

In Pretoria

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NEXT ZIONIST CONFERENCE.

THE committees of the local Zionist bodies have lately been asking themselves whither their endeavours were leading. Some disappointment has been felt with the apparent aimlessness of the work that is being carried on and attempts have been made to discover the causes of dissatisfaction. Hitherto, the numerous calls for funds that have had to be made have taken up most of the time of the committees. They have energetically pursued other aspects of Zionist work, but they have been so prominently identified with the different collections, that the community has come to regard Zionism, or at least the Pretoria brand of Zionism, as exclusively a collecting agency. A number of local Zionists are gravely exercised over the problem. Some means must be found to keep Pretoria Jewry fully acquainted with all phases of Zionism. It is of paramount importance to maintain a living interest in all the Palestinian questions, industrial, political, economic, social, as well as financial. To inaugurate a scheme to disseminate Zionist news, a conference will shortly be called to which a fully representative gathering will be invited. The conference will undertake a thorough self-searching analysis of the difficulties that confront Pretoria Zionism and will not hesitate to take any measures at reorganisation that may be found desirable. Mr. J. L. Saks has been instructed with the task of convening the conference. All those interested are requested to approach Mr. Saks as soon as possible. Any suggestions and recommendations will be welcomed and it is hoped that the conference will be able to lay some concrete proposals before the community at an early date.

THE ZIONIST SOCIETY.

THE following honorary officers were elected at the recently held meeting of the Zionist Society: Chairman, Rev. Rosenberg; Vice-Chairman, M. Joffe; Treasurer, A. Cooper; Secretary, R. Susman; Assistant Secretary, Miss L. Sternberg. Committee: S. Katzen, S. Kazalen, J. L. Saks, C. A. Dorfan, J. Gavron, P. Machanick, M. Hirshowitz, Misses Ziman, Levin, Kumin and Cirola.

Mr. J. L. Saks, the retiring Chairman, gave an interesting view of world Judaism. The report of the year's activity indicated the splendid work which had been carried out by Pretoria Jewry in the cause of Zionism.

Attention was called to the fact that the campaign for the Keren Hayesod held during the year had yielded the sum of £3,100 in donations. The Society had been particularly successful in the holding of a number of interesting functions throughout the year.

Most of the leading Zionists in South Africa had been given an opportunity of talking to the Pretoria community on various aspects of the national movement. A significant inference drawn from the report is the fact that Zionism in the capital finds a place in every Jewish home.

The leader of the zealous but enthusiastic band of Zionist workers is Mr. J. L. Saks, whose untiring devotion is deserving of the highest praise.

JEWISH GUILD.

A large number of people attended the annual general meeting of the Jewish Guild, which was held recently and over which Dr. J. S. Taback presided.

The meeting was preceded by a concert, in which the following artistes took part: Cantor Zwick, Miss Mary Kumin, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., the Misses Goldie, Susie and Sylvia Rudolph, Mrs. Sholomir, Miss Etin and Miss Poswolsky.

The Chairman, in his report, outlined the good work done during the year, including the award of a bursary at the University of Pretoria for the study of Jewish culture.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chairman, Dr. J. S. Taback; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Silber; Treasurer, Mr. E. Levy; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Miss B. Milstein and Miss Selma Taback. Committee: Mr. H. Belling, Miss E. Rudolph, Mr. J. Brenner, Miss T. Gold, Mr. E. Rigal, Miss A. Fram, Mr. J. Schewitz and Miss F. Kowitz.

Mr. Silber, on behalf of the committee, presented Dr. Taback with a silver cigarette case, as a token of the committee's appreciation of his splendid work during his office as chairman.

The inaugural social will be held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday, the 19th inst. A nominal charge of 1s. for members and 1s. 6d. for non-members will be made. An excellent programme has been arranged and the function will be in the form of a cabaret.

HEBREW STUDY CIRCLE.

A small group of enthusiasts have started a circle for the study of Hebrew and have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. Rubik, the editor of the Hebrew journal "Basad." The classes will be held every Wednesday night, and will include instruction in Hebrew and talks on Jewish National History. The circle is not attached to any particular society and is open to all who are interested in the study of Hebrew. The class was prompted by the urge, created by the Jewish National Revival, to acquire a serviceable knowledge of the living Hebrew tongue. Mr. J. L. Saks, the founder of the circle, will be glad to give particulars to all who are interested.

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SOUTHERN SUBURBS LADIES' MIZRACHI.

A well attended meeting of the above organisation was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Kaplan on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Miss G. Sack presided.

An interesting address was delivered by the Rev. A. T. Shrock who explained the aims and objects of the Mizrahi organisation. Thanks were accorded to the host and hostess for their hospitality and also to the lecturer.

Mrs. Meyerowitz of Mayfair gave particulars of the newly formed Mizrahi Women's Central Council, of which she is the chairlady. Musical items were rendered by Rev. Kaplan, Miss H. Natas and Miss G. Sack.

MISS HETTY KING AT THE PLAZA.

Patrons of the Plaza Theatre, Johannesburg, will have an additional treat in store for them during the week. The management has made arrangements for Miss Hetty King, the male impersonator to appear in a vaudeville act.

The film play is a talkie adaptation of the famous novel "East Lynne." In this Clive Brook is taking a leading role and is assisted by a galaxy of fine artists. The story of East Lynne is also of special interest to children.

HOLLYWOOD BEATS BROADWAY.

Hollywood stole a march on Broadway during the filming of "Blondie of the Follies," Marion Davies' latest starring vehicle, in which she is supported by Robert Montgomery, and which opens at the Metro Theatre to-morrow. This film brings before the public for the first time the Rocky Twins, a pair of dancing youths who have created a sensation on the Paris musical-comedy stage. They were brought to America with a view to appearing in a New York show this coming season, but were induced to make their debut in "Blondie of the Follies."

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