



YOUNG ISRAEL COLUMNS.

JUDEAN CENTRAL EXECUTIVE OF THE CAPE PROVINCE.

The Executive is still plodding along on its onward way, and steadily but steadfastly pursues its course.

An outstanding event of recent date was the South African Young Israel census, organised by the Executive, with the assistance of the Transvaal Executive. There are several returns outstanding, and we would urge upon the secretaries of societies the necessity of ending in their returns, duly completed, without delay. We gratefully acknowledge our thanks to the Juvenile Sub-committee of the South African Zionist Federation for circularising societies in furtherance of the census. We hope to publish statistics obtained in the next issue of the *Judean*.

Another event of outstanding importance was the Young Israel Stamp Day, held in the Cape early in August. The returns of the sale are not yet to hand, but we are afraid that a record has not been established. Societies are urged to send in remittances for stamps sold, without delay.

The Peninsula sub-committee of the Executive is setting to work with a will, and great things are expected to happen during the next few months, as a result of the activities of this committee.

At the latest meeting of the Executive held on the 19th August, Mr. J. Jowell (Paarl Y.M.S.) was elected assistant business secretary of the *Judean*.

We wish the S.A. Zionist Federation, the Transvaal Young Israel Central Executive, all Junior Jewish Societies throughout South Africa, and all fellow-Zionists, a happy and prosperous New Year.

"JUDEAN."

By this time the third issue of the *Judean* ought to have been "read, swallowed and digested" by everyone who is at all interested in the development of the Young Israel Movement in South Africa.

Preparations are already on foot for the publication of the fourth number towards the end of September. The closing date for receiving contributions for the next issue has been fixed for September 1st. Contributions are urgently required, and an appeal is made to all and sundry, especially to members of the Young Israel Societies, to send in contributions to

our columns. Secretaries of societies are also invited to send in reports for insertion, but they are exhorted to study brevity.

But contributions and literary efforts are not the only things we ask for. We also require the unstinted and continuous support of everybody interested in the Young Israel Movement, and especially of the Young Israel Societies, in so far as the financial side of the magazine is concerned. Remittances come in very slowly; this is to be attributed to the almost careless unconcern with which some secretaries of societies view matters. There are exceptions, of course, but in the vast majority of cases experience has taught us that secretaries of the junior societies ought to be much more enthusiastic in the performance of their duties.

We make an urgent appeal for annual subscribers. The subscription is 5s. per annum, payable in advance. Subscription forms may be obtained from the Business Secretary, *Judean*, P.O. Box 1588, Capetown.

THE YOUNG ISRAEL CENTRAL EXECUTIVE OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Report of Recent and Coming Activities.

The close of the year finds our executive in a very sound position. We began activities about a year ago with six societies represented; to-day we are pleased to record that we have doubled the number of societies represented, and we have every hope of further additions within a month or six weeks.

Under our auspices three societies have been formed, viz., Randfontein, Roodepoort, and Pretoria, and our executive must in this regard highly compliment Mr. Heymann, representing Krugersdorp on our council, in taking the initiative in forming the societies at Randfontein and Roodepoort.

Having established ourselves thus firmly with prospects of immediate further successes, the council thought that the time had come to confirm the action of the conference in electing the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, the hon. president. A deputation, consisting of Messrs. N. Metz (president), S. Joffe (vice-president) and H. Rajak (hon. secretary) was received by the Chief Rabbi at his residence on Wednesday evening, the 22nd August. Dr. Landau expressed his pleasure at the success we had achieved, and consented to lend his moral support in the furtherance of our executive's labours and to accept the position of hon. president.

Dr. Landau discussed with the deputation many problems and features of the Young Israel Movement, and when our members retired it was with many useful hints and a definite programme upon which to base further activities.

Our executive is to be congratulated upon the adoption of the bronze Young Israel badge by the Cape Judean Central Executive, making it thus the universal insignia of Young Israel throughout South Africa. The possessor of a badge therefore belongs not only to his individual society, but is a member of the whole movement.

We beg to announce that the Transvaal Young Israel Conference is to be held early in December in Johannesburg. Such societies as are not affiliated, and who may desire representation at this Conference, should communicate with the secretary (Box 3939, Johannesburg).

A census of Transvaal Young Israel is being held, and secretaries of societies who have not yet completed the forms handed to their representatives are requested to do so immediately, and those not yet in possession of these to communicate with the secretary.

The Transvaal Executive is receiving contributions and advertisements for our magazine—the *Judean*—published quarterly at Capetown. We appeal to all Young Israel to combine and help our little journal to flourish in the manner it richly deserves.

