

YOUNG ISRAEL COLUMNS.



TRANSVAAL YOUNG ISRAEL CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

With regard to the forthcoming S. A. Zionist Conference, the above council is desirous that Young Israel should be as fully represented as possible, and that by members of Young Israel.

The executive also wishes to hold before this conference, a conference of South African Young Israel, with a view to furthering the interests of the movement in the country, and possibly to forming an association of South African Young Israel.

With this end in view, all Societies are kindly requested to help by communicating with the secretary, Box 3939, Johannesburg, without delay, informing him either of the names of the delegates, or, if the Society is entitled to a delegate and wishes to send a proxy, as arrangements are being made that any Society which wishes it—and this is most desirable—can be represented by an active member of Young Israel. Immediate co-operation by all Societies is urgently requested, as the names of all delegates must be handed in to the Federation early in December.

Bethlehem.

A very successful picnic was held under the auspices of the Young Israel Society on Sunday, the 4th November, when approximately a hundred adults and children were present. The day being a perfect one, and the fun starting early, everything went off with a swing from beginning to end. A collection was made from the gentlemen, which realised close on £4, the money going towards the Palestine Orphans Fund. The committee wish to thank most heartily those ladies who were so kind as to provide foodstuffs, and also the gentlemen who very generously loaned their trollies. A large measure of the success of the picnic is due to the untiring efforts of the Society's capable secretary, Miss Lily Ackerman, and the president, Miss Leda Jankelowitz.

Bloemfontein.

Since the last report of the Young Israel Society's activities in these columns, very little has been done. This is due to the want of a suitable hall. With the

completion of the Communal Hall, it will be possible for the Society to be more active.

The last function of the Society was held on September 1st, when Mr. Lester Brown was given a farewell in the Scout Hall. Mr. Brown was a member of the Society since its inception and was many times elected to the executive, on which he did good work. The Society desires, through this medium, to wish him every success at Guy's Hospital, where he has gone to complete his studies in dentistry.

The reading circles are held every alternate Friday night at different houses, and are proving very successful.

The first number of the Society's magazine, "The Rising Generation," has appeared, and the Society is naturally very proud of it. A considerable number of copies have been sold, testifying to the high standard of the production. It is a neat little publication of 32 pages, containing much interesting reading.

Bulawayo.

The local Junior Zionist Society held its usual monthly meeting on Sunday, October 14th, when a very large gathering of members and visitors assembled to hear Mr. Weisselberg lecture on "The Jew."

The proceedings opened with the playing of "Hatikvah." Mr. Weisselberg spoke very ably, and convinced his audience that there was a great future in store for Israel, in spite of the opposition and ever-increasing attacks of anti-Semites all over the world.

The Revs. Cohen and Weinberg, and Messrs. Weiner and S. Rabinowitz, also spoke. Rev. Cohen mentioned that it was proposed to have many more of these short lectures in the future. The chairman (Mr. Banet) then thanked Mr. Weisselberg on behalf of the Society for his most interesting lecture, and stated how pleased he was to see so many adults present.

A vote of thanks to the chair by Mr. B. Baron concluded the business part of the meeting, and then followed some musical items and the usual social and tea, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings the Society has held.

The Junior Zionist Society held its last meeting of the year on Sunday, the 25th November, when a very large number of members and visitors were present.

Arrangements were made for the representation of the society at the forthcoming S.A. Zionist Conference.

The business for the afternoon was a debate "That in the opinion of this House the time is now ripe for a New Judaism." The following spoke:—For the motion, Mr. H. Levin, Miss S. Kransdorff, and Mr. P. Baron; against, Messrs. B. Baron, I. Sarif and A. Whiteson. The Revs. Cohen and Weinberg also spoke.

Although the subject chosen was rather a difficult one, yet the debate proved very interesting and instructive.

After this the congratulatory certificates from the Zionist Federation were presented by Mrs. Cohen to the newly appointed lady members of the committee,

the Misses Chitrin and Kransdorff, and the new secretary, Mr. B. Baron.

A pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the usual social and tea.

Capetown.

A very successful concert in aid of the New Zionist Hall for Capetown was held by the Pirchei Zion at the Zionist Hall, on Sunday, 30th September. Herzl Zuckerman presided over a large gathering. His speech began by welcoming all the mothers and fathers who took the trouble to attend the concert. A chorus song was the next item and the applause was so great that the choir, which were from the Pirchei Zion, got an encore. The other items were:—Songs: D. Glaser, G. Gitlin and I. Jacobson; Recitations: P. Salber, G. Gitlin, E. Salber, A. Salber and H. Joffe, S. and R. Rechtman, P. and P. Salber, A. Salber, P. Salber and H. Joffe; Piano solos: N. Jacobson, F. Rogoff, S. Buirski and E. Salber; Dance: S. Dembovsky; Sketch: P. and P. Salber, and R. Rechtman; Dialogue: E. and P. Salber. Violin solos: I. Jacobson and H. Joffe. The Society must bestow its thanks on Mr. Jacobson for printing tickets, and on Mr. Gitlin for auctioneering a box of chocolates, presented by Mrs. Salber, during the interval. The proceeds amounted to £15 2s., the most the Society has ever made either from a social or a concert. Before the concert ended the choir assembled and sang "Hatikvah" together with the audience.

Heidelberg, Transvaal.

On the occasion of the birthday of Master Harry Segal, a proposal was made and unanimously adopted that a Young Israel Society for Heidelberg be formed. Those present elected a chairman and committee and about 40 members have been so far enrolled. The Society hopes to do good work both in collection of funds and in other directions. The officers and committee are:—Chairman, Master Henry Zulman; vice-Chairman, Miss Dora Leiman; treasurer, Miss Miriam Siffman; hon. secretary, Master Harry Segal; committee, Misses Sarah Lang, Sophie Wolfson, and Masters Benny Goldstein, Michael Zulman and Edward Abrahamson.

Johannesburg.

The Barmitzvah Session of the Young Israel Society has just commenced, having been inaugurated on Saturday night, 27th October by a Barmitzvah dance and on the following day by the thirteenth semi-annual general meeting.

The former function, which was held at the Norwegian Hall, proved a great social success, a large attendance thoroughly enjoying themselves to excellent music supplied by Messrs. Baum & Smith's Orchestra. The financial result was a small balance on the right side, but far more important than this is the fact that affairs of this nature play a great part in making the Young Israel movement popular. The D.C. was Mr. S. Sapire, and he was ably supported by the following

M.C.'s:—Misses H. Amoils, R. Gingold (whose energetic work as secretary was much appreciated), M. Katzenellenbogen and R. Cohen and Messrs. H. Rajak, S. M. Kuper, A. Kuschluk and N. Kretzmer.

Mr. S. Sapire presided over a fair attendance of members at the thirteenth ordinary general meeting held the next day at the Berkeley Rooms. In his lengthy report, the chairman dealt with the progress that the Society had made during the period under review, and showed how, by the careful handling of finances and by the enrolment of two hundred new members, the Society had been placed on a firm footing. The report pointed out, however, that far better results could have been obtained had every member of the committee realised his or her duty to the constituency of members which he or she represented. Far too many unexplained resignations had been received, and one or two of the members had, by childish behaviour, retarded the work.

The report then dealt with the functions held by the outgoing committee, reports of which have regularly appeared in the "Record."

The meeting was informed that the committee had decided to offer to the president and Mr. N. Kretzmer the greatest honour which they could bestow, namely the silver badge of the Society, but that the distinction had been declined.

The chairman then discussed the excellent prospects of the Society, which, he said, had a membership of nearly seven hundred, nearly all of whom could be made enthusiastic workers by an energetic committee, and ninety-five per cent. of whom would pay their subscriptions regularly if the committee worked conscientiously. The financial position was much better than it had been for a considerable time, and the Society was clear of all debts for goods delivered or services rendered. The only outstanding amount of importance was the debt to the Keren Hayesod of £47 10s., which amount, he urged, should be paid off as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the chairman bade a personal farewell to the Society, from the ranks of whose active workers he would have to retire. He wished the Society every success and a speedy realisation of Zionist Ideals.

