

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Aliwal North

MR. SHACKSNOVIS, Inspector of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, has visited here and inspected the Hebrew classes. He addressed a large gathering in the Synagogue the same evening on the subject of Hebrew Education. It was a highly interesting address and enjoyed by all. Mr. S. Becker, chairman of the Congregation, was in the chair. Mr. Shacksnovis gave a model lesson to the children, which was of great interest.

On the 19th ult. the juniors of Aliwal North assembled at the synagogue, where they were addressed by a delegation of the O.F.S. Zionist Propaganda Council. The delegation consisted of Messrs. D. Melmed, S. Berman, and Misses D. Woolf and I. Milwidsky, who came with a view of forming a Young Israel Society. Miss A. Goldstein presided.

Mr. Melmed stressed the necessity of forming a society. Mr. Berman spoke on the meaning, aims and objects of Zionism.

On the subsequent proposal of Mr. Melmed that a society be formed, the following executive was elected: Miss A. Goldstein, supervisor and Menorah commissioner; Mr. M. Bendelstein, chairman; Mr. S. Becker, vice-chairman; Mr. H. Marcow, secretary; Miss E. Gerber, treasurer; committee, Misses R. Becker, E. Cohen, A. Selkon, Mr. M. Gerber, and Master M. Kaplan. The latter was appointed representative of the juniors, as the society is going to be divided into two sections, a senior and junior. In the evening the delegation addressed the Aliwal North community.

Bethlehem

At the annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society held at the Royal Hotel on the 26th ult. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. N. W. Kaplan; vice-chair, Miss Gerty Goodman; secretary, Miss A. Goodman; committee, Messdames M. Friedgut, A. Lurie, S. Sacks, G. Tobias and Miss G. Jankelowitz and Messrs. N. Epstein, H. Lidvin, and B. Munitz.

Mr. Kaplan and Dr. Zewadier delivered addresses and a campaign was launched for the Dunam Drive. Special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Resnick for the loan of the hall.

Bothaville

The annual general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation was held at the synagogue recently. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mr. T. W. Behr, president; Mr. M. Mervis, vice-president; Mr. H. J. Heller, hon. secretary and treasurer; committee, Messrs. J. Hotz, H. Cohen, S. Kaplan and M. Brill. Mr. A. Sachs, who is life president, has also a vote on the committee.

At a social held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Drubin on the 5th ult., a local benevolent society was formed.

The Hebrew Congregation have forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, per Mr. H. J. Heller, the hon. secretary, the sum of £10 0s. 9d. made up as follows: Collection at the barnitzvah party of Boris Kaplan, £2 8s. 3d.; donation by Boris Kaplan, 10s. 6d.; Mr. H. Cohen, clearance of orphanage box, £1 10s.; offerings in the synagogue, Messrs. B. Stoeckiner, S. Kaplan, N. Dinner, S. Mervis, J. Sher, — Shapow, H. J. Heller and T. W. Behr 10s. 6d. each, Messrs. H. Cohen, J. Hotz and A. Sacks 5s. each, and Mr. George Cohen 2s. 6d.

Cradock

A social tea was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kahn on the 19th ult., when the amount of £1 5s. 3d. was realised.

The Rev. Handelson read an article, and Mr. L. Tager, of Johannesburg, delivered an address, which was much appreciated.

Germiston

The Germiston *Habonot* are giving a concert on Sunday evening, December 3rd, at the Synagogue Hall.

Harrismith

A successful meeting was held on November 14th at the residence of Mrs. H. Helman for the purpose of forming a Women's Zionist Society for Harrismith. The following were elected to the committee: Chairlady, Mrs. H. Helman; treasurer, Miss B. Kaplan; secretary, Miss M. Lewis; committee, Messdames Belloch, Friedman, Green, G. Steinberg and Stiller, and Misses Feinstein and F. Delatizky.

A programme of activities will shortly be drawn up. This new and gratifying departure should prove the beginning of valued, successful and continuous activity on behalf of the Zionist cause amongst the Jewish community of Harrismith and district, men and women alike.

