

**S.A. Board of Jewish Education**

**Annual Examinations.**

The officials of the Board of Jewish Education have during the last few weeks been extremely busy carrying out the annual examinations in Johannesburg, on the Reef, as well as in other parts of the country.

Mr. Blumenthal is at present busy in the Free State, while Mr. Mierowsky is completing in a day or two his examination of the various Johannesburg schools.

**Director's Visit to Port Elizabeth and Capetown.**

Mr. Mierowsky left on Thursday, the 6th inst., for Port Elizabeth where he will carry out the annual examination of the local school.

Early next month, he will pay a visit to Capetown where he will attend the Vacation Course organised by the Cape Committee of the Board. He will lecture to teachers and others interested in Jewish education on various educational problems confronting us in this country. Mr. Mierowsky will also attend the Conference of the affiliated bodies of the Cape Committee.

**Affiliation of Durban.**

As a result of Mr. Mierowsky's visit to Durban, the Durban Hebrew Congregation has now affiliated to the Board. The Durban Hebrew School has also organised a Drive to secure a substantial amount to help the Board in its work.

**Another Hebrew Speaking Society.**

Following the example of the La Rochelle school children another society has been established by the Doornfontein School children under the name of "Ner Jehudah" which has set itself as an object the fostering of spoken Hebrew amongst all the senior children of that school. So far the membership numbers 17. The officials of the society are: B. Stroman, chairman; N. Mendelow, treasurer; I. Hersch, secretary; J. Gordon and H. Kalbinsky, committee members.

**Notice**

**To Our Correspondents**

All material for publication in the "Zionist Record" should reach the Editor not later than by the first post on WEDNESDAY MORNING. Communications and reports, etc., received after that time will be held over for publication in the following issue.

**Zionist Youth Tourists**

**Warm Send-Off at Park Station**

JOHANNESBURG Station presented an animated scene on Tuesday evening, December 4, when the Johannesburg participants in the South African Zionist Youth tour to Palestine left for Capetown. Well over 300 relatives and friends were present to bid the tourists "bon voyage." A large body of youth from all over the Reef and Johannesburg came specially to bid farewell to Mr. Israel Dunskey, who is going to Palestine and England to make a close study of Zionist organisation methods.

The crowd was delighted by the singing of Hebrew songs, and the young people enjoyed themselves by dancing the Horah. The send-off which the tourists received was typical of the joy felt by Zionists that their friends should have the opportunity of visiting Eretz Israel. The tourists carry with them the best wishes of South African Zionists for a happy and instructive stay in the Yishub.

**Fine Work for Education**

**Presentation to Mrs. S. L. Cohen.**

A pleasant function recently took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen, when the Cape Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education bid farewell to Mrs. S. L. Cohen, the indefatigable honorary secretary. Dr. C. Resnekov, who presided, eulogised the services of Mrs. Cohen on behalf of Jewish education in the Western Province. He stated that most of the success which had been achieved had been due to the efforts of the honorary secretary.

As a mark of esteem, it had been decided to inscribe the name of Mrs. Cohen in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. Dr. Resnekov expressed the hope that on her return from Palestine Mrs. Cohen would again associate herself with Jewish education in this country.

Mrs. Cohen assured those present that on her return she would continue the work which she had so much at heart.

**Rabbi I. Kossowski**

**To Lecture at Wolmarans Street Synagogue.**

It is announced by the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg that Rabbi I. Kossowski (Rabbi of the Federation of Synagogues) will deliver a droscha at the Park Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, on Saturday, the 8th inst., immediately after the Minchah service commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The Jewish public is cordially invited.

**Chanukah in the City**

CHANUKAH was celebrated in Johannesburg during the week with various festivities among the different Jewish organisations. Special Chanukah services were held at the Yeoville and Berea Synagogues, and by the Reform Congregation.

At the Yeoville Synagogue, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Freeman, were in attendance, and a special sermon was preached by the Rev. A. T. Shrock, B.A. The prayer for the Royal Family was offered by Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by Cantors Inspektor and Lopato, assisted by the joint choirs of the Yeoville and Wolmarans Street Synagogues, under the baton of Mr. Grosberg. Members of the South African Jewish Ex-Service League, Jewish members of the Defence Force, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Cubs and Brownies, including a contingent from the Jewish Orphanage, attended the service.

At the Berea Synagogue, Tudhope Avenue, Chief Cantor S. Steinberg officiated, assisted by a choir under the baton of Mr. S. Steinberg, junior. An organist and other instrumentalists specially engaged for this service also participated. In addition to the usual service a number of Jewish national songs in Hebrew, written by the late Ch. N. Bialik, M. D. Hersch and N. Rosenbloom, with the music composed by Cantor Steinberg, were given. A special address was delivered by Mr. D. Mierowsky, the director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, who described the meaning and emphasised the significance to modern Jewry of Chanukah.

The Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation held the Chanukah service at the Freemasons' Hall, cor. Claim and Plein Streets. The service was fully choral and orchestral.

Both the choir and the instrumentalists were under the able leadership of Mr. J. Idelson, the honorary musical director. The Congregation enjoyed especially the rendering of Mombach's "Halleluyah" and of Professor Weinberg's "Berceuse Palestinienne."

Rabbi M. C. Weiler delivered an address on "The Maccabees—If They Were Alive To-day."

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