The discussion of the report was confined mostly to the question of the Keren Hayesod debt, and a resolution was passed asking the incoming committee to do its best to raise as much money as possible to pay the amount off. Miss A. Melzer and Messrs. N. Kretzmer, G. Saron, W. Levy, B. Levine and others took part in the discussion.

A new scheme, submitted by the outgoing committee, having regard to the arrangement of affairs so that both juniors and seniors should benefit, was recommended for trial by the next committee.

A vote of thanks to the president for his work in many different capacities on the committee for some time was passed.

The report was then unanimously adopted, and the treasurer's report and balance sheet were submitted and adopted with only one dissident.

The New Season's **SALT HERRINGS** have Arrived.

Obtainable at **PATLANSKY BROS. & PATLEY, 157, JEPPE ST. (Opp. Orpheum Theatre).**

After the usual personal criticism of the outgoing committee by the chairman, a new committee was elected as follows:—President, Mr. N. Kretzmer; vice-president, Mr. G. Saron; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Sapire; joint hon. secretaries, Miss R. Gingold and Mr. W. Witkin; committee, Misses H. Amois, F. Metz, and N. Isserow and Messrs. M. Smith, J. Cohen, Abrahamson, B. Levy, I. Tanne, H. Cohen, M. Shainfeld, W. Geffen, S. Kuper, D. Aronowitz, W. Levy, L. Kessler, D. Bengis, and M. Shrier.

A report on the activities of the Transvaal Young Israel Central Executive was given by Mr. N. Kretzmer, who, with the chairman, had represented the Society on that body.

After the discussion of one or two minor points, a very successful meeting was closed by the singing of "Hatikvah."

The examinations have prevented the new committee from showing its strength, and the only function to be held in November will be a debate. On December 15th a fancy dress carnival will be held at the Eton Hall, and as this is the day preceding the Transvaal Young Israel Conference, the function will also be an official welcome to the delegates by the Johannesburg Society. All are invited to attend, and to make the affair popular, the small charge of 2s. 6d. only has been made for admission.

The new committee sincerely hopes to have the full support of the members, as well as that of every Zionist in Johannesburg, so that the Barmitzvah Session of the Society shall break all previous records of progress made during the short period of six months. The help of adults is solicited, as up to the present Young Israel, the true wealth of the Zionist movement, has been much neglected by the older people in the pursuit of "golden calves."

Krugersdorp.

REPORT OF PIRCHEI ZION SOCIETY FOR OCTOBER.

A dance was held in the Communal Hall on September 30th, the proceeds being partly in aid of the Palestine orphans and partly in aid of the Society's funds. It was a very successful and largely attended function, and the creditable sum of £11 nett was realised. The music was supplied by Misses Joffe, and the D.C. was Mr. Heyman, with Miss Danilowitz and Mr. Jacobs as M.C.'s.

The committee wishes to tender its sincere thanks to all who assisted in any way to make the affair a success, and to those ladies who so kindly supervised and provided refreshments.

On October 20th a delightful concert was held in the same hall, the proceeds of which were also devoted to the Palestine Orphans. An excellent programme was supplied by Mrs. Nicol Harrison's little pupils, who danced delightfully, by the Misses Burke, Berski and Entin, who were encored several times for their songs and recitations, and by Master Friedlander, who displayed considerable powers as a comedian. At the close of the performance, the artistes received marks of esteem from the audience. As all ticket money has not yet been handed in we cannot state the nett result. We are very grateful to these artistes whose services were given voluntarily.

On Thursday, 25th, a farewell reception to Mrs. S. Kantor, as well as a presentation, was held at the residence of Mrs. Danilowitz. Mrs. Kantor, who is leaving for Bloemfontein, has always been an energetic worker, both for this Society and for all local affairs, and we greatly regret her departure. Here's wishing her luck in her new sphere.