Kimberley

The final social for the year of the local Women's Zionist League was held on October 15th. The chairlady (Mrs. Stoller), the vice-chairlady (Mrs. G. Goldberg), and the hostess (Mrs. A. G. Sussman) were unavoidably absent, and Messdames B. Horwitz and L. Horwitz ably deputised.

Mrs. B. Horwitz congratulated Mr. and Mrs. M. Aaronson on the former's position as president of the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation, and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. N. Hender back to Kimberley after their visit overseas.

Mrs. Dave Cohen read the current Zionist news, and Mr. A. Slosberg delivered an interesting paper on "Zangwill," which was much appreciated.

The following contributed to an excellent musical programme: Mrs. B. Horwitz, Miss F. Awerbuck, Cantor Kaminsky, Miss E. Brenner, and the little Misses Weinstein and Cree.

Kirkwood

A dance was held here on Wednesday, October 18th, in the Bioscope Hall, in aid of the Capetown Jewish Orphanage, and proved a success.

The local Zionist Society held a general meeting at Mr. O. Sher's residence on Sunday evening, November 14th, a very pleasant evening being spent. The proceedings included a debate and recitations by the youngest members of the Society, the Misses H. and R. Aronson and Master Leon Joffe, after which tea and refreshments were served.

Middelburg (Transvaal)

Mrs. N. Brozin, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £8 10s., being £2 10s. subscriptions collected by Mrs. M. Birman and £6 proceeds of sale of Brick Fund tickets.

Pietermaritzburg

At the first function of the newly formed local Jewish Circle and Zionist Society, which took the form of a concert, and was held on October 8th, the following artists kindly contributed to the programme: Mrs. B. Benjamin, Miss Sadie Stern, Miss Fradia Ingel, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Miss Ann Borach, Misses G. and M. Kinkel, Master Dereck Benjamin, Miss Rae Massel, Miss Irene Benjamin, Cedric D. Feinberg, and the Misses G. Magnus and D. and S. Kirson.

On the 5th ult. a debate was held, the subject being "That the Preservation of Family Life is Desirable." Mr. M. Stern, Mr. N. Feldman, Mr. Magnus and others contributed to the discussion on the subject, and on the motion being put to the vote it was carried by a large majority.

Pretoria

Simchas Torah Dance.—A most enjoyable dance was held last Wednesday night, November 15th, at the Jewish Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League and the Zionist Society. The committee in charge of the dance was comprised of Mrs. W. Ravid (chairlady), Mrs. S. Kaplan (vice-chairlady), Mrs. B. Cohen (treasurer), Mrs. J. Janover (secretary), Messdames Levinkind, Sapirstein, Rostowsky, Schmulow, Isaacson, Machanic, Katzenellenbogen, Saks, Schewitz, Cooper, Leibson, Millstein and S. Katzen. The hall was very tastefully decorated in blue and white.

About 150 couples were present and the Reveller's Orchestra was responsible for really excellent music. The Mayor and Mayoress of Pretoria (Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Solomon) were presented with a bouquet of glowers by Mrs. Ravid. Appreciative exhibition dances were given by Misses Mary Daniel and Doris Watt (Skater's Duet Tap Dance), Phyllis Katzenellenbogen (Tap Dance), Eileen O'Dell (Military Demi-Character). Miss Marjorie Paterson was the accompanist. The proceeds of the dance are for the National Fund.

At Home.—The Pretoria Women's Zionist League was "at home" to its members on Tuesday, 21st ult., when Dr. Esther Franks delivered an address on "The Junker Otto von Bismarck," which was highly appreciated, as also were Mrs. J. Susman's vocal numbers.

Contract Bridge Tournament.—The second tournament of the series organised by the Pretoria Zionist Society was held on Wednesday, 22nd ult. Mr. A. Cooper is the moving spirit behind these functions, and due to his efforts these tournaments have come to stay.

Novelty Evening.—The Memorial Hall Improvements Committee is continuing in its good work to collect funds for a new dance floor and the Novelty Evening held on Sunday, the 19th ult., should help to swell the fund considerably.

