

PRETORIA STAGES SUCCESSFUL J.N.F. WEEK

THE opening of the exhibition of Jewish art and culture by the Rt. Hon. Dr. Colin Steyn was the introduction to a week of intense activity by the Pretoria Women's Zionist League.

In addition to the exhibition, the programme included a sherry party, an orchestral concert by the augmented Iscor Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Traunek, with Fanny Sugarman (soprano), Lessie Samuels (pianist) and Eric Rosen (violinist) as the soloists, also a donor's dinner and morning market. A concert by musical festival contestants and a film afternoon were arranged for the children.

Mr. C. Gershter, editor of the "Zionist Record," gave a talk on "What Is Jewish Culture," while Mr. Rene Shapshak, the well-known Jewish painter and sculptor, spoke on Jewish art.

The main fund-raising effort of the J.N.F. Week was the donors' dinner addressed by Mr. Bernard Gering, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Rev. Dr. I. H. Levine welcomed Mr. Gering, and paid tribute to the chairman and committee for their untiring efforts on behalf of J.N.F. Week.

Mr. Gering briefly reviewed the historic events during the past 15 months. Referring to immigration, Mr. Gering said that rumours of a new betrayal and breach of faith by friends decided the Yishuv to resist. "I would have thought less of the Yishuv if they had not resisted—I would not have been so confident," he said.

A most encouraging feature was the fact that immigration still continued and that new settlements were being established. He thanked God for the women's organisations through whose untiring efforts the new settlements in the Negev were made possible

financially, adding: "And you, the Jewish women of Pretoria, are helping."

A happy atmosphere pervaded the function, which was enhanced by the Jerry Idelson Trio, who played songs of the Jewish Brigade as well as a number of Palestinian tunes. Jayne Sussman most delightfully rendered several vocal items, including a Hebrew song.

Mrs. Annie Levi, chairman of the Pretoria Women's Zionist League, thanked Mr. Gering and Rev. Dr. Levine and also the women for helping to make J.N.F. Week such an outstanding success.

(A report of Dr. Colin Steyn's speech was published in last week's "Zionist Record."—Ed., "Z.R.")

Germiston Study Group

In the Study Group for Midrash and Jewish Literature, which is being conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. Lichtigfeld, minister of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston, Dr. Lichtigfeld has now inaugurated a new series of lectures dealing with "Eretz Israel—Past and Present," which he will deliver after the Sabbath morning service.

J.N.F. WEEK AT DURBAN

Women's Zionist League's Great Success

Durban's J.N.F. Week, which opened with a grand fete and concluded with a children's party, was an outstanding success socially, educationally and financially, and was a triumph of organisation and co-operative endeavour.

The fete was opened by Mrs. A. H. Freedman at the Durban Jewish Club on November 11. There was a big crowd present and the various stalls were well patronised. The number and the variety of the goods displayed and offered for sale provided evidence of the keenness of the organisers and the generosity of donors. Perhaps the stall which attracted most attention was that on which were exhibited a splendid range of Palestinian products. Most visitors were amazed at what they saw was being produced in Eretz Israel.

During the course of the evening there was dancing in the adjoining tea-room, while on the stage was a burlesque crazy hat fashion parade and an amusing ankle competition for men and women.

On Wednesday night there was a film show, the two features being "Land of Hope" and "Path To Tomorrow." The latest Palestinian records were played.

A "braaivleisaand" attended by hundreds of people was held on Saturday, November 16 at the beautiful "Doone Estate" at Manors, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beare. The estate "retainers" put on a Zulu dance, and Mrs. M. Erlich—described as "the only European Zulu in the Southern Hemisphere"—did a splendid

native dance in costume. The function was arranged by a committee headed by Mrs. Sarkin which did a tremendous amount of work. Special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Beare.

Sunday afternoon saw the "grand finale" when the Durban Jewish Club main hall was packed with children and their proud parents for the fun and games provided. It was a striking success and reflected great credit on the Durban North group and their husbands. A mannequin parade was put on by the "Tiny Tots" parlour and there was some excellent children's dancing.

It is impossible to mention by name all those who worked tirelessly for many weeks to make the J.N.F. Week of 1946 a memorable one. Credit is due to Mrs. Jack Fisher, the convener of the women's committee, Mesdames A. Levine and A. O. Savell, who acted as joint hon. secretaries, Mr. Hadany, of the men's society, and Mr. Bill Stone, who was responsible for all publicity for the week.

Cantor and Mrs. Alter Inscribed in Golden Book

Cantor and Mrs. I. Alter have been inscribed in the Golden Book by the Zionist Socialist Party in appreciation of their contribution to Jewish culture.

