

A Jewish Ministers' Conference.

The Central Committee of the Jewish Ministers' Association of South Africa announces that it has been decided to hold a conference of Ministers in Johannesburg towards the end of June.

This conference is being called for the purpose of discussing the general position of the Jewish ministry in this country and deciding upon many important matters affecting the ministry and the spiritual welfare of the South African Jewish community.

The Committee appeals to members of the Association

- (a) To send in immediately the annual subscription fee of £1 1s.
- (b) To state whether they are able to attend the Conference.
- (c) To express the opinion if June 29th is a suitable date for the holding of the Conference and if not to suggest another date.

Communications are to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Rev. A. M. Kaplan, P.O. Box 6471, Johannesburg, immediately.

Jewish ministers who have not received an invitation to participate in the forthcoming conference, are asked to write to the Hon. Secretary, as it is the intention of the Committee to extend an invitation to every Jewish minister throughout South Africa.

A Mayoral Example.

Recently Councillor and Mrs. M. L. Marcus, Mayor and Mayoress of Pietersburg, celebrated the anniversary of their wedding. Instead of holding a social function in commemoration of the event, a happier idea prevailed. The Secretary of the Local Child Welfare Society was interviewed. As a result one hundred homes in the locality in which necessitous people with children dwell, were made brighter and happier by the receipt of a hamper containing groceries and provisions. The example thus set is well worthy of emulation.

The Shekel Ball.

The Selborne Hall was crowded on Wednesday evening with a gay throng of dancers on the occasion of the annual Shekel Ball. This is given as a mark of appreciation for the honorary work carried out by Shekel collectors and any profit made on this function goes towards the Jewish National Fund.

The organising committee were as follows: Chairman, Mr. B. Gering; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Broomberg; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Miss A. Meyerson and Dr. L. Shlom; Treasurer, Mr. J. Penn.

Gaby Piemer's Orchestra provided the music which was keenly enjoyed. The D.C. was Mr. J. Bahr and the M.C.'s who assisted were: Messrs. R. Kahn, S. Weinberg, J. Becker, D. Etkind, Misses D. Pokroy, J. Weinberg, J. Reuben and C. Gell.

Much credit is due to the valiant work carried out by Mrs. Orkin, the organiser, who spared no effort and was responsible for the most tasteful decoration of the hall. She also had charge of the novelty stall, in which work she was assisted by the Misses Stella Hoffman, J. Weinberg and others.

A Treasure Hunt.

Under the auspices of the Saxonwold Branch an interesting and exciting Treasure Hunt was arranged by Mrs. W. Aronsohn on Tuesday evening, the 26th inst.

At 8 o'clock, sixteen cars started from Whitehall Court and followed the leader's car to pick up the various elusive clues that were put down along a difficult trail. Some sixty people participated in the search for the mysterious treasure. It was eventually "unearthed" by Dr. S. Jacobson and Adv. Miss Rose Franks, to whom the prize of the evening was awarded. This most enjoyable evening was wound up by all the party adjourning to the Automobile Club where tea and refreshments were served. The Carnival for the Redemption of the Sharon benefited that evening to the extent of £13 2s. 6d. Special thanks are due to Mrs. W. Aronsohn for convening and organising this very entertaining function. She was ably assisted by Mrs. M. Franks.

Germiston Follows Johannesburg's Lead.

A representative meeting of Germiston ladies took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 27th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Z. Hareven, 15, Galway Street.

The purpose of the meeting was to form a committee and organise the work for the Germiston effort on behalf of the Carnival for the Redemption of the Sharon. Mrs. E. Hayman and Mrs. K. Gluckman, who came over from Johannesburg for the occasion, explained to the gathering the various plans that had been undertaken by the Carnival Executive in Johannesburg and indicated the various directions in which Germiston might do its share. The meeting unanimously adopted a comprehensive programme of work and the following committee was constituted:—Mrs. Z. Hareven, Chairlady; Mrs. Margolis, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Benjamin, Treasurer; Mrs. Ordman, Secretary, and Committee:—Mesdames Bonner, Melman, Senior, Rosenberg, Liftschitz, W. Huftel, Shalkoff, Cohen, M. Huftel, Neifeld, Ginsberg, Wigdorowitz, Wigdorowitz, Snr., Levin, Zinn, E. Kramer, Sherman, Swon, J. Kramer, Black, Metz.

A DANCE IN WARBATHS.

A most successful little dance in aid of the Jewish National Fund was held at the Clarendon Hotel on Saturday evening, the 23rd inst., arranged under the auspices of the Warbaths Zionist Society. There were about 50 couples on the floor and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the Fund benefiting to the extent of about £14.

Special thanks are due to the ladies on the committee, Mesdames Isakov and Israels and the energetic Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Zeffert, for their efforts in making the function a success, as also to Mr. I. Isakov, the new proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel for placing his hotel dining-room at the Committee's disposal for the occasion.

PRESENTATION OF SEPHER TORAH.

Recently an interesting ceremony took place in Muizenberg when local Jewry was assembled in honour of the presentation of a *Sefer Torah* to the Muizenberg Synagogue by Mrs. S. East in memory of her late husband, Rev. J. M. East. The Rev. N. M. Rabinowitz, of the Orthodox Synagogue in Cape Town, acted as *Sofer*. Letters were brought by Mrs. East, her children, grandchildren and many members of the Jewish community in Muizenberg. This helped to augment the funds of the congregation.

The Torah was subsequently carried in most solemn manner to the Synagogue, where a large congregation was present. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. A. M. Kaplan of the Jeppestown Hebrew Congregation, Johannesburg (who is a grandson of the late Rev. East), and the Rev. Frank, of Muizenberg. The reception, held subsequently at the Masonic Hall was largely attended.

RED DAISY TEA is delicious and refreshing. Try it.