Chalutz Fund.—The Hanoar is still very active in collecting funds for the Chalutz scheme and have organised a raffle for a set of golf clubs for this purpose. The closing date is drawing nearer and anyone desirous of obtaining tickets (1s. each) may do so from any member of the committee.

Simonstown

The Zionist and Hebrew Congregation in this centre has not merely attained, but exceeded its quota for the Jewish National Fund with one single contribution. Its quota in the past was £25, and in one sum it remitted an amount of over £25, representing the proceeds of functions, boxes, etc.

Thaba 'Nchu

A successful meeting of the local community was held at the Royal Hotel on the evening of the 5th November, to celebrate the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

The principal speaker of the evening was Miss Gertrude Janower, of Johannesburg. Mr. W. Grinker was in the chair, and after introducing Miss Janower, appealed to the gathering for support on behalf of the Dunam Drive.

Miss Janower, in an interesting address, discussed the place of the late Earl Balfour in Jewish history and of the significance of the Declaration which bears his name. She went on to deal with current Zionist problems, stressing in particular the significance of the land problem in Palestine.

As a result of Miss Janower's visit, a Zionist Society was formed in Thaba 'Nchu, Mr. W. Grinker being elected chairman.

Vereeniging

An adjourned general meeting of the local Zionist Society was held at the Isaac Lewis Hall on the 17th ult. Mr. Kellen presided.

The Rev. Glass addressed the gathering, deploring the lack of interest shown in the past, and thanked Mr. Kellen, Mrs. Rees and Mrs. Berkowitz for the work they had done.

The following committee was elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. H. Slomowitz; vice-chairlady, Mrs. J. Sacks; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. Rees; treasurer, Rev. Glass; committee, Miss Klaff, Mrs. Mandelstein, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Berkowitz and Mr. P. Fisher. Both Mr. Kellen and Mr. Slomowitz addressed the meeting.

New Aspect of Musical Life in Germany

A NEW aspect of musical life in Germany and especially in Berlin is making its appearance, in consequence of the radical and sudden change of conditions of life. The Jewish artists being with a few exceptions unable to practise their art in public, are making the best of their rather desperate position by organising—necessarily on a restricted scale—musical activity among themselves. They have founded a new "Kulturbund" with the view of building up Jewish opera, theatre, concerts, lectures, scientific courses, etc., exclusively for the Jewish public. It is expected that the Jewish opera will be opened in the autumn. The concerts have already been started. Michael Taube, a conductor of high rank who for some years has been winning laurels as a specialist in the chamber orchestra, has founded a new Jewish orchestra. Dr. Kurt Singer, formerly Intendant of the Municipal Opera, a choral conductor of considerable experience and ability, is already training a cappella chorus. Both Taube and Singer have recently combined their orchestral and choral forces, and have given several concerts in the New Synagogue, Prinzregenten-Strasse, making a profound impression by their excellent work.

Under the patronage of the Berlin Jewish Congregation two male-voice choirs have been formed,

composed exclusively of solo singers and of opera singers who have lost their positions. In normal times it would have been impossible to form a chorus of such incomparable excellence, because the eminent singers in its ranks would formerly never have dreamt of singing in a chorus. These two choral bodies will be sent on a tour in neighbouring countries. Their programmes have consisted partly of liturgical, synagogue music, and partly of Jewish folk-songs in excellent and highly effective arrangements.

A number of high-class chamber music concerts have been given in suitable and commodious private residences. Two new Jewish string quartets have been formed in Berlin—the Partos Quartet and the Neue Streichquartet Berlin. Each has made a highly encouraging semi-public debut, playing classical as well as modern works. Thus a new quartet by Edmund Partos had its first performance, a substantial and interesting piece in the manner of Bartok. Also the present writer's Quartet Op. 1, written several decades ago, had a successful revival.

Paula Lindberg, long known all over Germany as one of the best of contralto singers, took part in most of the concerts mentioned above. She has now specialised in Jewish folk-song with pianoforte and string-trio accompaniment, and has already at her disposal a valuable repertoire of arrangements. Paul Dessau, Hermann Weil, and Janot Roskin especially excel in this kind of work.