Mrs. Sadie Kaplan

Mrs. Sadie Kaplan, the well-known Zionist and communal worker, has been appointed a member of the "National Affairs Association," which was recently formed in Bulawayo.



MRS. ALTSHULER

Rev. Yesorsky and Mrs. Altshuler Inaugurate Bethlehem Keren Hayesod Campaign

Bethlehem's 1946 Keren Hayesod campaign was inaugurated at a well-attended meeting, which was addressed by the Rev. W. Yesorsky and Mrs. S. Altshuler, member of the S.A. Women's Zionist Council.

Mr. W. Kaplan, who presided, warmly welcomed the visitors, and a cordial welcome was also extended by Mrs. Tobias, on behalf of the Bethlehem Women's Zionist League.

The Rev. Yesorsky spoke on the position of Jewry in relation to the Palestine situation and on the achievements of Palestine Jewry, and emphasised the undaunted spirit and confidence of the Yishuv.

Mrs. Altshuler stressed the vital role which Zionism was playing in the destiny of our people, and commented on the significant achievement of the establishment of the 12 new settlements in the Negev.

Votes of thanks were moved by Mr. H. Shiffren and Mr. B. Munitz.

The community responded generously, the figures to date comparing favourably with those of the last campaign.

Mrs. M. Rosin to Tour Kenya

Mrs. M. Rosin, leading Salisbury Zionist worker, is going to Kenya on Sunday and will stay there for about a week. She will address meetings in Nairobi and will also visit Kitale, El Doret and Nakuru. The Kenya Zionist Organisation has all arrangements well in hand, and there is no doubt that her visit will greatly stimulate Zionist activity in that territory.

Monthly Dances at Bacher's Farm in Aid of Magen David Adom

Mr. K. Bacher is arranging monthly open-air dances and "Braaivleis," at his farm on the main road to Randfontein, in aid of the Magen David Adom. The first of these functions will be held on Saturday night, November 30.

For information regarding tickets and transport arrangements, please phone 22-1029.

"Mock Broadcast" at Benoni

The Benoni Women's Zionist League are holding a "Mock Broadcast" on November 24, at 8 p.m., at the Hebrew Hall. A similar function was held in Springs last month and proved an outstanding success.

Zionist Socialists to Hold Conversazione

The Johannesburg branch of the Zionist Socialist Party is arranging a conversazione for November 24 at the Coronation Hall. Mr. Rybko will speak on "Unappreciated Factors in Jewish Life." A news review will be given by Adv. M. Schneider.

MR. Z. INFELD ADDRESSES KIMBERLEY MEETING

An address on the significance of the Balfour Declaration was delivered by Mr. Z. Infeld, cultural officer of the S.A. Zionist Federation, at a meeting held at Kimberley on November 10. Mr. H. Stoller presided.

Mr. Infeld traced the events leading up to the declaration and the subsequent whittling down of Britain's pledges. Mr. Infeld emphasised that only by presenting a united front could Jewry hope to achieve its goal.

Mr. D. Cohen proposed the vote of thanks.

LT.-COL. NADICH AT EAST LONDON

East London Jewry turned up in full force at the reception given in honour of Lt.-Col. Judah Nadich at the Clarendon Hotel on October 22.

Mr. A. Addleson, chairman of the local fund, presided and extended a welcome to Lt.-Col. Nadich as well as to Messrs. L. Frank, R. Raphaely and A. Lippa. Rabbi Dr. M. Wald welcomed the visitors on behalf of the East London Hebrew Congregation.

Lt.-Col. Nadich delivered a forceful address and was suitably thanked by Mr. Mayer Hertz.

The great success of the appeal in East London was due in large measure to the preliminary work done by Messrs. Frank and Raphaely and to Messrs. A. Addleson, M. Segall, S. Strelitz, Mayer Hertz, O. Ruttenberg, H. Winnett and S. Becker.

Lt.-Col. Nadich also addressed a crowded women's meeting at which Mrs. A. Schwartz, chairman of the Women's Committee, presided. A gratifying feature of the response was the number of donations from children.

The Ladies' Collecting Committee is as follows: Mesdames A. Schwartz, S. Traub, D. Lentin (hon. secretary), B. Feinson, J. Strelitz, O. Ruttenberg, M. Pincus, H. Edelstein, M. Segall, A. Laden, C. Touyz, L. Jaffe, N. Strelitz, R. Zuckerman, Meyer Kimmel, N. Wilken, S. Strelitz, G. Behr and H. Pincus.

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