

FEDERATION OF LITHUANIAN JEWS

At the meeting of the Executive of the Federation of Lithuanian Jews on Monday, June 9, it was decided to establish a permanent office of the Federation.

All those present undertook to enrol members. It was also decided to carry out a systematic enrolment in Johannesburg and on the Reef. Much important work in this connection is expected from the Ladies' Section, under the leadership of Mrs. Kaganton. An invitation is extended to all ladies able to help to send in their names to the Secretary, P.O. Box 6794, Johannesburg.

It was announced that the following contributions had been promised to assist the Lithuanian refugees in Sweden:—Kupishker Society, Keidener Society and Poneyesher Society, £250 each.

It was also decided to send off food parcels at once for the 21 Lithuanian T.B. patients in Munich, and £25 for the needy war invalids in Palestine. A letter from the Association of Russian and Lithuanian Jews in Paris appealing for urgent help for the numerous needy refugees from Lithuania was read, and it was decided to send immediately 25 food parcels, appealing at the same time to the S.A. Jewish War Appeal to double the number of these parcels.

The next meeting of the Executive will take place on Monday, June 18, at the residence of Mr. S. Shewitz, 7, Central Street, Lower Houghton.

A meeting of the Council will take place on Monday, June 23, at the H.C.D. Hall, to deal with the amendments to the Federation's Constitution.

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Cape Town Congregation Opposed to Union of Orthodox Synagogues

THE 105th Annual General Meeting of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation was held on Sunday, June 8, in the Old Synagogue. This was the first function arranged to take place in the "Old Shul" since its recent renovation, which now makes the well-known "Old Shul" one of Cape Town's cosiest meeting places.

Mr. Max Rabie, who was in the chair, paid tribute to the late Dr. Bernstein, the President of the Congregation who had passed away whilst still in office. He then reviewed the affairs of the Congregation.

Mr. A. Friedlander, seconding the adoption of the Report, referred to the financial position of the Congregation. With increasing liabilities it might be necessary, said Mr. Friedlander, for members to have to give consideration to an increase in seat rentals.

Resolution Defeated

A resolution moved by Mr. Clouts

(a) That this Congregation in general meeting assembled is in favour of the establishment of a Union of Orthodox Synagogues for South Africa; and

(b) That this Congregation joins such Union of Orthodox Synagogues was after a lengthy discussion defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The following were elected on the Committee:

Messrs. A. Aronson, P. M. Cohen, A. Roland Cohen, A. Friedlander, Henry

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The following, who were elected last year, are on the Committee until 1948: Mrs. J. Benson, Messrs. L. Gradner, B. W. Hoffmann A. V. Jacob, J. O. Markovitz, Max Rabie and Adv. S. L. Schach.

The Committee will, at the first meeting, elect among themselves the Executive and office bearers.

BENONI'S YOUTH ALIYAH EFFORT

A Musical Treat

The Town (Main) Hall will again be the venue for a grand concert on June 28, at 8.15 p.m. The Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Joseph Traunek, will be heard in several works. The orchestra will also accompany Bruno Raikin (pianist) in the 1st Movement of Tchaikovsky's Concerto and Jean Gluckman (contralto) in vocal renditions.

Chief Cantor Israel Alter's magnificent tenor will be heard in Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs and other items.

Residents of the entire Reef will wish to be present at this truly great musical event, and tickets (10s., 7s. 6d., 5s.) may be booked at Messrs. Home Appliances.

At a function for Youth Aliyah given by Mrs. Treisman, of 76 Ark Royal, Pieterse Street, Hospital Hill, the sum of £10 10s. was raised.

Progress of Bikkur Cholim

THE fifth annual general meeting of the Bikkur Cholim Society took place at the Hebrew High School Hall on Sunday.

The Chairman, Mr. Louis Isaacson, presented his report for the year, showing that the membership of the society was well over 4,000. The financial position of the society was

hoped that with the generous support of the Johannesburg public, an even greater number may be sent down at the end of this year.

It was reported, with regret, that very little had been accomplished towards the establishment of the Convalescent Home, the participants being representatives from the Aged Home, Chevra Kadisha and this society. It was suggested that the Aged Home, which had to care for many chronic sick cases, should take the initiative in the establishment of a new Convalescent Home.

ADDRESS BY RABBI WEILER

Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler pointed out that the work of the society was not sufficiently known to the Jewish public of Johannesburg. He felt that more publicity was needed. He advised the meeting that two of his colleagues were regularly visiting the General Hospital. He suggested that the prisons should be visited, but it was pointed out that it would be more desirable for members of the clergy to do this work.

Mr. M. G. Marcus expressed his appreciation of the work done, but complained that there was insufficient publicity in connection with the meeting.

Mr. S. Asher congratulated the Executive on the excellence of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet. He also felt that the work of the society was not receiving sufficient publicity, and he suggested that all Jewish institutions should be approached to provide additional workers.

Mr. H. Sadowsky deplored the fact that nothing had been done in the matter of the establishing of the Convalescent Home.

The following was the newly-elected Committee:

Chairman, Mr. L. Isaacson; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. M. Cohen and Z. Bloch; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Marks; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. H. Cohen; Trustees, Messrs. I. Frankel, A. Navias, I. Radus and E. Miller.

Committee: Mesdames P. Klein, R. Braude, M. Donsky, Y. Nathan, S. Slomowitz, B. H. Feldman, Cohen, Hurwitz, S. Pillemer and B. Rabinowitz; Messrs. B. Donsky, H. Sadowsky, I. Nieberg, M. Chatkin, S. Sneag, S. Raphaelson, B. Savetz, I. Pearson, R. Davidowitz and A. Beitler.



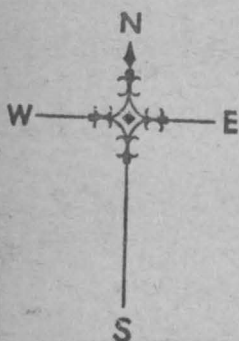
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very sound, the cash on hand being over £4,500. The society intends to devote these funds towards the cost of establishing a new convalescent home for chronic cases.

As usual, the society continued to carry out its comprehensive programme of visiting hospitals, which included regular visits to the General Hospital, the Transvaal Provincial Home, the Hope Home for Children and all the most important Nursing Homes, as well as numerous private cases. The work had been carried out by a small band of devoted workers and the Chairman made an urgent appeal to the audience to come forward to assist the noble work of visiting the sick.

During December, 1946, the society conducted the Bikkur Cholim Children's Seaside Camp and sufficient funds had been raised to send down a party of 73 children to Lakeside, Muizenberg, for three weeks. It is

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