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#### New Society at Claremont.

Sponsored by the Western Province Propaganda Council, a meeting was held at Claremont last week for the purpose of forming a separate society at Claremont. Hitherto Claremont and Wynberg have had a combined Association, and there has been up till now no society or movement of any sort among the youth of that area.

Mr. J. M. Weinreich, Chairman of the Propaganda Council, Dr. C. Resnekov, Mr. T. Snitcher and Mr. H. Zuckerman were the

speakers of the evening.

Mr. Weinreich explained the objects of the Western Province Propaganda Council, which watched over the existing societies and where there were none was responsible for the formation of new societies and supplied speakers as required.

Referring to the German problem, Mr. Weinreich quoted Paul Goodman, who said "There is no European language of any importance to which the Jews have not added their share. In the Middle Ages it was Arabic and in modern times, German. Our contribution to the German language is indeed a pride to the Jewish people. We are making history daily and the last chapter of Judaism has yet to be written."

Dr. Resnekov, in the course of his speech, referred to the German situation and said there was no necessity to get very alarmed because we have already accomplished a unique feat—one which no other nation has ever accomplished. We have built bricks without straw. This was a moral lesson to us all to egg us on to build our own country. In the past we were watchmen to other people's vineyards. We had been busy acquiring as much foreign culture as possible and spiritually we were starved and we have nothing to leave our children when we go.

Mr. Herzl Zuckerman appealed to the youth to form themselves into a Youth Society and emphasised the fact that they were out to arrest the apathy of the young members of the community.

Mr. T. Snitcher spoke in Yiddish and strongly supported the advisability of forming a Zionist Society.

Mr. A. Katz was in the chair, and Mr. Gorfinkel proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

It was decided to leave the formation of a society to the President of the Congregation, Mr. Gorfinkel.

#### Matriculation Hebrew Exhibition.

The Hebrew Exhibition awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination of December, 1932, has been won by Miss Joan D. Freed, Durban Girls' College, Durban. Heartiest congratulation are extended on her success.

#### Union of Jewish Women.

An interesting meeting of the Union of Jewish Women of S.A. (Cape Town Branch) was held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 4th April.

The annual report of the Union of Jewish Women (London) was read; special interest was shown in the conference held in February in co-operation with the B'nai B'rith First Women's Lodge of England—at which "Problems of Modern Youth" were discussed.

An interesting paper, compiled by Mrs. T. Saphra, on the report of the Jewish Association for Protection of Girls and Women, was read. The Association does very excellent work and has representation on the League of Nations Department for the Prevention of Traffic in Women, and has established branches in nearly every country.

It was reported that the sub-committee appointed to consider the form of franchise to be granted to women members of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation would place its report before a general meeting to be held on Sunday, 23rd April.

The meeting confirmed the action of the Executive in consenting to co-operate with other societies in the forthcoming Rainbow Fete to be held in aid of Zionist Hall Funds.

A very interesting and stimulating address was delivered by Adv. J. Herbstein on "The Zionist Hall and the Community." Mr. Herbstein sketched briefly the position of Jewry in other parts of the world and in particular the distressing situation in Germany. Even the Verein of Deutsche Juden, formed many years ago for the express purpose of assimilation had not had the desired effect—the Jew was still regarded as an alien. The spontaneous protest that arose from the civilised world at large in reply to German outrages—showed that to-day the Jews had achieved a new solidarity among nations—this said Mr. Herbstein was due to the Zionist movemen.

Speaking of the need of local Jewry, Mr. Herbstein said that the Zionist Hall was the problem not of a few societies but of the whole community. The hall provided a centre for the meeting of all Jewish societies free of charge—the hall was the communal home of Jewry. Even with Palestine an established national home it was necessary that Jews in other parts of the world should consolidate their Jewishness—and in Cape Town the Hall was the centre of the community and should at all costs be maintained in the interests of the community.

An enthusiastic response was given by those present and two stalls were undertaken by the Union. Mrs. J. H. Stodel, who was in the chair, thanked Mr. Herbstein for his address.

The meeting then voted a sum of £4 4s. as a donation towards the Rainbow Fete.

