

**BRAKPAN WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE**

The annual general meeting of the Brakpan Women's Zionist League, held at the Town Hall Lecture Room recently, the chairman, R. Eschur, gave a comprehensive report of a very successful and busy year.

Deborah Katzen, the guest-speaker, gave a most illuminating talk on the political factors which led to partition. She stressed the need for continued support to the N.F. and impressed the audience with the knowledge that we are a younger generation, privileged with leadership for the first time in 19 years.

Mrs. Altshuler proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Katzen and voiced the thanks of all present when she said that the speaker had given us new courage.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place.

**PRETORIA JEWISH HELPING HAND AND BURIAL SOCIETY Jubilee Annual Meeting**

In opening the 50th annual general meeting of the Pretoria Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society, the president, Mr. L. Resnik, welcomed Rabbi Dr. E. Neufeld and his wife and family to Pretoria.

Rabbi Dr. Neufeld presented Mr. Jaffe with a Golden Book Certificate in appreciation of his valuable services rendered to the Society as treasurer for many years.

The meeting unanimously resolved to inscribe the name of Mr. M. Levitan in the Golden Book in appreciation of his outstanding services rendered to the Society.

Mr. L. Resnik (president), Mr. A. N. Jacobs (vice-president), and Mr. S. Friedlander (treasurer), were re-elected for the third successive year.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. H. Sher and Mr. S. Jaffe (trustees); Mr. Morris H. Kaplan (secretary); Committee: Messrs. M. Levitan, G. Eting, H. Sapirstein, M. Simon, H. Miller, W. Katzeff, H. Shames and E. Mark.

**FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY**

**CONFERENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN ORT-OZE**

The S.A. Ort-Oze is holding its first National Conference in Johannesburg on Sunday, 23, and Monday, 24 May (Empire Day), 1948, at the Carlton Hotel.

**Dr. Syngalowski on I.R.O. Committee**

Dr. A. Syngalowski, Executive Chairman of the World Ort Union, has been appointed a member of the newly-established Advisory Committee on Resettlement and Vocational Training of Specialists of the International Refugee Organisation.

**Ort-Oze in Benoni**

The Ort-Oze Committee of the Benoni Union of Jewish Women recently met at the residence of Mrs. Bernstein.

Several "At Homes" were arranged as well as a musical afternoon. Messdames Ziskind and Sakalofsky have joined the committee. Mrs. Ziskind, one of the prize winners of the last Ort-Oze competition, has made a handsome donation towards Ort-Oze funds.

the Union, has decided to form National Headquarters in Johannesburg with Mrs. F. Behrmann in charge as honorary organising secretary.

It is hoped that Mrs. Behrmann will shortly be able to undertake a tour of various centres with the purpose of establishing Women's Ort-Oze branches.

**LEMAAN HASHABBATH**

The dining-room of the Mirkin-Seeff Kasher Hotel in Berea was filled to capacity on the 18th inst., when Rabbi S. I. Mirkin presided over a Literary Evening arranged by the Lemaan Hashabbath Organisation. Speaking also as host, he welcomed the large gathering, expressing the hope that that would be the first of many occasions on which members and sympathisers of Lemaan Hashabbath would meet under the roof of the Mirkin-Seeff.

Mrs. (Rabbi) M. Kossowsky appealed to the audience to stem the tide of degeneration that was leading to the desecration of the Sabbath—that institution that had given so much of beauty and sanctity to Judaism and Jewry, as well as to the world at large.



The main table at the "Mock Wedding" held under the auspices of the Southern Suburbs Women's Branch of the Jewish Appeal. Seated on the extreme right is Mr. Max Spitz, Chairman of the South African Jewish Appeal. Behind Mr. Spitz is Mrs. A. L. Kaplan, Chairman of the Southern Suburbs Branch. In the centre is the "bride," answering to her toast. (A full report appeared in last week's issue of the "Zionist Record.")

**ORT-OZE DIARY FOR 1948**

The S.A. Ort-Oze has published a pocket diary for 1948, which can be strongly recommended to all. Printed on clear paper in a convenient size and produced in an attractive red imitation leather cover, the diary contains the Jewish and English Calendars for the years 1948-49 (corresponding to 5708/9).

Copies may be obtained at 2s. 6d. each from Committee members or direct from the Ort-Oze office, 10, Unity House, 100, Fox Street, Johannesburg.

**MRS. BEHRMANN ON ORT-OZE TOUR**

The Women's Section of the S.A. Ort-Oze, in order to strengthen its work and to expand it throughout

Mr. E. S. Gastwirth, general secretary of the Mizrahi Federation of South Africa, traced the recent development of the revival of Jewish Religious Institutions in England. He disagreed with the statements of a certain Jewish Professor from England, suggesting a decline in Jewish religious life. Those statements did not represent the whole truth. He (the speaker), drew an interesting picture of religious activity for, and by, the Jewish youth especially, which was a healthy and hopeful sign.

Mr. I. J. Hersch delighted the audience with humorous Yiddish readings, and Mr. L. Franklin, joint organising secretary, also spoke.

**Vryheid**

A Chanukah concert was held by the Vryheid Zionist Youth at the



Children who participated in the Chanukah concert held by the Beth-lehem Hebrew School

Central Hotel Hall recently. The concert consisted mainly of plays and sketches, and the musical and vocal items were rendered by the younger members of the society. Rev. Keur greatly assisted in making the concert a success. The chairman, Yehudi Frane, who is leaving Vryheid was presented with a leather writing case by the members of the society. The following evening a farewell party was given in honour of the chairman and the secretary, Rena Rose, who is also leaving Vryheid.

**TEMPLE ISRAEL**

**Cape Town**

The first annual Speech Day programme of the Temple Israel Hebrew School was held in conjunction with the Children's Chanukah celebration. An impressive candle lighting ceremony was presented by the children of the primary grades. A choral reading, from the Book of Maccabees, was presented by the intermediates, and an exciting Quiz programme was presented by the children of the upper grades.

Dr. J. H. L. Shapiro, chairman of the School Board, presided, and prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. Salamon, chairman of the Sisterhood.

The following received prizes for distinction in their studies: Marion Walder, Leonard Isenstein, Simone Woolf, Angela Hart, Myrna Landau, Roslyn Matthews and Alvin Woolf.

Rabbi Sherman then addressed the children.

**Randfontein WIZO Competition**

The winner of the competition for an electric iron, in aid of Youth Aliyah, is Mrs. Greenbaum, 45, Grafton Road, Yeoville.

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