Hugo Leichtentritt.

New Place Names in Palestine

INTERESTING DECISIONS BY NAMING COMMITTEE.

THE Naming Committee of the Jewish National Fund has given names to the following places:—

The region along the Haifa Bay belonging to Keren Kayemeth, Bayside Land Corporation and Haifa Bay Development Company to be called *Emek Zebulum*. This name was chosen on account of the historic link between this land and the tribe of Zebulum, as mentioned in Genesis 49:13: "Zebulum shall dwell at the shore of the sea, and shall be a shore for ships."

Netaim—on land previously known as Qubeiba near Nes Ziona. Smallholders (the settlers were previously known as Vatikim). See 1 Chronicles IV:23.—Meaning Plantations. *Gan Shelomo*—on Zarnuga land, the locality where Kvuzath Schiller has been established, named after the late Sholomo Schiller.

Kefar Marmorek, named after the late Dr. A. Marmorek. Yemenite settlement on Zarnuga land in the vicinity of Rehoboth. *Kefar Bilu*—smallholders' settlement (previously known as Intensive neighbourhood) on "Yehudia" and previously known as Agar.

"Yehud" (land in the vicinity of Petah Settlement Organisation). After the *Kefar Yehud* (historic name in the B.I.L.U. movement). The settlement lies near Rehoboth and Gedera (early homes of the first B.I.L.U. pioneers) on land Tikwa. *Yarkona*—after the river Yarkon in the vicinity of the settlement near Kefar Malal, land known as Bir Adas, smallholders. (Previously known as Jidro). *Ramath Tionkin*—after the late Z. Tionkin. A Revisionist group is on this land in the vicinity of Nethaniya.

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Volkstrust

Under the auspices of the Volkstrust Zionist Society a card evening was held at the residence of Mr. Sam Berman, president of the society, on Sunday, November 12th. The whole community was present at this function, which, thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Berman, proved a great success both socially and financially. As a result the Jewish National Fund benefited to the extent of £25.

Vrede

At an orphanage evening held at the residence of Mrs. Wolman, sen., on November 14th, the sum of £2 17s. 6d. was collected for the S.A. Jewish Orphanage. This has been forwarded to that institution by Miss F. Hersch, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the orphanage.

Winburg

Last Sunday evening, the 19th ult., the Zionist Society's usual monthly "at home" took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Boall. Mr. H. Zimmerman, who presided, appealed for the Dunam Drive. Various suggestions were made for raising a goodly sum, and the response at the gathering was very gratifying, about £18 18s. being raised. This the Society hopes to augment considerably by other functions such as bridge drives, raffles, etc., as well as by approaching those who were not present, whilst it is aimed to consummate the effort by a dance in March. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the serving of dainty refreshments, whilst cards were indulged in, yielding a few shillings for the Society's funds.

A vote of thanks was accorded the host and hostess, and special thanks were passed to the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. I. Sacks, to whom a high tribute was paid by the Chairman for her untiring zeal which resulted in their monthly meetings being so successful. After arranging for the next gathering to be held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. B. Disner, the meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Witbank

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society was held at the Carlton Hotel on Sunday evening, 19th ult. There were about fifty people present. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. Froman, Mr. R. S. Myers ably deputised. A spirit of keenness and enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting, and a desire was expressed that more attention should be devoted towards the cultural and propaganda aspects of Zionism.

The following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing session:—President, Mr. P. Froman; vice-president, Dr. Maselle; treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Young; secretary, Mr. N. Levitt; committee: Mesdames Klatzky, Dembo, Markiles, C. H. Milwidsky and Maselle, and Messrs. Rev. Diamond, I. Shein, R. S. Myers, H. Klatzky, and M. Manasewitz. Honorary auditors: Mrs. H. Weiner and Mr. S. J. Young.

After the meeting, Mr. Jack Alexander, secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, delivered an illuminating and interesting address on the need and justification of Zionism. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks accorded, on the motion of Rev. Diamond, to the visiting speaker.