

## Leib Jaffe in the Free State

### Two Fine Efforts

#### Winburg

ON Tuesday afternoon, July 31st, Mr. Leib Jaffe visited Winburg. He had travelled by train from Durban to Bethlehem, and Mr. N. W. Kaplan, the Chairman of the Bethlehem Zionist Society, drove him to Senekal, where he was met by Mr. Zimmerman, the Chairman of the Winburg Zionist Society, Mrs. I. Sacks, Hon. Secretary of the Society, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaplan, Mr. J. Kaplan kindly driving the party in his car. Winburg was duly reached, and a meeting was held the same evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobsohn. Mr. Zimmerman, who presided, made a strong appeal to Winburg Jewry to come forward handsomely, whilst Mr. A. Jacobsohn, as Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, welcomed Mr. Jaffe on behalf of the community.

Mr. Jaffe's address proved most inspiring, giving, as it did, vivid pictures and messages from Eretz Israel. A fine response for the Keren Hayesod followed, all previous figures for Winburg being left in the shade, and a total reached which exceeded all expectations.

Dr. I. Sacks, in expressing thanks to Mr. Jaffe, expressed appreciation that so distinguished a leader had found it possible to visit them. Their own society, which, thanks to its chairman and hon. secretary, had become so active during the past two years, had risen finely to the occasion. Mr. Jaffe, having suitably responded, and the chairman having thanked the host and hostess, to whom the great success of the evening was so largely due, the singing of "Hatikvah" and Hebrew songs and the dancing of the Hora concluded a memorable gathering.

During his stay Mr. Jaffe was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Zimmerman, whilst on the Wednesday afternoon he was entertained to tea by Mrs. I. Sacks, on which occasion he met all the ladies of the community.

#### Theunissen

ON Wednesday evening, August 1st, Mr. A. Epstein, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. W. Strauss, Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Mandelzweig, and Dr. A. Bernstein, Honorary Secretary of the Zionist Society, came over to Winburg and brought Mr. Jaffe to Theunissen, where he was the guest during his stay of Mr. and Mrs. B. Cahl, of the Theunissen Hotel. The same evening Mrs. Mandelzweig, Chairman of the Zionist Society, gave a dinner in Mr. Jaffe's honour, at which the Committee of the Zionist Society were her guests.

The same evening the campaign was launched at a meeting in the Masonic Hall, which was well filled, the local residents being supplemented by practically the whole of the Jewish community of Winburg. Mrs. Mandelzweig, who presided, eloquently introduced Mr. Jaffe, whose fine address and stirring appeal evoked a splendid response.

Mr. I. Shaffer, of the Executive Council of the South African Zionist Federation, who arrived at this stage from Bloemfontein, was asked to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Jaffe, and in doing so made a further appeal, as the result of which several donations already given were increased. He was ably reinforced in this direction by a speech made by Mr. Chasen. The final result achieved was very substantially in excess of either of the two previous campaigns.

Refreshments were then served and thanks were eloquently expressed to Mr. Jaffe by Messrs. M. Mandelzweig and D. E. Kotzen, whilst Messrs. Zimmerman and Jacobsohn, of Winburg, conveyed greetings from the Zionist Society and Hebrew Congregation of that town respectively. Mr. Jaffe having suitably replied, and a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the ladies of the committee having been accorded on the motion of Dr. Bernstein, the singing of "Hatikvah" concluded the meeting. The following morning, after an informal tea, Dr. Bernstein, Mr. Cahl and Mr. Kotzen drove Mr. Jaffe to Bloemfontein, where he joined Mr. and Miss Sokolow.

### An Interesting Essay Competition

#### VALUABLE PRIZES OFFERED

In conjunction with the Zionist Study Circles held every week at the Jewish Guild by the Guild of Israel Section (under the able tuition of Dr. A. Birnbaum) an essay competition open to all members of the South African Zionist Youth Societies and of the Habonim Movement has been organised. The closing date is August 30th, 1934. The following is a list of the subjects and the ages of the entrants:—

#### Section A: Under 16 Years of Age.

1. The Life and Work of Dr. Theodor Herzl.
2. Heroes and Heroines of Tel Hai.
3. Why I am a Zionist.
4. Anti-Semitism—Its Influence on Zionism.

#### Section B: 16-20 Years of Age.

1. What Jewry Owes to Herzl.
2. Zionism—Its Influence on Jewry.
3. The Chalutz Movement in Zionism.
4. Anti-Semitism—Its Influence on Zionism.

#### Section C: Over 20.

1. Herzl—The Man.
2. Pro-Herzlian Pioneers of Zionism.
3. Palestine—Ancient and Modern.
4. Anti-Semitism—Its Influence on Zionism.

Prizes to the value of £15 15s. will be awarded. The following have kindly consented to act as judges: Mr. J. Alexander, Dr. A. Birnbaum, Mr. I. Goodman, Advocate G. Saron and the Rev. A. T. Schrock.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Jewish Guild Offices cor. Bree and Von Brandis Streets, Johannesburg. This competition embraces subjects dealing with various aspects of Zionism, and is well worth the attention of all members of the Youth Movement.

## Volkstrust and the Keren Hayesod

### LEIB JAFFE AROUSES ENTHUSIASM

ARRIVING here on Thursday, July 19th, Mr. Leib Jaffe, accompanied by Mr. Jacob-Werner, met the community at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Nathan, who, besides placing their residence at the disposal of the community, also kindly served refreshments. Mr. S. Berman, Chairman of the Zionist Society, introduced Mr. Jaffe, and after a few words from Mr. Werner, Mr. Jaffe gave an inspiring address which called forth donations to the Keren Hayesod on a most generous scale. The serving of refreshments and a vote of thanks to the speaker and chair concluded a wonderful evening. The following Monday evening July 23rd, the community gathered in force at the station to greet Nahum Sokolow, who passed through on his way to Durban.

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### NATIONALISM AND THE JEWISH PROBLEM

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tion. They must realise that the Jews have affirmed their persistent will to live throughout the long centuries, and that any counsel which negates that will to live can never be acceptable from a Jewish point of view. The Gentiles can solve their problem only by first recognising the right of all their citizens to retain their identity and religious and cultural institutions. When it becomes more widely held that truth is not the possession of one group or epoch, that it is something revealed and discovered in time, in a process in which all nations participate, then I believe there will be greater toleration and mutual respect.

The greatest obstacle towards this mutual co-operation between Jews and Gentiles is the existence of Jews and Gentiles. If only the Jews were reckoned as one among the nations and not chosen for special humiliation and persecution by the others, then I believe the difficulties would be greatly diminished.

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