

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own Correspondents

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BETHLEHEM.

The Bethlehem Young Israel Society held a debate and musical evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jacobson on the 8th inst. The programme was opened with the singing of the "Hatikvah," which was followed by a violin solo by Miss Sarah Koseff and a recitation by Miss G. Goldberg, both items being thoroughly appreciated by the audience. Rev. Altshuler then took the chair and after welcoming those present expressed the hope that every member should become a subscriber to *The Judean*, which was heartily endorsed by Mr. J. Berman.

The subject for discussion "That the Quota Bill is a Stigma on South African Jewry" was opened by Miss Y. Kristal. Mr. J. Jankelowitz was the opposer and others who took part were the Misses Minnie Goodkind and Annie Kristal and Messrs. J. Berman, I. Burgin, N. Epstein, E. Berman, S. Jankelowitz and S. Jacobson.

After refreshments had been served the following rendered musical items: The Misses S. Hirschsohn, E. Aronowitz, S. Koseff, A. Kristal, S. Hirschsohn, Y. Kristal, and Mr. J. Jacobson, and by special request, a song by Rev. Altshuler.

A vote of thanks to the hostess was passed by Rev. Altshuler and Mr. J. Jankelowitz. Thanks are also due to the performers who helped to make the evening the success it was.

FICKSBURG.

Local Jewry gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Aronson on Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst., to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Susman, who are retiring and departing for Pretoria at the end of the current month.

Speeches were made by Messrs. M. Aronson, B. Brown, and Dr. Melamed. There after Rev. Susman was presented with a purse, and Mrs. Susman with a pair of candlesticks.

Rev. Susman feelingly responded to all the kind words that had been said about him.

KOPJES.

A pleasant function, in aid of the Synagogue Building Fund, was given by Mr. and Mrs. P. Shapiro at their residence on the 28th ult. About 65 people assembled, and the evening proved both a social and financial success, an amount of £7 7s. 3d. being realised. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Shapiro for their hospitality, and for the success of the function.

KIMBERLEY.

Another successful literary symposium was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, June 8th, when interesting papers on "Famous Jews" were read by the following:—Mrs. van der Heim (Heinreich Heine), Mr. J. Frank (Disraeli), Mr. N. Edelstein (Spinoza), Mr. E. L. Berger (Moses Mendelsohn) and Mr. A. Kretzmar (Moses). All the papers were of an exceptionally high standard. Mr. Kretzmar gave a witty dissertation on "Moses." Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Committee.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., a bridge drive, under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, was held in the supper room, City Hall. Prizes were won by the following: First prize, Mrs. Harding, Mr. Waddington and Mr. Chandler; second prize, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Sieradzky and Miss F. Orkin. Thanks are due to Mrs. H. Stoller, Mrs. R. Awerbuck and the Ladies' Committee for providing the refreshments.

Master Irwin Mehl, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Mehl, of the Phoenix Hotel, Beaconsfield, has the distinction of gaining

second place in the British Empire in the Junior College of Preceptors' Examination of December, 1929. He was awarded a prize by the College of Preceptors, London, and a bursary and medal by the Christian Brothers' College, of which he is a scholar.

The marriage of Miss Katie van der Heim, younger daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. S. van der Heim, of Kimberley, to Mr. Richard Kolthoff, of Rotterdam, was solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Rotterdam, Holland, on Tuesday June 17th.

LADYBRAND.

Mrs. M. Pincus, the chairlady of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded the sum of £2 7s. 6d. to the head office in Johannesburg, being the May and June collection kindly made by Miss E. Pincus.

MARITZBURG.

The semi-annual general meeting of the Pietermaritzburg Young Israel Society was held on 18th ult. Rev. Levine occupied the chair. A full and comprehensive report of the activities of the Society during the past six months was delivered.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. N. Feldman, B.A.; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. L. W. Blumenfeld. Committee: Misses G. Sklarchik and I. Benjamin and Mr. J. Myer. Sub-Section: President, Mr. J. Myer; Committee, Misses J. Smo, R. Panovka and S. Levine.

The Barmitzvah of Edward, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Benjamin, took place on Saturday, when he read *Maftir* at the synagogue. On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin gave a reception and dance at the Oddfellows' Hall. This was attended by a large number of friends. The Rev. J. Levine proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah. Master Benjamin, who had the previous day acquitted himself most admirably in the rendering of the *Parsha*, made a fine speech, which was greatly admired by the large audience. Mr. Benjamin expressed his and Mrs. Benjamin's deep appreciation at the progress their son was making under the tuition of Mr. Levine. He also thanked all those present for participating in their *Simcha*.

MATATIELE.

The Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Zagor, of Mount Fletcher, took place recently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Yudelman. The Rev. J. I. Levine, Maritzburg, officiated as *Mohel*. At the subsequent reception, Rev. Levine, proposed the toast of the new initiate, laid stress upon the hypnotic influence of environment, and urged upon those present the necessity of keeping the Jewish consciousness alive amongst themselves and their children. Attorney Gordon (Mount Fletcher) responded on behalf of the father. Mr. Yudelman made an appeal on behalf of the Johannesburg Jewish Orphanage, which resulted in the sum of £10 10s. being subscribed among the following donors: Mr. J. Yudelman, £2 2s.; Mr. S. Meyerowitz, £2 2s.; Mr. J. Zagor, £2 2s.; Mr. V. Gordon, £2 2s.; Cohn & Shneider, £1 1s.; Mr. A. A. Levinson, £1 1s.

THABA 'NCHU.

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mr. E. Dreyer, the chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, the sum of £1 11s. 6d., being June collection kindly made by the Rev. B. Kamber.

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