#### Bnoth Zion Concert.

The Chalmoed Concert arranged by the Bnoth Zion Association in aid of the Hebrew Kindergarten will take place on Saturday, April 15th, at 8 p.m.

A really excellent programme has been arranged, due attention being paid to the fact that it is Chalmoed Pesach. Boris Rome and his Choir will sing Jewish songs including Chadgadyoh and Folk-songs. There will be a dramatic sketch produced by Mr. H. Talberg and Mr. M. Losman will provide recitations.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening will be spent and at the same time a good cause will be furtherede. If you have not obtained tickets do so now otherwise get them at the door.

#### Cape Town Jewish Youth Circle.

The monthly conversazione of the above Circle was held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 9th April.

Dr. Resnekov was the speaker of the evening, and he chose as his subject, "Colonisation of the Jews in Palestine."

The speaker who has recently returned from a flying visit to Palestine was able to show geographically the work that is being done in Eretz Israel. He, however, stressed the fact that 200,000 Jews in Palestine was an insufficient number to set as an example to the vast masses of Jews in the Diaspora, and it should be the aim and object of the youth to do more and still more practical work for Palestine by collecting funds and by instilling a national consciousness in themselves,

Discussion from the floor took place in which Miss Bernhardt and Messrs. Abel, Levine, Barron and Hirschberg participated.

Dr. Resnekov suitably replied to the various points raised, and after a vote of thanks had been proposed to the speaker the meeting closed with the singing of the Hatikvah.

#### The Strand Hebrew Study Circle.

Sunday night, the 9th, saw the advancement of another step by local Zionists when the Strand Hebrew Study Circle was formed. The organiser, Mr. Louis Shapiro, was elected its first chairman, and Mrs. Hyman Ceintor its first Secretary.

The aim and object of this Circle is to teach its members to speak modern Hebrew fluently. The Circle has been very fortunate in obtaining the services of Rev. Bardin.

It has been decided to limit its membership. The first lesson starts on Monday, 24th April.

#### Donation.

We have been asked to publish the grateful thanks of the Hon. Treasurer of the Cape Jewish Aged Home for a donation of £25 from Mrs. J. Bernstein, Dean Street, Cape Town, towards the new buliding fund, per Rev. A. P. Bender.

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## S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

#### TWO MEETINGS.

The monthly meeting of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies was held on Sunday, March 26th, at the Jewish Guild Building, Johannesburg. There was a large attendance, presided over by Mr. Hirsch Hillman, the President.

A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. W. Sheinbaum, a member of the Board, on the death of his daughter.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. A. Bradlow, submitted the financial statement for the month, which showed that the membership fees received during the period amounted to only £36 15s. 6d., and a deficiency of £344 1s. at the end of March. The guaranteed bank overdraft would again be insufficient to pay the current month's expenses.

The meeting went fully into the position of Jewry in Germany, and the Executive reported cables that had passed between the Board and the Jewish authorities in America and England, as well as communications between the Board and various communities in South Africa. The Chairman made a statement dealing with the information received and the action and attitude of the Executive in this matter. The Executive were keeping in touch with the position daily, and had held a number of special meetings to deal with the developments in the position as they arose. They were awaiting further cable replies from England and America.

A lengthy discussion ensued, in the course of which the position was dealt with from every angle, and eventually it was decided to adjourn the meeting for a further meeting of Deputies to be called by the Executive as soon as possible after the replies were received.

The adjourned meeting of the Deputies was held on Tuesday evening, at which there was again a very large attendance. Mr. Hirsch Hillman, the President, was in the chair.

The Chairman made a statement dealing fully with the developments of the situation with regard to German Jewry, the information and correspondence received by the Board, and the reasons that made it necessary for the Executive to issue the Statement and Resolution published in the South African Press. He outlined the policy of the Executive, and asked the meeting to leave the matter in the hands of the Executive.

