

## From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### Benoni

The seventh annual general meeting of the Women's Zionist League was held at the Hebrew Hall on Monday, 25th ult. This year has been the most successful financial year in the life of the League.

The following were elected as members of the executive:—Chairwoman, Mrs. H. Phillips; vice-chair, Mrs. P. Martinson; hon. treasurer, Mrs. H. Sheinbaum; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. B. Judelman. Committee members are as follows: Mesdames I. Feinstein, L. Frankel, J. Fredman, E. Goldberg, P. Kahn, M. Kahanowitz, L. Kapelus, P. Kusner, L. Lazarow, A. Lomay, G. London, L. Lovell, B. Morrison, M. Nestadt, B. Perkes and W. Shames.

Mrs. Kahanowitz, on behalf of the committee, presented to Mrs. I. Fredman, the retiring chairwoman, a certificate of five trees in Palestine as a token of the respect and affection in which she is held.

### Brakpan

In pursuance of the policy of the United Hebrew Institutions of Brakpan, house parties were held at the residences of Mesdames Lenton, Levin, Silverman and Weinberg as a result of which the funds of the Institution will benefit considerably.

The Brakpan Jewish Dramatic Society have commenced rehearsals for the production of "Tzu Zeidt un Tzu Spreit," a play by Sholom Aleichem, which will be produced by Rev. M. Altshuler. The success of the first production by the Society in "Riverside Drive," augurs well for the success of the new play.

### Boksburg

The newly-organised Boksburg Guild presented their first entertainment to a crowded audience on Wednesday evening last. The programme was varied and full of interest and amusement. The show was produced by Dr. Harold Jenks, and those who took part included Messrs. H. Hyman, B. and S. Maserow, Misses P. Wolpe, M. Friedlander, R. Sostak, R. Gaylis, M. Michelson, B. Rosen, J. Chesler, S. Greenberg, Messrs. B. Massel, H. Blumberg, D. Hyman, D. Friedlander, B. Chesler, J. Gaylis, Rev. Klaff, B. H. Goldstein.

On Monday, 18th inst., Miss R. Friedlander read the third of the series of monthly papers. On the 25th inst. a "Living Newspaper" evening will be held at the Boksburg Synagogue.

### De Aar

On May 15th a general Zionist meeting took place in the Synagogue for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The president, Mrs. Oserovitz, who was in the chair, thanked the whole committee for the good work done during the past year. The balance sheet was read by the treasurer, Mrs. Baumgarten, after which the secretary, Miss L. Feldman, gave a report of all the cultural work done. Both balance sheets were adopted.

The vice-president, Mrs. M. Hoffman, appropriately thanked the chairman and the whole committee for doing everything possible to make the Zionist Society flourish.

The following officers for the year were elected: President, Mrs. Oserovitz; vice-president, Mrs. M. Hoffmann; treasurer, Mrs. Baumgarten; secretary, Miss L. Feldman; committee, Messrs. C. Blumberg, R. Blumenthal, M. Hotz, R. Kuper, M. Rudansky, and Miss Klaff.

A combined social, card party and farewell party to Mrs. D. Blumberg (who has left for Upington) was held recently at the Buffalo Hall. Mrs. Iserovitz presided, and Mr. Matz, of Capetown, delivered an interesting address on "Modern Zionism."

The Chairman, in presenting a beautiful tea-cloth to Mrs. Blumberg on behalf of the society, wished her a pleasant journey. The serving of refreshments was followed by a "rummy drive."

### East London

A most interesting recital on his impressions of his recent tour of Palestine was given by Mr. M. B. Cohen, of Kingwilliamstown to a large audience at the Communal Hall on Monday, the 18th ult.

Mr. Cohen, who took an objective view of the developments in the country, spoke with enthusiasm of the rapid progress which was being made, but did not hesitate to comment on certain unfavourable features such as the party strife, and certain other minor adverse aspects, unavoidable in a developing country.

At the conclusion of the long lecture a cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Adleson and supported by Mr. D. Lazarus. Mr. I. J. Abelman, the acting president, was in the chair.

### Germiston

ON Tuesday next, the 10th inst., a Herzl anniversary commemoration meeting will be held in the Synagogue Hall, Germiston, under the auspices of the local combined Zionist Societies. The meeting will be presided over by Mr. B. Cohen, chairman of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston, and the speakers will be Mr. J. Blumenthal, of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, Mr. I. Dunsky, organiser-secretary of the Zionist Youth Council, Mr. J. Zinn and Mr. Zvi Hareven.

### Hermanus

The second social of the Hermanus and District Zionist Society was held on June 17th at the Hotel Windsor, kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. D. Allen. Dr. J. I. Lipschitz presided and welcomed Adv. M. S. Comay and Mr. Meyer Joffe, who had specially come from Capetown for the occasion. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Simon Allen and Miss Reba Lipschitz, and recitations by Misses Irene Silke and Riva Melnick, whilst during the evening Mr. J. Geffen, of Bot River, read the latest news

from Palestine depicting the wonderful progress there.

