

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

(From Our Own Correspondents)

Bethal

At the Bris of Benjamin Chaical, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hirschowitz, of Bethal, the collection was bought in by the quattors, Miss Eveline Hirschowitz and Mr. S. Swiller.

Bloemfontein

Women's Zionist Society.—A well attended monthly meeting of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist Society was held on the 7th ult., at the residence of Mrs. S. Kahn. Mrs. Tcherney presided and submitted the annual report.

Miss Frances Cramer read an interesting paper on Mendelssohn, and Miss Grace Fainsinger rendered several of the great composer's compositions, which were well applauded.

Mrs. Bloom proposed a vote of thanks to Misses Cramer and Fainsinger, and Mrs. Tcherney thanked Mesdames Kahn and Caplan for their hospitality.

A successful card evening organised by the society took place at the Grand Hotel on the 10th ult. Part of the proceeds will be devoted to the "Dizengoff Tree Fund." At the conclusion of the function Mr. D. Davidson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Horwitz, the proprietor of the hotel, and all those ladies who so kindly helped to make the function such a success.

Union of Jewish Women.—The annual meeting of the Bloemfontein branch of the Union was held on the 14th ult., at the residence of Mrs. H. Moross.

The chairlady, Mrs. R. Shtein, presided over a large gathering of members. Mr. Parry delivered a talk on "Spain," and Mrs. Bryer moved a vote of thanks. Mrs. Shtein read her report on the year's activities and Mrs. Tcherney presented her financial statement. The election of office-bearers resulted in all the outgoing committee being re-elected.

Under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Women, a reception for Miss Molly Picon was held at the Communal Hall on the 20th ult. Nearly 400 people attended.

East London

The marriage of Hetty Aronowitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Aronowitz, to Jack Nick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nick, of East London, was solemnised in the East London Synagogue on Sunday, the 21st of March. The Rev. O. Altshuler officiated.

A reception was subsequently held at the Clarendon Hotel where Mr. Max Shwer presided over a large gathering. The toasts of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. O. Altshuler. "The Parents" by Mr. I. J. Abelman and the "Bridesmaids" by the brother of the bride, Mr. Isaac Aronowitz. Mrs. Aronowitz responded on behalf of the parents.

A collection in aid of the National Fund resulted in a sum of £8 1s. 7d. being donated.

Ficksburg

On the 17th ult., Isaiah Feinberg, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Feinberg, of Ficksburg, read a portion of the Law in the Ficksburg Synagogue.

On the 21st ult. a reception was held in the Town Hall where Mr. and Mrs. Feinberg entertained several hundred guests, many having come from as far afield as Clocolan, Marquard, Tweespruit, Fouriesburg, Frankfort and Johannesburg.

Rev. Oleska toasted the Barmitzvah who responded in a praiseworthy manner. Numerous other toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and thereafter couples took the floor and dancing continued till 2 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Feinberg are to be congratulated on the very enjoyable and highly successful entertainment provided by them.

Mr. Feinberg presented a bridge table and four chairs which were sold per American auction and realised the amount of £10 10s. which is being donated to the J.N.F.

Griqualand West

A novel entertainment took place recently in the form of a "Ma Nishtanah" evening. Adv. Cohen, who presided, referred to the death of Jacob de Haas and those who had lost their lives recently in Palestine and the meeting stood for a minute as a mark of respect. Mr. H. Jacobson gave an interesting reading from Sholem Aleichem and Hebrew and Yiddish songs were rendered by the Habonim. Various questions were put by members of the audience mainly regarding Mr. Jabotinsky's visit to this country and were answered by the chairman. Wine, Pesach cakes, etc., were supplied.

Mr. Ben Yehuda visited Kimberley recently and addressed a meeting of the local Zionist Society. The speaker dealt with the history of Eliezer Ben Yehuda and his great work. Mr. H. Jacobson proposed a vote of thanks.

The Zionist Society took advantage of the visit of Miss Molly Picon and Mr. Kalisch to Kimberley at a social evening. Mr. Kalisch amused the crowded gathering in English and Yiddish and Miss Picon kindly obliged with some brilliant renderings of Yiddish songs. This famous artiste received a tremendous ovation from an enthusiastic audience.

A social was held in the Savoy Hotel recently under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League. Mrs. Stoller presided, and Mrs. D. Cohen read the news bulletin. Mrs. Stoller read an abridged version of Dr. Weizmann's evidence before the Royal Commission. A short lecture was delivered by Mrs. Bain on the works of Galsworthy. Mrs. H. Frank sang and the Misses Shirley and Beryl Milunsky danced. Miss Kleinman proposed a vote of thanks to the performers.

Jagersfontein-Fauresmith

A successful social function was arranged by the Jagersfontein-Fauresmith Zionist Society at the Masonic Hall, Fauresmith, and was well attended by members of both

communities. The social opened with a discussion on present political issues in Zionism, which was initiated by the chairman, Mr. B. Philips. The following also participated: Messrs. A. Orelowitz, M. Immerman, H. Savage and J. Heyman. Thereafter, a brush and comb set, kindly presented by Mrs. J. Immerman, of Jagersfontein, was raffled and won by Mr. K. Morris, of Fauresmith. As a result of the raffle and the playing of cards which was indulged in later, the sum of £3 10s. was raised for the Jewish National Fund.

Kirkwood

There was a large attendance at the residence of Mrs. I. Aires, on Sunday evening, the 18th inst., when a Zionist meeting was held.

Mr. Tabachowitz presided, and a fine address was delivered by Rev. Altshuler on "What is expected from a true Zionist," which appealed especially to the youth. Items rendered by Master David Altshuler, Miss Rosie Aronson and Mr. Nathan Altshuler greatly added to the success of the function.

After the reading of an article translated from the "Judische Rundschau," thanks were accorded to Rev. Altshuler for his address, and members of his family then rendered further items.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the hostess, and the singing of Hatikvah, the function closed.

Middelburg (Tvl.)

A successful evening was held at the residence of Mrs. I. Resnicow on the 10th ult. A lampshade presented by Mrs. Resnicow was raffled and a goodly sum of money was collected.

Oudtshoorn

The monthly meeting of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society took place at the Hebrew School on the 20th ult.

An enjoyable social arranged by the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society took place in the Hebrew School Hall on the 25th ult., at which there was a good attendance. Hebrew songs and recitations by the pupils of the Hebrew School were appreciated. Mrs. W. Agranat read an interesting paper on "Jewish Activity in South Africa." Miss A. Sieff read extracts from Dr. Weizmann's evidence before the Royal Commission in Palestine, and Miss E. Maltz read the monthly news bulletin.

Paarl

The annual meeting of the Lemaan Zion Society was held on the 18th inst., at the Talmud Torah Hall. In his able report, the chairman, Dr. M. Cohen, surveyed the work and achievements of the society during the past year. An election of office bearers ensued, resulting as follows: Chairman, Dr. M. Cohen; vice-chairman, I. B. Silbert; hon. treasurer, A. Lichtenstein; hon. secretary, Rev. I. Gulis. Committee: Rev. Strelitz (hon. life member), Mesdames L. Hoffman, H. Strelitz, and I. Gulis, and Messrs. B. Zetler, M. Melamed, H. Radin, M. Bach and H. Katz.

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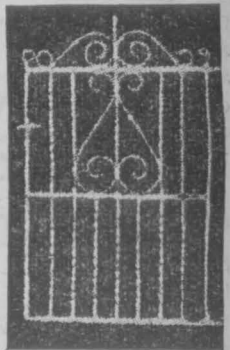
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