We beg to announce the resignation of Mr. J. Gering from the vice-presidency, and the election of Mr. S. Joffe, of Germiston, to the vacancy.

Our best wishes and New Year greetings are extended to our Hon. President, Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau; to the S.A. Zionist Federation; to the Judean Central Executive of the Cape Province; to all affiliated societies and all other Zionist Societies and Zionists.

Johannesburg Young Israel Society.

The annual National Fund Stamp Day, held on the 22nd July, proved very satisfactory, the total realised—£128 odd—exceeding last year's by several pounds.

The August activities of the society included no social, as the committee was desirous that there be no clashing with the great activities at present going on in the city for the "Arabian Nights Fête." A very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. Alfred L. Cohn on Sunday, 12th August, on "Great Jewish Statesmen." The lecturer dealt with some of the many great men whom our race has given the world, and prominent in his lecture were Leon Gambetta, Luzzatto, Ferdinand Lassalle, Disraeli, Jehuda Ben-jamin, and many others.

On the following Sunday we had great pleasure in entertaining a party from the Germiston Y.I.S. at an inter-debate. For the society, Mr. Saron moved that "Jewry has sufficiently responded to the offer given them by the Mandate." He dealt at length on the economic position of the Jews in the world to-day, especially in Eastern Europe, and showed how most Jews had done their utmost for their nation and their country. Mr. Joffe (Germiston) opposed, and pointed out that there were still many who were not yet moved by the stirring calls of our leaders. The seconders were Messrs. Sapire (Johannesburg) and Friedman (Germiston). After a discussion, which had to be shortened, owing to the fact that the visitors had arrived late, a vote was taken, the decision being, by a narrow margin, in favour of the Johannesburg Society.

On the same evening the committee and its visitors were entertained by Mrs. T. Amoils at her residence, where a very pleasant evening was spent. The committee, through this medium, wishes to thank Mrs. Amoils for her kindness.

On the occasion of the New Year the executive and committee greet their members and fellow-Zionists, and extend to them best wishes for their success in all activities. At the same time an earnest appeal is made to all for even more energy to be displayed during the coming year than ever before in Young Israel work. South African Young Israel is to-day a united brotherhood, strong and energetic,

and sincere hopes are expressed that it will make a name for itself indelible in the history of the Zionist movement.

Boksburg North.

The committee of the Young Israel Society arranged a debate for the benefit of its members on Sunday afternoon, 8th July, the subject for debate being "That you are influenced more by Books than by Friends."

Miss R. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. M. Bloom, were for the affirmative, while the opposing parties were Mr. J. Jacoby, seconded by Miss N. Isserow.

Mr. S. Louis, who was in the chair, presided over a large attendance of members, including representatives from Springs, Germiston and Johannesburg.

A lengthy discussion took place between the opposing parties, in which the following, besides a number of Junior members, took part:—Miss F. Swil, Messrs. P. J. McCrystal, J. Slomowitz, S. Sapire and Rev. S. Wainman.

On being put to the vote, the motion was lost in favour of the opposing party, viz., "That you are influenced more by Friends than by Books."

The Society wishes to extend, through this medium, to other Societies its wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year and well over the Fast.

Bulawayo.

A meeting of the local Junior Zionist Society was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, 12th August, when a record crowd attended and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The first part of the programme consisted of literary items, contributed by Messrs. H. Levine, P. Baron and S. Sher. Next the forthcoming picnic was discussed, and it was decided to hold a picnic on Sunday, the 26th inst., on Mrs. Falk's farm, some seven miles out of town.

The Chairman (Mr. H. Banet) then stated that Mr. R. Samson had resigned from the secretaryship of the society, owing to lack of time to devote to it, and Mr. B. Baron was elected in his stead. Mr. Samson was not present at the meeting, owing to the regrettable death of his grandfather, Mr. R. Bernstein.

The meeting terminated with the usual social and tea.

Caledon.

A Young Israel Society was recently formed here through the efforts of Mr. S. Turtledove and Dr. Mirvish, of Capetown. The Hon. Secretary is Miss J. Bookstein.

Capetown.