The visitors from Capetown then addressed the gathering on behalf of the Keren Hayesod. Mr. Joffe, who spoke first, made a strong appeal, and was followed by Advocate Comay, who urged the necessity for Jewry in free South Africa to realise their obligation to the great cause of Zionism, and appealed for a maximum response. Every person present made a donation, and a sum was raised which exceeded all expectations and represents an absolutely outstanding achievement by the Jewish community of Hermanus and district, including several visitors from Caledon, Bot River and Hauston.

During the interval, refreshments were served, thanks to the ladies of the Society, after which thanks were accorded to the chair, to the host and hostess, the speakers and the ladies. Before the meeting closed, Mr. Geffen sold some cakes by public auction for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund, and realised the amount of £1 13s.

### Kopjes

The local Bioscope Hall was gaily decorated with multi-coloured streamers when the local Hebrew congregation held their annual ball a few weeks ago. In spite of unsettled weather and bad roads, there were many visitors from the surrounding towns.

During the evening a canteen of cutlery, presented by Mr. S. Kirsch, was raffled, the lucky winner being Mr. A. Bowman, of Johannesburg.

The success of the evening must be credited to the energetic committee, consisting of Mesdames S. Kirsch, J. Liebman and I. Smith, Misses Ray Ginsberg, Rose Sher, Fanny Immerman and Stella Wolfson, Messrs. E. Papert, J. Spitz, S. Ginsberg ((secretary), and L. Margolis (chairman). Mr. and Mrs. M. Ginsberg acted as host and hostess.

Dancing commenced at 8.30 p.m. and continued into the early hours of the morning—thanks to the excellent music supplied by the "Broadway Orchestra" of Bethlehem.

The nett proceeds of the dance were £88. At the meeting Messrs. Kirsch and Margolis notified their intention of donating the balance to make up the sum of £100.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., prior to her departure for Johannesburg, the local Zionist Society held a farewell party in honour of Miss Rose Sher, who is an ardent Zionist and an active social worker and who has for many years been the secretary of the society. The host and hostess of the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Liebman.

Mr. Sidney Ginsberg, chairman of the society, voiced that body's appreciation of the good work done by Miss Sher, and expressed the hope that her energy and abilities, as far as the Zionist movement is concerned, would find fuller scope in Johannesburg.

A presentation was made to Miss Sher by the secretary of the society, Mr. Elli Papert.

### Middelburg, Cape

On Sunday, the 17th ult., a social was held under the auspices of the Senior Zionist Society, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Touyz. Interesting readings in English and Yiddish were given by Mrs. Segall and Mr. Touyz, and Miss Manaschewitz rendered vocal solos.

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## The Jewish Aged Home

The first annual meeting of the Benoni Branch of the Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home was held on Sunday evening, the 24th ult. Mr. I. Helymann, hon. life president and the president of the Home, and other members of the committee, as well as representatives of other Reef branches, attended. The formal business of the meeting was followed by a concert, and the evening concluded with a social and dance. This interesting departure from the usual procedure of annual meetings can be recommended to other institutions.

Mr. L. Cohen, the chairman of the branch, was in the chair, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Nestadt, the Mayor and Mayoress of Benoni, were also present. The revenue and expenditure account for the year showed that the branch had collected £246 13s. in that period.

The election of hon. officers and committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. L. Cohen; vice-chairman, Mr. N. Jacobson; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Tucker; hon. secretary, Mr. B. Abrahamson; committee, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nestadt (Mayor and Mayoress), Mr. and Mrs. L. Yudelman, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Potash, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perkes, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kobrin, Mrs. H. Tocker, Mrs. B. Abrahamson, Messrs. H. Stein, C. M. Sacks and M. Goldstein.

The Misses M. and S. Isaacowitz, Lois Katz, Mesdames J. J. Fine, B. Morrison, Mr. Freed and the Balalaika Orchestra conducted by Mr. L. Alter, contributed to the concert programme. During the evening addresses were given by the Mayor, the chairman of the branch, Mr. Isidor Helymann, and others.

### Five Admissions

At the Aged Home there were five admissions in the month of June and one death, the total inmates at the end of June being 117, 87 men and 30 women. Fresh applications for admission are dealt with at practically every monthly meeting of the committee.

The average monthly expenditure of the Aged Home amounts to £500. The revenue for June, apart from £200 special donations, only amounted to £431. Greater support is therefore needed from the public, especially in the way of membership subscriptions, to enable the Home to carry out the ever-increasing responsibilities with which it has been burdened.

The Home has received a bequest of £1,000 from the estate of the late Isaac Broude. This, in accordance with the terms of the legacy, has to be invested and the interest only used for the purposes of the institution.

The lady members of the committee are about to proceed with the New Year collection of gifts in kind and in cash for the Home, and it is hoped that the public will respond liberally when called upon by them. There can be no nobler work than looking after the aged and infirm, and the proceeds of this collection assist materially that good cause.

