

Country Activities.

Paarl.

Members of the Paarl Junior Zionist Society and others gathered at the Paarl Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday evening, 28th July, to listen to an eloquent address delivered by Adv. M. S. Comay. He spoke on the "Party Tendencies of Zionism" in which he gave a resumé of the various patries contained in the Zionist movement, viz., General Zionist, Zionist Socialist, Revisionist and Mizrahi.

After some discussion Mr. A. J. Volks, on behalf of the audience and the Paarl Society, expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the speaker.

Wellington.

At a Herzl-Bialik Memorial meeting held at Wellington Synagogue, Rev. Melamed intoned the Hazkorah in memory of Bialik, Herzl and Mr. Benzion Hersch.

Mr. B. Padowitz, who came out specially from Cape Town, addressed the gathering on Bialik and Herzl and also paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Benzion Hersch.

Mr. Solomon was in the chair and Mr. Kling proposed a vote of thanks.

A collection for the Herzl Forest was made.

Worcester.

A meeting in memory of Dr. Theodor Herzl and Ch. Bialik was held in the Zionist Hall.

Mr. Jack Friedman, Chairman of the Zionist Society, presided.

Rev. E. Stein intoned the memorial service. Messrs. M. Rabinowitz and J. Rabinowitz gave addresses on the life and work of Theodor Herzl.

Mr. L. Goodman delivered an inspiring address on Bialik and his works.

Messrs. A. Volks and J. J. Wilk paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Benzion Hersch.

Recitations were delivered during the evening by Miss J. Sacks and Master R. Rabinowitz.

Special thanks are due to Mr. L. Goodman for the arrangements at the meeting.

Votes of thanks to the speakers were passed by Mr. I. Shirken and Mr. Max Lange.

A very successful concert under the auspices of the Worcester Junior Zionist Society took place at the Zionist Hall recently.

The organisers were Mr. L. Volks and Mr. L. Goodman.

The programme was opened with an orchestral overture.

A one-act play, "Der Choson," produced by Mr. L. Goodman, was staged by the senior members. This comedy was well received by the audience.

Two musical tableaux entitled "Workers in the Field" and "Around the Camp Fire," were staged by the members. These tableaux represented Chalutz life in Palestine.

After an interval a movie film of the Worcester Jewish personalities was screened. This film was taken and produced by Mr. S. Volks. Other items were "A Piano and a Voice," by Mr. L. Volks and Miss Lily Volks, a story entitled "Dust," written and dramatically read by Mr. L. Goodman, and a monologue by Miss Sadie Sadman. At the conclusion the Society presented gifts of appreciation to the organisers.

United Appeal for Polish Jewry.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting of the Jewish residents of Cape Town and suburbs was held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night in connection with the appeal for Polish Jewry.

THE MAYOR (Mr. L. Gradner) was in the chair and apologised for the absence of Dr. Bernard Friedman who had been unavoidably detained in Bloemfontein, and of Rev. A. P. Bender who was indisposed. He was sorry, he said, to see the hall only half-filled as he had been optimistic enough to think that it would be filled to capacity. But he was beginning to feel that the Jews of Cape Town did not appreciate the importance of this appeal. In years gone by there had been a dividing line between Polish and Lithuanian Jews, but to-day all barriers had been broken down. The suffering and distress in Poland hurt all Jews equally and must have repercussions all over the world. We were going through an unprecedented period in history. Unless we stood together and helped one another, there was a solemn day ahead for us all.

The position in Poland was appalling, he went on; if Polish Jewry perished we would all perish. Unless we made a united effort we were all doomed. He appealed to the audience to send in their donations spontaneously and to induce others to give until it hurt. If everyone did this he was confident that the response would be favourable.

Rabbi M. Ch. MIRVISH said it was the first time in the history of Cape Town Jewry that there had been so poor a response to any appeal. If the reason for this was that we had become so accustomed to the suffering of other that it no longer touched us, then our position was hopeless. The whole future of Judaism depended on Polish Jewry

who must be saved bodily and spiritually. He hoped that though the meeting was small its influence would be very great. It was Polish Jewry who was sending the men and women to build up our homeland and he hoped they would be given the possibility of doing so with honour and dignity. Their need was urgent and he appealed to the audience to contribute generously to the fund and to offer their services as helpers.

THE MAYORESS (Mrs. L. Gradner) appealed to the women to come forward and help in the campaign. It was up to them who enjoyed the blessings of freedom and prosperity to help those who were putting out their hands for assistance in their desperate situation. As mothers they could not be deaf to the cry of the children who were slowly starving to death. The appeal should touch every Jewish heart, and she hoped that with the assistance of the ladies the campaign would prove a huge success.

Mr. I. M. GOODMAN said that the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress was a great encouragement to the workers in the campaign. He was sure Cape Town would uphold her reputation as in the past when any worthy appeal was launched. Jewish unity was a reality and enabled the Jew to feel the pain and hurt and sorrow of a fellow-Jew in another part of the world. A strong body of workers was needed in order to make the campaign a success, and he hoped many would volunteer.

Mr. Goodman then read the message of Dr. Nahum Sokolow in connection with the campaign, in which the position of Polish Jewry was graphically depicted. It was part and parcel of our Jewish family crying out to us and he hoped they would not cry in vain.

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