Torah Hall for Kensington Building Committee Appointed

AT the annual general meeting of the Kensington Hebrew Congregation, held at the Communal Hall, Orion Street, last Sunday morning, it was decided to establish a permanent independent Building and Fund-raising Committee for the purpose of erecting a synagogue and Talmud Torah. This committee was instructed to report on its progress in six month's time.

A motion to this effect was submitted by Mr. M. Sarovitch and during the discussion several members asked that the erection of the Talmud Torah should receive preference in the proposed building programme.

The meeting also adopted a motion, proposed by Mr. M. Jacobs, that the dual positions of spiritual head of the congregation and principal of the Talmud Torah be separated so as to enable the incumbents of these positions to devote their undivided attention to their duties.

Chairman's Report

Mr. S. I. Drukman, chairman of the council, who presided, reported a year of satisfactory progress in all spheres of the congregation's activities. He stated that the membership had been increased to 265 and stressed the need for increased accommodation. He mentioned that the report of the Jewish Board of Education on the Talmud Torah indicated a very high standard of scholastic ability. He suggested the formation of a Parents' Committee in the interests of the Talmud Torah.

Dr. Drukman also expressed the view that the United Hebrew Congregation should take the initiative in

Children's Concert at Kensington

Mrs. Z. Koseff and Mrs. M. Kamion-sky staged a successful children's concert in the Communal Hall, Orion Street, Kensington, on Wednesday night, April 2.

A substantial sum was raised for the synagogue and Talmud Torah Building Fund.

A beautiful cocktail tray, kindly donated by Mr. B. Deitch, the vice-president, was sold by American auction, which helped to swell the fund considerably.

The chairman, Mr. S. I. Drukman, thanked the children and organisers.

Jewish Cultural Centre

In the article published in last week's issue of this paper in connection with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie's generous gift for a Jewish Cultural Centre in Jerusalem, it was incorrectly stated that Mrs. R. Lourie was the first president of the Johannesburg Ladies' Zionist Association in 1924. Mrs. Lourie was actually the first president of the Johannesburg Ladies' Zionist Association in 1904, a year before the first South African Zionist Conference was held in the Masonic Hall, Johannesburg, in 1905.

Mrs. Hannah Weiler

Mrs. Hannah Weiler, who is one of the principal owners of the Carna Mineral Water Factory of Haifa Bay, is on a visit to Johannesburg and is staying with her son and daughter-in-law, Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Weiler.

combining all the major suburban congregations so as to bring them under one control particularly in the financial and social spheres. This, he felt, would promote unity and make for harmonious congregational relationship. He also suggested the establishment of a Community Council for the Eastern Districts of Johannesburg.

The financial statement was presented by Mr. I. Schwartzman.

Office-bearers

The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. S. Fine; vice-president, Mr. G. Steinlauf; hon. treasurer, Mr. I. Schwartzman; hon. secretary, Mr. M. Hirsch; committee, Messrs. S. Green, G. Iserow, I. Friedman, R. Kirkel, J. Miller, Z. Koseff, S. Schwartz, A. Jackson, S. Getz, M. Flax and L. Sosnovich.

Variety Concert for Ort-Oze

Seldom has there been such an array of talent at a concert as that seen at the variety concert given by the North-Eastern branch of the Ort-Oze at the S.O.E. Hall, Orange Grove, on April 3.

The following artists contributed to the success of the evening: Alter's Balalaika Orchestra, Mr. L. Hisko-witz, Mr. Edgar Salmon, Miss Salmon, Mrs. Jayne Sussman, Rev. O. Altschuler, Faivel Ziegelbaum, Mr. R. Shalit. Mr. Eric Egan was the com-pere.

The evening was opened by Rev. O. Altschuler, the chairman of the North-Eastern branch, and was addressed by Mr. R. Feldman, M.P.C., who described the work of the Ort-Oze as the organised effort to make Jewish life economically normal and physically healthy.

Zionist Socialist Party Functions Cancelled

The meetings announced to take place on April 14 at the Sive Hall and the Doornfontein Talmud Torah have unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Following the successful inauguration of the Keren Hayesod and Wizo campaign, the task of branch canvassing is going full speed ahead and reports received up to date show the solidarity of the Jewish women behind the Zionist cause.

Branch Reports

Parkview-Westcliff. — Reports of branch annual meetings are still being received, and it is gratifying to learn that Mrs. J. Cartoon, who has been chairman of the Parkview-Westcliff branch since its inception in 1929, has taken on a further term of office. In recognition of her services, her branch has inscribed her name in the Golden Book.

A well attended meeting of this branch, held at Mrs. Bilchik's home, listened attentively to the chairman's report, which reflected marked progress in every sphere of activity. Mrs. H. Davidoff extended the congratulations of the executive.

The following were elected to the new committee: Chairman, Mrs. J. Cartoon; vice-chairmen, Mesdames E. Hechter and J. Glaser; jt. hon. secretaries, Mesdames M. Adler and Wohl-gemuth; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Cope-lyn; J.N.F. convener, Mrs. L. Woolf; K.H. convener, Mrs. J. Bennun; sewing convener, Mrs. E. Hechter. These office-bearers will have the support of a strong committee.

Mayfair Branch.—At the annual general meeting of the Mayfair branch, held at the home of Mrs. H. Sandler, Mrs. Ray Segall was elected chairman, following on the resignation of Mrs. Ostroff owing to ill-health. The branch reported a year of successful activity, and Mesdames B. Gordon and I. W. Jacobson, of the executive, extended their congratulations on the branch's achievements.

The following committee was elected: Hon. life chairmen, Mrs. A. R. Bloch and Mrs. S. Ostroff; chairman, Mrs. Ray Segall; vice-chairmen, Mesdames S. Moch and L. Simon; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Lewis; K.H. conveners, Mesdames Ray Segall and S. Ostroff; hon. secretary, Mrs. Simon; J.N.F. convener, Mrs. Moch; sewing conveners, Mesdames Riebeck and Fedler; cultural convener, Mrs. Sandler; committee, Mesdames Fogelman, Miller, Krossynski, Gordon, Maron, Kangisser, Harris, Sachs, Riebeck,

Sandler, Fedler, Milner, Idelman, Fabram.

Tree certificates were presented to the following: Miss Gordon, Mrs. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Fabram, who each received five trees, and Miss L. Ostroff, who received one tree.

Address by Dr. Rappaport

Dr. S. Rappaport, Rabbi of the Reform Congregation, will address the Henrietta Szold branch on "Sholem Aleichim" at the home of Mrs. Cob-lentz, 87 Francis Street, Yeoville, on April 29 at 8 p.m.

Competition Result

The prize in the competition organised by the Yeoville branch for Wizo funds was won by Miss Miriam Lipman. Mrs. Pincus has resumed chair-manship of the branch after an absence of some month, and at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lip-schitz, 25 Bedford Road, Yeoville, she thanked Mesdames Wunsh and S. Backon for carrying on so ably during her absence.

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