## 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 £2 being collection of subscriptions for the month of May.

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### Naauwpoort

The annual general meeting of the Zionist Society was held last Sunday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Shakinovsky. The general election was held, resulting as follows:—Chairman, Mr. M. Bobrov; secretary and treasurer, Miss R. Shakinovsky (re-elected); committee, Messrs. L. Melmed, I. Shakinovsky, and S. Shapiro.

All arrangements have been made for a visit to be paid next Monday, 9th inst., by Adv. Joseph Herbstein in the interests of the Keren Hayesod.

### Oudtshoorn

The monthly meeting of the Herzl Ladies Zionist Society took place at the residence of Mrs. H. Kussel, on Monday, the 18th ult. The attendance was most satisfactory.

On Saturday, the 9th ult., Barney, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller, read a portion of the law at the St. John Street Synagogue, and on Saturday, the 16th ult., Bennie, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Noieck read a portion of the law at the Queen Street Synagogue.

On Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Noieck held an "At Home" at Luntz Hall, which was largely attended, and which proved a most enjoyable function.

### Paulpietersburg

On Sunday, 24th June, the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Klotz was celebrated. A large number of friends were present including some from Piet Retief, Vryheid and Utrecht. Rev. Rade, of Piet Retief, acted as Mohel, Mr. J. Werner was the Sandig and Mr. and Mrs. J. Levinrad were the Kwatters.

After the usual round of toasts had been proposed, Mr. J. Levinrad, the Chairman, addressed the gathering calling their attention to the Jahzeit of Dr. Theodor Herzl, which this year fell on July 3rd, and reminded them of the custom of planting trees in Palestine to commemorate Herzl's Jahzeit. The audience responded generously to Mr. Levinrad's request and the fine sum of £9 6s. was collected for the Tree Fund of the Jewish National Fund, in the name of the infant, Joel Elias Klotz.

### Pretoria

**National Fund.**—Work for the National Fund fete is proceeding apace, and on Thursday, the 21st ult., well over 500 people attended a variety concert in the City Hall in aid of the fete funds. Miss Mary Poswolsky was responsible for the programme, and, assisted by her pupils and several prominent artistes from Johannesburg and elsewhere, provided an evening's excellent entertainment, for which the thanks of the National Fund committee are due.

Mrs. J. Baylis held a social afternoon at her residence in aid of the sweet stall, and was able to realise a substantial sum.

**An Engagement.**—The engagement of Miss Evelyn Ravid, of this city, to Dr. S. W. Jaffe, of Parow, C.P., has been announced. Miss Ravid is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ravid, both of whom are well known in local communal circles. Mr. Ravid is a keen Zionist worker of many years standing, and is also vice-chairman

of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage. Mrs. Ravid is the energetic chair-lady of the Women's Zionist League. Their many friends congratulate them upon the happy occasion.

### Somerset East

The Annual General Meeting of the local Zionist Society was held on the 10th June at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Altschuler. Mr. H. Saker presided and reviewed the work done by the Society during the past year. The financial report showed satisfactory results.

The following were elected as office bearers for the ensuing year:—Mr. H. Saker (re-elected) Chairman, Mr. M. Katz Treasurer, Miss F. Levin (re-elected) Hon. Secretary, Mesdames N. Baker, T. Berg-haus, Messrs. L. A. Levin, M. Katz, H. Saker and Miss F. Levin, committee members.

After the business of the Society had been concluded, Rev. Altschuler read a short entertaining story by Sholem Aleichem, while Mr. L. A. Levin read extracts from "The Jew of To-day." Mesdames Glickman and Greenstone and Miss Levin kindly contributed cakes and chocolates, which were raffled in aid of the Jewish National Fund. The sum of £6. 11s. 6d. was raised. The pleasant evening concluded with the singing of Hatikvah, and a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. N. Baker to the host and hostess.

### Witbank

A successful meeting of the Women's Cultural Section of the Witbank Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. B. Joffe on Monday the 18th inst. Mrs. Froman read two further chapters of Lewis Browne's "Story of the Jews," and Mrs. Schech read the introduction, as well as the chapter, "Women," of Dr. A. Cohen's English translation of the Talmud. These readings were well done, and a most interesting afternoon was spent.

### Thaba 'Nchu

Mr. E. Dreyer, the Chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £1 6s. being monthly subscription collection from local subscribers.

### Theunissen

The monthly meeting of the Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Seligman on Sunday, July 1st. Mrs. M. Mandelzweig presided. The evening took the form of a hat debate. The subjects selected were of Jewish and Zionist interest. Several of the ladies had the opportunity of delivering their maiden speeches. They did well. After all those present had debated the respective subjects, refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening ended with votes of thanks to the host and hostess and the singing of Hatikvah.

### Winburg

The monthly At Home was held on Sunday evening, June 17th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Minsker. Mr. H. Zimmerman presided, welcoming among others Mr. Segal, formerly of Winburg, now of Johannesburg. Three trees were donated for the Herzl memorial. The *Haskorah* was intoned for Dr. Arlosoroff, the anniversary of whose death coincided with the meeting. Tea and refreshments and cards followed, and with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess and the singing of Hatikvah the evening closed.

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