Paarl.

The Young Maccabean Society has forwarded to the Federation the sum of £13 16s., being proceeds of a dance recently held by that Society in aid of the Palestine Orphans Fund.

Pietermaritzburg.

A social and dance was held by the Young Zionist Society on the 25th instant in the Hebrew School. The special item of the evening was the performance given by Mr. and Miss Tree, telepathists, whom the Society desires to thank for their great kindness.

The following artistes helped to make the evening a success:—Mrs. J. Levine, the Misses J. Kinkel, P. Gough, R. Maister, I. Benjamin and G. Kinkel, and Masters B. Gough and E. Benjamin.

Refreshments were sold at the interval and thanks are extended to the ladies who kindly supplied them.

On the afternoon of the same day, the president, Mr. B. Benjamin, entertained all the younger members of the Society who spent a very enjoyable time.

Port Elizabeth.

The 8th annual general meeting of the daughters of Zion Society took place this month. The report presented by the outgoing executive to the meeting covers the period June, 1922, to October, 1923, and expresses regret at the falling off in enthusiasm for the Jewish National Cause on the part of the younger generation in Port Elizabeth during the period under review.

The Society did everything possible to arouse and maintain interest in its work. An Essay competition on the life and work of Dr. Herzl was held, three prizes being awarded. Several inter-debates between the Society and the Young Jewish League took place and evoked great interest amongst the members of both institutions. Lectures were given during the period by Mr. Sain of Palestine, Advocate Herbststein of Capetown, Professor Kasimir of Leyden, Mr. F. Hallis, M.A. (Oxon.), and others. Several Zionist functions were organised by Mr. B. Weinronk, the hon. life president of the society.

The visit of Dr. Olsvanger to Port Elizabeth proved a great stimulus to Jewish feeling and sentiment in the town, and regret is expressed that the effects of his visit did not prove more productive and lasting.

The hope is expressed that free access will be secured in future to the Emmanuel Hall, thereby enabling many more social and educational functions to be held.

Rev. N. Levine has been good enough to offer to give Hebrew tuition to the members of the Society

every Saturday and Sunday, and a number of the members have availed themselves of this kind offer.

Reference is made to the formation during the period of the Jewish Ladies Zionist League, which has already done excellent work and has raised substantial sums for Zionist purposes, notably by its ball in the Feather Market Hall, which cleared £150 for the Keren Hayesod.

The Society as usual did yeoman service in the shekel sale and in securing New Year Greetings for the "Zionist Record."

Strand.

Under the combined auspices of the Strand Hebrew Congregation and the Strand Young Israel Society, a very successful social was held at the residence of Mr. S. Peril on 3rd October.

Mr. J. Goldberg opened the social with a short speech, in which he welcomed those present and trusted they would enjoy themselves; Rev. Hirshowitz then delivered a very interesting lecture on Simchas Torah.

Musical items were rendered by the following:—Misses E. Goldberg, B. Barenblatt, A. Koonin, S. Friedman, S. Goldberg, B. Nachomovitz and A. Goldberg, Messrs. J. Mosselson and J. Friedman.

During an interval tea and cake were served and games and dancing followed for the rest of the evening.

The singing of "Hatikvah" brought an end to a most enjoyable evening.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDS.



Receipts from 1st to 31st October.

Cheques, Postal Orders, etc., sent for any fund whatever should be made out in favour of the "S.A. Zionist Federation," and crossed "Not negotiable a/c payee."

Secretaries of societies and donors of moneys for Zionist funds are informed that all moneys received at the offices of the Federation for any fund whatsoever are acknowledged in these columns, except amounts sent for subscriptions to or advertisements in the ZIONIST RECORD, and those sent for exchange on cheques or postal orders, as well as dividend coupons for exchange.

In all cases the exchange must be added to the amount of cheques, etc., payable in any place other than Johannesburg.

