

MR. BEN YEHUDA ENTERTAINED LUNCHEON OF THE HASMONEANS

THE Hasmoneans, the Men's Association of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, gathered at the Station Restaurant on Wednesday, the 17th inst., to hold their monthly luncheon. Mr. E. Jacobson presided over a fair gathering and the guest of honour was Mr. Ehud Ben Yehuda.

Mr. Ben Yehuda delivered an address in which he pointed to the necessity of judging the future of Palestine against the background of history rather than against the reflection of the present situation. Turning to the Hebrew language, the speaker showed that a national tongue was essential in order to spread culture, and no less necessary for the development of commerce, industry and every phase of a nation's existence.

Rabbi Weiler also addressed the gathering. He referred to the time when a babel of tongues was to be heard in Palestine. To-day Palestine was potentially already a national home, but actually it would only be transformed into this when the land, the culture and the language became universally Jewish.

Dr. Agranat paid a tribute to Mr. Ben Yehuda and to his revered father. The chairman associated himself with the tribute expressed by Dr. Agranat.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Central Branch.—Under the auspices of this branch a literary function is to take place at the residence of Mrs. I. Adelson, 26 St. Andrew's Road, Houghton, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 10.30 a.m. The Misses Kirshon, Adelson and Goldfain will read interesting papers. Members are cordially invited to be present.

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg Branch.—The monthly meeting of the Union will be held at the Jewish Guild on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 10.30 a.m.

Reports from affiliated societies will be read and the meeting will be addressed on "World Peace Through the League of Nations," by Mr. A. S. Holland.

Schavlaner Sick Benefit and Friendly Society

The Silver Jubilee of the Institution.

On the 20th inst., the silver jubilee of this institution was celebrated. An interesting programme was provided for those who gathered to participate in the Simcha of this institution which has done so much to assist unfortunate Schavlaner Brethren. The president, Mr. Max Solomon, presided, and welcomed the guests.

Mr. Max Lazerow delivered an address in honour of the jubilee. Mr. M. A. Rosen, the secretary, reviewed the work done by the institution through a quarter of a century and his report revealed that 96 families had been assisted and that 79 applications for financial support had been granted.

The chairman, Mr. Max Solomon, presented illuminated addresses in Hebrew to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Haifer, the Hon. Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Lazerow, and the Hon. Relief Treasurer, Mr. H. Lipman.

Rabbi S. Rosenzweig delivered an inspiring address. Adv. B. Guinsberg and Mr. M. Y. Levinsau also spoke.

Cantor J. Badash accompanied by Mr. Ichilzik, rendered several very fine songs.

Dr. Malan and Nasionale Studente Bond

WHILE addressing a gathering of the Afrikaanse Nasionale Student Bond, Dr. Malan congratulated them on their action concerning the immigration of "undesirables."

In the course of his remarks he said that the A.N.S. had the task of helping to bring the people of South Africa back to an appreciation of spiritual values. He referred to the countries of Italy and Germany who had witnessed "a spiritual and moral revolution."

The A.N.S. was recently refused admission to the Student Representative Council of the Capetown University. The committee is at present investigating this case. The reason for the refusal put forward by the Capetown University is that the Constitution of the S.R.C. lays down that only societies who allowed membership of all registered students of the University could be recognised. The Student Bond, however, admitted neither Jewish nor coloured students.

Obituary

The death occurred of Mrs. C. Poliakovsky on Thursday, the 18th inst., in Johannesburg. Mrs. Poliakovsky who was formerly Miss Eppel, married in 1909 Mr. B. Poliakovsky, of a well-known rabbinical family in Russia, and himself a man of scholastic attainment. She was predeceased by her husband in 1918.

The deceased had a fine charitable disposition and during her lifetime contributed to many welfare institutions. The South African Jewish Orphanage, as well as other institutions, benefitted greatly through her activities on their behalf. Her sound knowledge of the Talmud and her love for Jewish traditionalism gave her a keen appreciation of essential Jewish values.

She is survived by her four children, Simon, Millie, Rochelle and Jackie.

MOLLY PICON TO GIVE YIDDISH PROGRAMME

Special Performance at Standard Theatre Next Week

JOHANNESBURG will have the pleasure of seeing the brilliant Jewish artist, Molly Picon, in an all-Jewish programme next Wednesday evening. The programme will be presented through the courtesy of African Consolidated Theatres, at the Standard Theatre. There will also be a matinee performance on Wednesday afternoon.

The items Miss Picon will present at this special show include some of the gems of her repertoire. An added attraction will be the fact that she will do most of them in costume. Among them will be "Yankele," a brilliant character study of a Talmud student. This was written for her by her husband, Mr. Jacob Kalisch. She will also perform "The Wandering Melody," an appealing study of the underlying theme of Jewish life which changes with the various countries into which Jews go, but nevertheless contains at bottom the same melody. Other sketches will be "Four Periods in the Life of a Woman," "Chapters Devoted to Mendele," "How the Audience Appears to Molly," and others. All in all the programme will comprise about 24 items.

Molly Picon's husband, Mr. Jacob Kalisch, will make his debut before a Johannesburg audience, both as Master of Ceremonies and as a contributor to the programme. He will give an item entitled "Stories of My Mother."

Mr. A. Ellstein, the brilliant Jewish composer who has written the music of Molly Picon's songs, will also contribute to the programme, performing some selections from his own compositions.

Berea Hebrew Congregation

On Saturday, the first day of Passover, a special sermon will be delivered by Rabbi Gervis, and on Sunday, the second day, Messrs. Jabotinsky and Jacobi, the N.Z.O. delegation, and their executive, will attend service, at which Cantor Inspektor will officiate. On Thursday evening, 1st April, Dr. Landau will preach at 6 p.m., and on Friday morning, 2nd April, Rabbi Kossowsky will preach to the congregation. It is anticipated that there will be a large number of worshippers attending during the Passover Festivals.

ZIONIST SOCIALIST PARTY.

On Sunday, the 28th inst., at 8.30 p.m., a dance will be held for the first time at the new hall of the Zionist Federation, corner Plein and Claim Streets. Numerous items will be given including the reading of a humorous Hagadah. An orchestra has been engaged. All members and friends are cordially invited.

On April the 4th, at 8.45 p.m., a concert will be held at the H.O.D. Hall. An excellent programme has been arranged and the following artists have kindly consented to appear: Berele Chagy, Michael Doré, Madame Olga Ryss, Faivel Zigelbaum, and Alter's Balalaika Orchestra. Tickets are obtainable from the Secretary, 6 Becker Street, Yeoville. (Phone 813 Yeoville).

Women's Zionist Council A NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED

Miss Gertrude Sand, the former secretary of the S.A. Women's Zionist Council, recently left for a tour of Palestine. Mrs. E. Greenblatt has been appointed secretary in her place.

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