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“A NIGHT IN PALESTINE”

Opening Function for J.N.F. Week

A PALESTINIAN atmosphere will prevail at the dinner on Monday night, August 19, when J.N.F. Week will be formally opened by Mr. N. Kirschner, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation. The function has been well named “A Night in Palestine”—“How beautiful are the nights in Canaan.”

A full orchestra and well-known artists will present Palestine in music and song. All the musical arrangements are under the direction of Mr. Solly Aronowsky. Tickets at £1 1s. each are available from Mrs. A. G. Kark (‘phone 44-6904), Mrs. D. Balkin (43-1350) or any member of the Hillbrow Committee. Booking is open at Polliack’s from August 12 to 17.

First Post-War Ball

The Saxonwold Branch, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bella Epstein, is organising the first large-scale Jewish Ball to be held in Johannesburg since the outbreak of war. It is anticipated, from the keen demand for tickets, that this will be a social highlight of J.N.F. Week. Dancers are assured of the hottest music from Roy Martin and his Orchestra, an excellent supper, a congenial atmosphere and an outstanding floor show. Tickets at £3 3s. are available from Mrs. Epstein (‘phone 41-2557), Mrs. I. Gering (‘phone 41,3187), or any member of the Saxonwold Committee.

All competitors in the Essay and Poster Competition are reminded of the closing date August 6. The 1946 competition has brought many entries from far-flung cities and towns in South Africa, and the judges will be faced with no mean task. Details are available from Mrs. A. Harris (‘phone 44-2087) or the League Office (‘phone 33-7704).



MRS. BELLA EPSTEIN, Convener of the J.N.F. Ball to be held on August 21



MRS. A. G. KARK, J.N.F. Convener, Hillbrow Branch

Symposium by Friends of Palestine Orchestra and Habimah

An evening for theatre-goers and friends of the stage is being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Zidel, 47 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, on Sunday night August 11 at 8 p.m.

Mr. Dave Goldblatt (producer of “Jacobowsky and the Colonel”) will speak on “Production;” Mr. Louis Jacobson (well-known costume designer) on “Costumes;” and Mr. Hanns Ebenstein (who is at present engaged in costume and decor work for the Municipal Ballet Season to be staged at the Standard Theatre in September) will speak on “Decor.”

All members and friends are welcome.

Bloemfontein Hebrew Speaking Circle

An interesting meeting of the Circle took place on July 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cramer.

Mr. M. Wolozinsky presided, and delivered an address on the life and works of Nahum Sokolow, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the death of the departed leader.

Poems by the late I. Katznelson and U. Z. Greenberg were read by Dr. M. Bloch and Mr. M. Wolozinsky respectively.

Mr. I. Fogel proposed the vote of thanks.

The next meeting will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Fogel on August 17.

Messrs. Gotz and Rosen Visit Gwelo and Selukwe

Mr. S. Gotz, member of the Executive of the Rhodesian Zionist Council, and Mr. A. Rosen, Organiser-Secretary, visited Gwelo and Selukwe, and addressed well-attended meetings in both towns. In Gwelo the meeting was held in the Synagogue, and Mr. Lionel Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Gwelo Zionist Society, was in the chair. In Selukwe, Mr. Levy, Chairman of the Selukwe Zionist Society, presided at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. Grill.

In Gwelo a Zionist Youth Society was formed at a Youth meeting, and addressed by Mr. Rosen at the home of Mrs. S. Seider. The boys and girls showed a deep interest in the Jewish problem, and with enthusiasm formed themselves into a Society.

ENTERTAINMENTS IN AID OF THE JWA

Warmbaths Makes Splendid Effort

A children’s concert, held at the Castle Hotel, Warmbaths, on July 9 in aid of the JWA realised £30. The success of the concert is due to Mr. and Mrs. Buskin, the proprietors, and the Misses H. Wolfsdorf, E. Lewin S. Sacher and Messrs. S. Segal, J. Wolfsdorf, L. Koven, and A. Glaser.

A concert held at the Warmbaths Communal Hall on Thursday July 11, realised £130. This amount is being distributed between the J.N.F. and the JWA.

The organisers, to whom the success is due, were Mrs. L. Karp and Mr. Charlie Segal of Pretoria, Miss Sylvia Crouse of Springs and Mr. Hymie Abelman of Johannesburg.

Special thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. S. Katz of Johannesburg, for donating the horse shoe for an American auction, and to Mrs. Janie Suzman for her songs.

Novel Suggestion for Raising Funds

Mrs. Helen Schultz, of the Green-side Women’s Branch of the JWA, has sent in three envelopes to the JWA containing £6, £4 and £2. These amounts represent approximately the respective ages of her children.

Mrs. Schultz suggests that other members of the community follow her example as a means of raising funds for the JWA.

Klerksdorp Women Hold Fete for JWA

The Klerksdorp Branch of the JWA organised a most successful fete at the Cheder Hall, Klerksdorp, recently, as a result of which a considerable sum was raised for the JWA Appeal and the Committee are to be complimented on the excellent results of their work.

During the evening Messrs. H. Hertzberg and J. A. Campbell organised a “Court of Injustice,” which, as well as adding to the entertainment, proved to be an excellent source for the raising of further funds.

FURTHER PROTEST MEETINGS AGAINST ACTION IN PALESTINE

HARRISMITH

In Harrismith the protest meeting was held at the local Hebrew Hall, and was attended by the entire community. The speakers were the Rev. Olesko, Mrs. Green, Mr. H. Chodos (Secretary of the Jewish Society) and Mr. H. Cohen (Chairman of the Harrismith Hebrew Congregation).

VREDE

The local Synagogue was the venue of the protest meeting in Vrede. Mr. N. Ellman vice-chairman of the Congregation presided, and he was supported on the platform by Mr. N. Hersch, the treasurer. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Borowitz (who officiated) as well as by Mr. L. Lipschitz and Master Henry Shakinovsky (who spoke on behalf of the Youth). Mr. Ellman and Mrs. Borowitz thanked the speakers.

On a resolution moved by Mr. N. Hersch, the meeting decided to show its solidarity with the Yishuv by forming a strong Zionist society in Vrede. Mrs. Borowitz was elected chairman.

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