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News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

(From Our Own Correspondents)

Bethlehem

The handsome sum of £11 was realised at a card evening held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Seligson, on the 2nd ult.

The function, which was under the auspices of the Bethlehem Zionist Association, proved an exceptional success. The society wishes to tender its thanks, especially to Mrs. P. Seligson for undertaking the arrangement of the function.

Boksburg

A "Pubmatic" section has been formed by the Boksburg Hatechiya. A play will be produced in the near future and those interested are asked to communicate with the hon. secretary, Miss R. Gaylis.

The election of officers of the Boksburg H.O.D., Sir Rufus Isaacs Lodge, took place recently. There was a representative number of brethren present. The following were elected for the forthcoming term of office: President, Bro. Alec. Massel; vice-president, Wor. Bro. B. Levins; treasurer, Bro. Max Kahn; hon. secretary, Bro. L. Swil; M.C., Wor. Bro. A. J. Saretzky; Inside Guardian, Wor. Bro. H. W. Massel; trustees, Wor. Bros. B. Levins, L. Friedman and Bro. A. Zlot; Grand Lodge delegate, Bro. A. Ehrlich; Board of Deputies' delegate, Bro. M. D. Klaff. Committee: Wor. Bro. L. Friedman, Bros. M. Chesler, S. Karn, M. Green, M. D. Klaff, A. Zlot.

Breyten

Owing to the sad death of one of its young members, Sybil Katz, at the early age of 18, the Breyten and District Zionist Society has postponed its social afternoon which was to have been held this month. It takes this opportunity of conveying deepest sympathy to the family of this young member.

East London

On the 20th ult. the Barmitzvah was celebrated at the Clarendon Hotel of Hyman Samuel, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Sapire. There were about 200 guests present, among them being Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and Mrs. Landau.

The following toasts were proposed: Rev. Altshuler, the Barmitzvah; Mr. Addelson, the parents and grandparents; Mr. Zaakon made a presentation from the H.O.D. Mr. Sapire replied to all the toasts. Dr. Landau added his good wishes.

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Among the presents received were several certificates for trees of the Dizengoff Memorial Forest. Five of these being presented by the Women's Zionist League of East London.

Fort Beaufort

An enjoyable entertainment in the form of a farewell luncheon was given on Sunday, the 7th ult., by Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenstein, of Balfour, Cape, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. S. Strelitz, of Fort Beaufort, who left on an extensive tour of Palestine and the Continent. Mr. Strelitz is the president of the Fort Beaufort, Adelaide and District Zionist and Benevolent Society.

The members of the society presented Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz with a silver cigarette case and a silver-backed brush and comb set respectively. Mr. S. Galgut, of Adelaide, made an impressive speech, stressing the members' appreciation of all the good work Mr. and Mrs. Strelitz had done in the district.

Mr. Strelitz suitably replied, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

Germiston

The Germiston and District Jewish Women's Benevolent Society held its general meeting on the 10th inst., at the Alexander Hotel. The executive and committee for the year were elected as follows: Mrs. D. Goldblatt, president; Mesdames Huftel, Ginsburg, Arkin, and Barris, hon. presidents; Mrs. A. Swon, treasurer; Mrs. M. Wigdorowitz, secretary. Ladies elected on the committee: Mesdames L. Niefeld, B. Steinberg, B. Prag, Eliasov, Brand, Szewach, Yodaiken, S. Kramer, A. Kaplan, W. Rosenthal, Dodowitz, I. Barris, Rubin, J. Dunsky, H. L. Joffe, Senior, I. Dunsky, G. Rosenberg, M. Senik, Z. Hareven, S. Wigdorowitz. The president read the balance sheet for the year and passed a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. auditors.

George

At a recent general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation it was decided to proceed with the erection of a residence for the Minister. The necessary preliminary steps have already been taken.

At the enthronement and subsequent reception to the newly-elected Bishop of George, the Hebrew community was represented by Rev. I. Wolk, minister to the congregation.

Zionist Society.

Under the auspices of the society a successful cultural social was held on the 28 ult. in the Masonic Hall. Mr. H. A. Comay presided over a large gathering.

The first item was a brief lecture, on the significance of Purim, by Rev. Wolk. This was followed by a pleasant ceremony—the presentation to Mr. A. Comay, chairman of the society, of the certificate of inscription of his name in the Golden Book by the society in appreciation of the services rendered by him. The presentation was made by Mr. S. Miller (vice-president). Mr. Comay suitably thanked the society.

