

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

From
Our Own Correspondents

Benoni

An "At Home" was held under the auspices of the local Women's Zionist League at the residence of Mrs. E. Goldberg on Tuesday, 25th ult., in aid of the National Fund, and realised the sum of £16 5s.

At the Chanukah service held in the synagogue on Sunday evening, 2nd inst., Rabbi Kossowsky spoke on the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

Bloemfontein

Balfour Declaration Day was commemorated in Bloemfontein on Sunday, the 11th ult., when Adv. L. Lawrence, in a concise survey, dealt with the sequence of events leading up to the issuing of the historic Charter of Jewish Liberties. He discussed the history of Palestine under Britain as the Mandatory Power, and the various influences governing her policy.

Mr. M. Pencharz, Chairman of the Bloemfontein Zionist Society, presided, and in his remarks referred to the great loss sustained by world Jewry in the death of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, whose services to Palestine would never be forgotten. During the course of the evening, songs were rendered by Miss Goldblatt, and flute solos by Mr. Fainsinger, accompanied by Miss G. Fainsinger. Miss R. Kimmel rendered two piano solos. All these items were most appreciated.

The vote of thanks to Mr. Lawrence was proposed by Mr. S. Berman.

Bothaville

Mr. H. J. Heller, the hon. secretary of the Bothaville Hebrew Congregation, has forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage the sum of £2 14s. 6d., being £2 4s. collection at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Kaplan on the occasion of their son's Barmitzvah on Saturday evening, 24th ult., and 10s. 6d. being donation by the Barmitzvah, Master Sigmund Kaplan, at the synagogue service.

Beaufort West

A Chanukah concert of the Hebrew classes, arranged by Rev. I. Gulis, took place on the 5th inst. at the Lyric Hall. The outstanding feature of the evening was a Hebrew play, "Chasmonaim," staged by the pupils.

Rev. I. Gulis gave a short address on the significance of Chanukah after which the *maariv* service and the kindling of the candles were performed by the children. Suitable recitations for the occasion, in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, were given by the school children. Thanks are due to Mr. M. Garb for the use of the hall, and to those who provided the refreshments. During the evening a sum was collected for the "Chronicle Seaside Fund."

Claremont

Oneg-Shabbos was held in the Talmud Torah Hall here on Saturday, the 1st inst. Mr. R. Newstead, the chairman, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a vast gathering and extended to them a hearty welcome. He thanked the committee members of Oneg-Shabbos for the arrangements made regarding the refreshments, etc. Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson read a humorous sketch of Ansky (in Yiddish), to the great delight of the gathering.

Mr. A. Silber, chairman of the Junior Zionist Society, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Newstead and Rabbi Abrahamson, and requested the latter to continue the series of lectures on history.

Mrs. L. E. Berman expressed her thanks to the chairman for his kind remarks.

The next Oneg-Shabbos will be held on Saturday, the 29th inst., when Rabbi Abrahamson will deliver an address on "Authenticity of the Prophet."

East London

The Women's Zionist League held a number of functions recently which have been both socially and financially successful. A card afternoon was held on the 7th ult., and a jumble sale on November 1st, and as the result of these activities a substantial sum has been raised.

There was a fair attendance on Wednesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the monthly meeting of the Sewing Circle. Miss M. R. Solomons, who has recently returned from a trip to Europe, gave a very interesting resumé of her experiences and impressions. Mrs. Sapire, the president, in conveying the meeting's thanks to the speaker, announced that the Society would endeavour to arrange for similarly interesting addresses at all future meetings. Mrs. L. Moss kindly read teacups and the proceeds were devoted towards the prizes for the Hebrew School.

The monthly meetings of the committee are always very well attended, and the women of East London are making every effort to promote Zionist activity.

Klerksdorp

At the Chanukah service held in the synagogue on Sunday, the 2nd inst., the Rev. S. Eisenberg, assisted by a choir of school children, officiated. The minister delivered an address upon the significance of Chanukah and stressed the importance of the Habonim movement.

The opening and closing ceremonies were performed by the Habonim and Cheder children, the boys and girls singing Habonim songs with enthusiasm. Later, recitations in Hebrew were given by the children of the Cheder.

Kirkwood

The monthly meeting of the Zionist Society was held on Sunday evening, the 2nd inst., at the residence of Mrs. Thal. After society business had been disposed of, Mr. Persky read an extract from the Yiddish of Sholem Asch. Refreshments were served, and the evening concluded with an expression of thanks to the hostess for her hospitality.

Krugersdorp

The series of "At Homes" on behalf of the Jewish National Fund organised by members of the Krugersdorp Women's Zionist League is being continued with marked success. Of late three further such functions have been held at the residences of Mesdames D. Levy, D. Trope, and L. Furman, yielding respectively, £5 11s., £3 8s., and £7.

Great credit is due to the hostesses for the results achieved and also to the members of the League for supporting them so well.

Malmesbury

The monthly Zionist conversazione was held at the residence of Dr. H. Myers on Sunday, 25th ult. Mr. M. Luntz presided. Dr. C. Resnikov, of Woodstock, lectured to an audience of 50 members on "The Structure of Jewish Life in the Feudal Days under the Influence of Papal Bulls and Rabbinical Synods." Musical and elocution items were rendered by Miss Sarah Meyers, Miss A. Koonin and Mrs. Max Solomon. Dr. H. Myers thanked the lecturer and artists, and Dr. P. Beinart thanked the host and hostess. The usual collection was made for the National Fund.

Senekal

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mr. George Rewald, the Hon. Secretary of the Senekal Hebrew Congregation, the sum of £5 5s., being offerings by the members of the congregation on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur.

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