Secretaries of Societies and others remitting money to the Federation are reminded that only amounts received before the first day of the month are acknowledged in the ZIONIST RECORD of that month.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.

Adelaide (per Zionist and Benevolent Society).—General: S. Galgut, £1 1s. Boxes: Mrs. K. Anolick, £3 7s. 6d.; F. Strimling, £1 5s.; H. Scheinfeld, £1; H. Capcan, 10s. 6d. Total, £7 4s.

Bethal (per Z.A.).—General: M. Freed, £1 1s. Boxes: M. Freed, 15s.; I. Festenstein, 8s. 6d.; E. Festenstein, 5s.; Mrs. E. Schlosberg, 5s.; I. Josselson, 5s.; J. Goldfein, 5s.; M. Ross, 5s.; A. Blieden, 5s.; R. J. Kark, 5s.; S. Bigelman, 2s. 6d.; B. I. Galansky, 2s. 6d.; C. Braudo, 2s. 6d.; A. Saxe, 2s. 6d.; J. Oleska, 2s. 6d. Total, £4 12s.

Beaufort West (per Z.S.).—General: Proceeds of social, £14.

Bloemfontein (per Z.S.).—General: (Donations on High Festivals) L. Shapiro, £5 5s.; H. Bradlow, I. Sorokin, I. Fogel, each £1 1s. Boxes: J. Turner, £1 15s.; S. Wasserman, 5s. 5d.; H. Friedman, 10s.; H. Horwitz, 10s.; M. Awerbuch, 2s. 6d. Total, £11 10s. 11d.

Capetown (per D.Z.A.).—General: 50 per cent. nett proceeds annual Zionist ball, 1923, £192 13s. 9d.; bequest of the estate of the late Mr. G. Rubin, £50; I. Kuper (donation at Minyan), £10 10s.; Attorney Kahn (Victoria West), 10s. 6d.; Mrs. C. Goold, 10s. 6d.; C. Friedman (per Mr. Sakinofsky), 2s. 6d.; collected at wedding of Miss P. Wainstein to Mr. Monto (per Mr. Abrahamson), £5 11s.; collected at Barmitzvah of Master J. Jacobson, £5; collected at Bris Milah of infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Saxe, £2 3s. 6d.; Mr. M. Gurland (per New Hebrew Congregation), £2 2s.; collected at wedding Smith-Nelson (per Mr. H. Baker), £2; collected at Bris Milah of infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen, £1 13s. 4d.; collected at wedding Jaffe-Maister (per Mr. M. Fagin), £1 12s. 6d.; collected at "At Home," Mr. and Mrs. L. Diamond (per Mr. H. Baker), £1 2s. 6d. Golden Book: To inscribe Mr. E. Gurland, £27 16s.; Mr. Max Schulman and Miss Sarah Arenowitz, £20; Master Nahum Jacob Abelson (collected at his Barmitzvah, £16; donations at Minyan, L. M. Sacks, £3 3s.; S. Levinsohn, £1 1s.); total, £20 4s.; Mr. Julius Robinson and Miss Bertha Elizabeth Ochberg, £20; Master Emanuel Gutman (inscribed by his father), £20; Mr. Morris H. Greenstein and Miss Rosie Heller, £20. Golden Book. Open: Pirchei Zion Association (proceeds of social), £11 13s. 10d. Boxes: R. Hoffman, £35 10s. 6d.; M. Kuritzky, £16; Pirchei Zion, £3; Mrs. Preiss, 16s. 7d.; Mrs. Epstein, 13s. 10d.; Mrs. P. Rosenberg, 12s. 7d.; Mrs. Schneider, 10s.; Mrs. Romain, 10s.; Mrs. M. Zuckerman, 9s.; Mrs. Katzenellenbogen, 8s. 6d.; Mrs. Gordon, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. L. Margolis, 6s. 5d.; Mrs. Silbert, 6s.; Mrs. L. Freeman, 5s. 5d.; Mrs. Fryde, 5s. 1d.; Mrs. J. Levin, 5s.; Mrs. H. Levenkind,

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