A Purim play, organised by Mrs. J. Landsman, was then staged. Mrs. H. A. Comay was at the piano, whilst Rev. Wolk was responsible for the musical direction. The following took part: Masters C. Joseph (Ahasuerus); R. Berelowitz (Mordechai); P. Dryer (Haman); and Miss L. Landsman (Esther). The lesser stellar roles were filled by Miss M. Shlugman and Masters M. Hill, A. Kottler and H. Frankel.

Mr. H. Comay then addressed the gathering on "The Pros and Cons of Assimilation," which was subsequently discussed thoroughly by the audience.

Griqualand West

The monthly "At Home" of the Kimberley Women's Zionist League was held in the Savoy Hotel on the 3rd inst.

Mrs. Stoller was in the chair. Mrs. Jacobson delivered an address and gave a reading from one of Zangwill's speeches on the subject of "Votes for Women." Miss Ashne Kretzmer read an article by Mrs. S. Brodetsky, on the work of the W.I.Z.O. Miss Gertie Goldberg gave a pianoforte solo and Miss Jules Ellis danced and sang. Mrs. Stoller made an appeal for the support of the sale of Shekolim. Mrs. A. Slosberg proposed a vote of thanks to those participating.

A social evening in commemoration of Purim was held recently in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the local Zionist Society. The chairman, Adv. D. Cohen, in his address, stated that in the present time there was need for ever increasing Zionist activity.

An attractive programme was presented by members of the society, those performing being: Misses Kremer, Weinstein, Kretzmar and Goldberg, and Messrs. I. Goldberg, H. Jacobson, Buch and Rev. Kamionsky. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. A. Slosberg.

Jamestown

Thanks are due to Mrs. Levy and Co. for the generous use to which they put their J.N.F. Box which yielded an amount of £2 8s. 9d. when it was cleared on the last occasion.

Kingwilliamstown

The National Fund has recently benefited by two functions held here almost simultaneously.

On the 27th ult., Mr. and Mrs. C. Alperstein, in celebration of the Barmitzvah of their youngest son, Hugo, entertained well over 100 guests, many of whom came from long distance. Under the chairmanship of Mr. M. B. Cohen, various speakers proposed toasts to which the Barmitzvah responded. During the evening £2 5s. was raised for the fund.

Next day, at the Berkeley Street Synagogue, the Rev. Gordon officiated at the wedding of Miss F. Kabelsky and Mr. H. Navra. The bride's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Addleson, of Queenstown, were the unterfuhrers. At the subsequent luncheon at the residence of Mr. Kabelsky, over which Mr. C. Alperstein presided, £3 5s. was collected for the National Fund.

Kroonstad

Under the auspices of the Zionist Society, a Purim social dance was held at the Community Centre on the 25th ult.

Rev. A. M. Kaplan delivered a short address on the significance of Purim, and Mr. H. Gersohn presented a musical programme. Musical items were presented by Mrs. C. Smiedt, Rev. A. Lan, and Miss Shirley Goldblatt. The accompanists were the Toplas and Arenson.

The local Zionist Society is active of late, and the monthly cultural and social functions are very popular. A Woman's Zionist Group is now in the formation.

Mr. H. Gersohn, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Society and Hebrew Congregation, was successful at the recent municipal elections held in Kroonstad.

Middelburg, Transvaal

Mrs. N. Brozin, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to the institution the sum of £2 2s. 6d. in aid of the collection of subscriptions from local members.

Phillipstown

Mr. O. Berelowitz is to be congratulated on the fine amount of £100 which he has cleared in his J.N.F. Box. His Box yielded £100.

Port Elizabeth

The monthly social of the Women's Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. A. Weintraub on the 9th ult. Mrs. S. Weintraub presented an interesting news bulletin. Zartz rendered two songs delightfully after which the chairlady, Mrs. Kin, introduced the speaker, Mr. Sapire. Mr. Sapire said he hoped the sale of Shekels this year would exceed that of previous years.

Mrs. B. Bernstein proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, the artist and the artist.

Thaba 'Nchu

Mr. E. Dreyer, chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to the institution the sum of £1 1s., by way of subscriptions collection from members.

Volkstrust

Thirty-five Shekolim were collected here on behalf of the Volkstrust Society by the Misses Hertzberg and Berman. These ladies were gratified by the warm gesture of their non-Jewish friend, Mr. S. Hood, encountering them in the course of their rounds, offered them a contribution towards the Zionist cause.

Mrs. Bessie Zulman, the honorary secretary of the local branch of the Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £7 10s. being £5 for sale of second-hand clothes by Mrs. B. Fine (senior) and £2 10s. collection of subscriptions from local members, and 10s. cleared from an Orphanage box.

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