The Chairman's request was unanimously agreed to. It was felt that it was most difficult to keep in touch with, and acquaint, South African Jewry at large with all the activities of the Board in connection with the deplorable position of Jewry in Germany, and it was resolved in order to inform the Jewish people in South Africa very fully of the position that a comprehensive statement be issued by the Board.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the next Congress of the Board be held in Durban on Sunday and Monday, August 6th and 7th, and the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the Board in Johannesburg in May, was adopted. With further reference to the case of the Jews in Djibuti—a French possession in North Africa—who were subjected to mal-

treatment and humiliation, it was reported that reply had been received from the Joint Foreign Committee in London that the Alliance Israelite Universelle, of Paris, had communicated with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Board would in due course be informed of the result.

The employment Bureau's report stated that there were fifty-five registrations and forty postions found since the previous meeting, making a total of 954 registrations and 269 billets found by the Bureau since its reopening in April, 1932. The expenditure for the same period had been £311 ls. 11d.

The Chairman, commenting on the report, said that the results achieved fully justified the Board in having re-opened the Bureau.

The Endowment Fund's report stated that arrangements had now been definitely made for a campaign in the Cape Peninsula at the latter end of April. Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., the Chairman of the Board's Cape Town Committee, was in charge of the arrangements for the Cape Campaign.

The Law and Press Committee's report, submitted by its Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. M. Goodman, mentioned in connection with the offensive references to Jews contained in the Carnegie Commission's Report on the Poor White Problem in South Africa, that Messrs. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., and M. Kentridge, M.P., had interviewed the Hon. Patrick Duncan, M.P., the Treasurer, and Senator F S. Malan, the Chairman of the South African Committee of the Carnegie Corporation, both of whom were very sympathetic and had written Mr. Alexander a letter, regretting that any expression in the report should be capable of being interpreted as conveying an unworthy reflection on the Jewish community and stating that they were certain that both the corporation and the local committee would repudiate any such reflection.

The report also mentioned successful action taken with reference to a newspaper report of a police court case in which the term "Jewish Storekepeer" was used, the newspaper referred to expressing regret and stating that this would not occur again; action taken with regard to amending a certain Municipal Regulation dealing with Kosher killing in the abattoirs; and correspondence on the subject of insulting references to Jews in certain school books.

It was resolved to present the Rev. A. P. Bender with an illuminated address on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

### Bnoth Zion Association.

#### CHALMOED CONCERT

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#### BARMITZVAH.

GLASER.—Ezra, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Glaser, 25, Rosmead Avenue, Orangezicht, Cape Town, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Gardens Synagogue on Saturday, 15th April.

## WIDESPREAD PROTEST AGAINST HITLERISM.

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and the German Consulate were carefully guarded by police for the rest of the day.

The demonstrators attending the meeting in the Nowosci Theatre afterwards formed a procession to march to the German Embassy, but the police refused to allow them to get near the building.

A spontaneous demonstration took place at the Warsaw Central Station, when thousands of Jews who had gone to see off a party of 645 Jews going to Palestine, shouted "Down with Hitler!" and "Long Live Poland!" and sang the Hatikvah.

The Warsaw Stock Exchange was closed after an address had been delivered by Deputy Waclaw Wislicki, the President of the Jewish Merchants' Federation, and a member of the pro-Government Party in the Sejm.

Jewish merchants in Poland have informed the Jewish Merchants' Federation that they have cancelled orders for German goods amounting in value to 100,000 dollars.

Protest demonstrations on similar lines were held in Lemberg, Cracow, Lodz, Vilna, Bialystok, Kattowice and many other towns.

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#### Wolf Kibel's Exhibition.

Last week before a very representative gathering an Exhibition of the work of Wolf Kibel was opened by the Kunwarani, Lady Singh.

Great interest has been taken in this Exhibition and a great diversity of opinion expressed. The Exhibition is well worth visiting. It is at Ashbey's Art Galleries, 35, Church Street, Cape Town.

#### In Brief.

Among those who sailed on the "Llangibby Castle" for England this week were Mr. A. M. Abrahams (Hon. Life President of the Zionist Federation) and Mrs. Abrahams, Mrs. I. Cristol, Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Sennett, Mrs. A. Wolf and daughter.

Mrs. Julius Robinson and family are sailing for Europe on the "Carnarvon Castle" to-day.

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