

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Benoni

The recently held memorial service to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Dr. Theodor Herzl was under the auspices of the Herzlia Club. At the request of Dr. B. Morrison, the Rev. S. Backon intoned the Haskarah in a most impressive manner. The chief speaker was Mr. M. Kéntridge, M.P., who in a vivid and descriptive manner, outlined the life and ideals of Herzl, and dwelt on the significance of his work to the Jewish people for all time.

At the close of the meeting tea was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips.

Bethlehem

A social function was held recently by the Herzlia Society at the residence of Mrs. A. I. Lurie. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the large number present.

Boksburg

A Herzl memorial service was held in the Boksburg Synagogue on Sunday evening.

The service was conducted by Rev. Chaitowitz and Rev. Klaff. The speakers were Mr. Saretzky, chairman, Mrs. Medelson, Miss B. Hyman and Miss S. Saretzky.

Broken Hill

On the occasion of the Herzl Yahrzeit, Mr. H. Harris initiated a collection for the Tree Fund of the Jewish National Fund, as a result of which the sum of £3 12s. was raised.

Caledon

On the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl, a commemorative service was held at the local synagogue, and was attended by the local community. The Mayor of Somerset West, Mr. Jaffe, was also present.

The service was conducted by Rev. H. Goldberg who sang "El mole rachamin," and who also gave a lecture on the life of our late leader. After Rev. Goldberg's lecture, an address was delivered by Mr. Jaffe.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Rev. Goldberg for organising the service.

Middleburg (Tvl.)

Mrs. N. Brozin, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £1 15s. 0d. being the monthly subscription collection made by Mrs. M. Birman.

Middelburg, Cape

On Sunday, the 8th inst., Advocate Herbstein was met by the members of the local Keren Hayesod committee, some miles out of town. The same evening a social gathering was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Seligman, where he was accorded a very hearty welcome. Rev. Myburg was in the chair. Mr. Herbstein delivered a very eloquent address, dealing chiefly with local conditions, and conditions in Europe. An appeal for the Keren Hayesod yielded very satisfactory results, but canvassing is as yet unfinished. Mr. Edelson (vice-chairman) and Mr. J. Seinker passed votes of thanks to the speaker and to the host and hostess, who provided everything for the evening at their own expense. The evening closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Naauwpoort

The Zionist Society held two meetings during the past week. On Sunday, the 8th, there was a Herzl Memorial Meeting when contributions of trees were made, whilst on Tuesday Naauwpoort was visited by Adv. J. Herbstein and a report of the proceedings on that occasion will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Pietersburg

The third annual ball of the Pietersburg and District Women's Zionist League will be held on Wednesday, August 29th at the Town Hall.

Potchefstroom

On Sunday night, the 15th inst., the local Jewish community assembled to commemorate the death of Chaim Nachman Bialik. The meeting was arranged by the Potchefstroom Hebrew Speaking Circle, in conjunction with the Potchefstroom Zionist Youth Society.

Mr. L. Klivjansky, the chairman of the Zionist Youth Society, presided, and dwelt upon the great loss the nation has sustained through the death of the Poet Laureate. Rev. Gutelevsky spoke on the treasure which Chaim Nachman Bialik had produced for his nation. The last speaker, Mr. M. Greenblatt, dealt with Chaim Nachman Bialik, the prophet. Miss E. Gutelevsky closed the meeting.

Parow

Under the auspices of the Bellville, Parow and Durbanville Ladies' Zionist Society, another successful card evening was held at the residence of Mrs. B. Sacks, the proceeds of which will be devoted to Zionist funds in the Society's name.

Queenstown

The Bnei and Bnoth Zionist Society continues to hold monthly bridge drives on behalf of the Jewish National Fund. In April, at the residence of Mrs. J. Addleson the drive realised £3 3s. In May, the

function was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Blumenthal and realised £2 10s. On the 8th inst. a social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Papilsky at which the sum of £4 5s. was raised. The society's thanks are due to the respective hosts and hostesses for the organisation of these functions.

On the 5th inst. Mr. Harry Levin arrived in Queenstown to conclude the Keren Hayesod campaign. He was the guest of the local Zionist Society, and was entertained by several of its members. During his visit Mr. Levin delivered an address to the Youth, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz. The affair concluded with a dance.

Swellendam

The first annual meeting of the local Zionist Society was held on Sunday, the 8th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blumberg of Buffeljaagtsriver. Mr. Blumberg presided and reviewed the work of the society during the past twelve months. Five new members were enrolled.

The following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. L. Blumberg (re-elected); Secretary, Mrs. I. Kahn (re-elected); Assistant Secretary, Mr. Max Meyers (formerly of Malmesbury); Treasurer, Mrs. J. Schatz (re-elected). Committee Members: Misses H. Kahn, P. Saxenburg, Mrs. L. Blumberg and Mr. L. Buirski.

An interesting address was delivered by Mr. Blumberg on the life of Theodor Herzl, and the following rendered musical items: Misses S. Blumberg, H. Kleinman (of Capetown); Naomi Blumberg and Master Louis Blumberg (of Robertson); Miss Rose Blumberg and Masters David Kahn, Stanley and Lionel Blumberg; Misses N. and R. Blumberg. Master Lionel Blumberg entertained the company on his ukelele. A pleasant evening came to an end with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

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 the monthly subscription collection.

Volkstrust

A special service was held in the Synagogue to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl. As a result of a collection for the Tree Fund an amount of £8 2s. was realised.

Warmbaths

Last Sunday evening at the Castle Hotel £2 2s. 3d. was collected for the Jewish National Fund at a musical evening organised by Miss Sadie Schneider of Dordrecht, C.P. (former Honorary Secretary of the Molteno Zionist Society).

Bequests to Charities

Mrs. Sarah Rosenberg, of Johannesburg, who died at the age of 74 on July 2nd, has bequeathed 50 guineas to the Transvaal Memorial Hospital for Children, in the name of her daughter Zipporah; and 25 guineas to each of the following: Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home, South African Jewish Orphanage, Johannesburg; Witwatersrand Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society, and the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg.

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