

Johannesburg Herzlia Activities

AFTER a short recess extending over the December vacation, the Johannesburg Herzlia has now embarked upon an ambitious programme of work. It is hoped that very soon there will be an intensification of all branches of Zionist endeavour as a result of these activities.

A campaign for membership has been inaugurated, and the organisers hope to be able to include in the association all young people, men and women about the age of 25. Meetings are being arranged in several districts in order to enrol members, and a cordial invitation is extended to all those who would like to join to get into touch with the Secretary, P.O. Box 2430, Johannesburg, or Phone 33-2759.

The organisation is non-political, and will afford an opportunity for establishing in Johannesburg one of the most useful Zionist associations in the country.

Among the proposed activities are the following:

Zionist Seminary.—A special study group is being arranged of those who are willing and able to help in Zionist propaganda work. Experience will be gained in public speaking and in general organisation work, as well as a thorough and intensive instruction in Zionist ideology and practical work. It is hoped through this seminary to provide the Transvaal at least with a group of well-informed and capable propagandists whose activities will intensify Zionist work in the province. Applications for this seminary are invited, and a committee is to be appointed to elect the first group very shortly. Those interested should write to the Secretary, when further details will be made available.

Cultural Work.—Public Zionist meetings are to be held at regular intervals, and the general Zionist community is cordially invited to attend these meetings, notice of which will be given in due course in the "Zionist Record." In addition, those interested in special studies will be afforded opportunities of forming special groups. This work commences in February, and invitations will be sent out to any Zionist who wishes to take an active part in these groups.

Practical Work.—The Herzlia will be identified with every phase of Zionist activity in Johannesburg, in co-operation with other Zionist organisations. The duty of raising funds for the Keren Kayemeth at functions has already been undertaken, and the workers of the organisation will be very much in evidence in the forthcoming Shekel Campaign.

That the Herzlia will succeed in establishing an active Zionist body in Johannesburg, the organisers have little doubt, but the extent of the work which can be undertaken is limited by the size of the membership. Although the membership campaign is likely to be an extremely intensive one, it is impossible to get into touch with everyone. Those who feel that they could support the organisation, should send in their names, together with the first semi-annual subscription of 5s. to the address given above.

HABIMAH PLAYERS ON TOUR

Many Towns to be Visited.

THE world-famous Habimah players, David Vardi and Eva Yoalit, who have delighted audiences in all the large towns of the Union with their repertoire of character sketches, impersonations, and improvisations in English, Yiddish and Hebrew, have arranged to appear in a number of towns where audiences have not yet had the pleasure of seeing them.

Their itinerary will begin at Bethal, where they will appear on Wednesday evening, the 30th inst., in the Bioscope Hall. They will next perform at Pretoria, at the Jewish Memorial Hall, on Sunday evening, February 3. On Thursday, February 7, the artists will appear at the Town Hall, Brakpan, and on Sunday, February 10, they are due to perform before a Springs audience in the Masonic Hall. Further recitals are to be given at Benoni, Krugersdorp, Germiston, Boksburg, Nigel, Vereeniging and a number of other centres.

David Vardi's impersonations and Miss Yoalit's Biblical recitations have been acclaimed by discerning audiences as gems of histrionic art. A special attempt should be made by young people to attend the performances as the art of these two players is representative of the spirit of the new Palestine.

Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation

Oneg Shabbath.—The second Oneg Shabbath of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation will be held at the conclusion of the late Friday evening service on February 1, at the Freemasons' Hall (corner of Plein and Claim Streets), at which Rabbi M. C. Weiler will speak on "Reform Judaism."

The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Maurice Freeman) have kindly accepted the invitation of the Executive Committee of the congregation to be present. Mesdames E. Gordon, E. Jacobson, A. Humphrey Lewis, M. Marx and L. F. Freed have been appointed hostesses for the evening.

Men's Society.—The first informal monthly meeting of the recently organised Men's Society will take place at the banquet room of the Langham Hotel on Monday evening, February 4, at 8.30 p.m. Rabbi M. C. Weiler will open the discussion on "What does Fascism Stand For?"

The provisional committee, elected at the preliminary meeting, invites all men members of the congregation and their friends to attend this meeting, at which there will be elections of a permanent committee. Tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Boksburg North

Masters Eric Swil and Benny Stalson, who passed their matriculation recently, took Hebrew as a subject in this examination under the tuition of the Rev. J. Chaitowitz, minister of the local Hebrew Congregation. These are the first Jewish youths of the town who have passed their matriculation with Hebrew as a subject.

Conservatoire of Music in Palestine

NEW PROSPECTUS ISSUED

WE have received a copy of the new prospectus of the Palestine Conservatoire of Music and Dramatic Art in Jerusalem. This Conservatoire, which has no less distinguished a patron than the High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Arthur Wauchope, is staffed by a number of teachers well qualified to impart musical knowledge of the first order.

The Conservatoire has several departments, where it is possible to receive tuition in the playing of a number of different instruments. The Conservatoire also has a department for pupils who join with the intention of studying music pedagogy, theory, harmony, counterpoint, composition, etc., for which special courses are provided. Special care is devoted in all the musical courses taught at the Palestine Conservatoire to children in order that they may acquire the elements of music by the use of methods calculated to awaken in their minds a love of music and playing.

The term for the present year began on September 15 last, but special provision is made for pupils from outside Palestine who wish to study at the Conservatoire. The Conservatoire undertakes to facilitate the entry into Palestine of such pupils by obtaining for them a certificate to enter the country, if they can prove the genuineness of their intention to pursue musical studies.

The pupil is required to present an application to the Conservatoire, with a full statement of his name, address, date of birth and the assurance of the serious intention to study music in the country. He must also provide certain financial guarantees, which are fully explained in the prospectus.

The fees, a table of which are given in the prospectus, are singularly moderate for such a high standard of tuition as the teacher is capable of providing.

The principal of the Conservatoire is Dr. Emil Hauser, and the staff list includes a number of names that are world famous in their respective spheres.

The address of the institution is Str. of the Prophets, Abyssinian Building, P.O.B. 922, Jerusalem.

Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Dinner

A complimentary dinner is being arranged by the S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League in honour of the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Councillor M. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman. The following guests have signified their intention of attending: Lieut-Colonel G. C. A. van Dam, staff officer (Witwatersrand), R.H. and Transvaal Command, and Mrs. van Dam, the Rev. A. T. Shrock, chaplain to the league, and Mrs. Shrock, Lieut-Colonel E. F. Thackeray, Dominion president of the British Empire Service League, S.A., and Mrs. Thackeray. The dinner will be held at the Carlton Hotel on Wednesday, February 6, at 7.30 p.m., and tickets can be had on application to the hon. secretary, P.O. Box 3995: Phone 3672 Central.

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