A very successful concert, arranged by the Blossoms of Zion, Capetown, was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday afternoon, the 15th August. The hall was tastefully decorated and Herzl Zuckerman presided over a large gathering, principally parents and friends of the little performers, and opened the concert with the following address:—"Ladies and Gentlemen,—We are celebrating a unique occasion to-day, which is our first anniversary and our first birthday. I most heartily welcome all parents and well-wishers of our society who are present. Our society stands for all the good principles that our people aim at and wish for. The aim is to cultivate the Jewish spirit and love for and pride in the Jewish nation in us

youngsters, and this is not achieved by talk only. We can only achieve these high ideals by sheer hard work, by studying our language and our traditions, and we pray to enlist the help and sympathy of each mother and father and each teacher. We need good guidance and good help and strong encouragement to do our little bit. I wish and hope we will be pioneers of Palestine, and that after receiving our education there, will build up a strong and useful people to people our own land and invigorate the good Jewish spirit in the Diaspora."

The artistes who contributed to make this concert a success were:—Pianoforte solos, Annie Nell and Fanny Rogoff; pianoforte duet, D. and M. Rabie; songs in Yiddish, Shube Olsvanger; violin solo, Issy Jacobson, accompanied by Hettie Jacobson; recitations in Hebrew, Pauline Salber, Polly Salber, Harry Salber, Gershon Gitlin, Moshe Cohen, Leibel Levinsohn, Solly Rechtman, Ralph Rechtman and Sholom Glaser; dances, Rifka Perlman.

During the interval two boxes of chocolates were sold by auction. This concert was entirely arranged by the little ones and realised the sum of £11.

Kimberley.

On Sunday, 19th August, the Junior Zionist Society and Guild undertook the sale of National Fund stamps, the result amounting to close on £8. The following ladies were responsible for the sale:—Misses M. and R. Frank, B. David, C. Bennett, R. Jawno, D. Brown, L. Levinsohn, and the hon. secretary, Miss Queenie Shapiro, to whom the society's thanks are due.

Pietermaritzburg.

A "Mock Court" was held by the Young Zionists' Society on August 19th in the Hebrew School Room, the occasion being a charge of defamation of character against Mr. B. Benjamin by Mr. N. Greenberg. Mr. A. Goldberg was plaintiff's counsel, and Mr. L. Maister acted for the defendant. Witness for the plaintiff was Miss J. Kinkel and for the defendant Miss D. Blumenfeld. Mr. G. Benjamin was the judge and Mr. H. Blumenfeld the usher. The jury were chosen from the audience. The defendant, an Italian, moved the mirth of the Court very considerably in giving evidence.

The evening was a social and financial success, and the society desires to thank the ladies who so kindly supplied refreshments.

Standerton.

At a meeting of the Young Israel Society, in reply to an appeal from the matron of the South African Jewish Orphanage, it was resolved to donate a cow and a calf to the institution.

Mr. I. Simon has most generously donated a calf to the society to be raffled in aid of the funds.

The society has affiliated with the Transvaal Young Israel Central Executive, its delegates being the Misses G. and M. Hesselson.

On August 29th a children's party took place in the parish hall.

THANKS FOR CONDOLENCES.

Mr. A. M. Abrahams and Son offer their sincere thanks to Zionists and Zionist Societies throughout the country for the kind messages of sympathy received on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

HOUSES FOR CHALUZIM.

MR. J. CHANOCK'S GENEROUS GIFT.

Our readers will no doubt recall the reports which appeared recently in the South African press of the sad death of Mr. Theodore Chanock, a South African student of great promise at Edinburgh University. This young man was the son of Mr. J. Chanock, formerly of Bloemfontein, but now resident in Capetown, and this gentleman, who is keenly interested in the Jewish re-settlement of Palestine, has decided to perpetuate his son's memory in a noteworthy manner in Erez Israel by providing funds for the erection of one or more houses to be occupied by a family or families of Chaluzim free of rent or at a very small rental. He has already forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation the amount of £100 towards this object, and the Federation is communicating with the Jewish National Fund in Palestine to make all arrangements for the erection of a house or houses on National Fund land on the lines of Mr. Chanock's wishes.

As soon as all details are available from Palestine, including the total cost of such building, Mr. Chanock will provide the remainder of the amount required to carry his scheme to fruition.

This fine example of practical Zionism set by Mr. Chanock (who is, incidentally, a shareholder in the S.A. Palestine Enterprise (Binyan) Corporation, Ltd.) is one worthy of the emulation of Jews of means in all parts of the world, and we trust that similar contributions towards the Yishuv will be forthcoming from Zionists both from South Africa and overseas.

We regret to record the death of two prominent residents of Griqualand West who were strong sympathisers with and consistent contributors to the work and funds of Zionism, in the persons of Mr. Edward Weinberg of the Grand Hotel, Kimberley, and Mr. Israel Vogelmann of Douglas, C.P.

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