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S.A. JEWISH ORPHANAGE

ACTIVITIES DURING AUGUST

From the monthly bulletin of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage issued on the eve of the Jewish New Year, it is learnt that there are now 357 children in the care of the institution.

The bulletin reports that the total of the ordinary revenue for August was considerably less than that of July but practically the same as that of the preceding August, 1934. A welcome feature of the ordinary revenue, however, was the exceptionally large amount, above £500, received as subscriptions. It is not often that one month's income from subscriptions alone should go over the £500 mark. Thanks are recorded to the Johannesburg City Council for the continuation of the municipal grant of £250, for the municipal financial year, July, 1935, to June, 1936. Included in the August revenue is a bed endowment donation of £50, kindly given by Mrs. F. Gollach, in memory of her husband, Leibe (Jacob) Gollach.

Contributions from 35 towns and branches are included in the August revenue, notably £92 from the Pretoria branch and £64 from the Germiston branch.

Simultaneous with the Orphanage ball in Johannesburg will be the holding of "Orphanage Day" throughout the country. Branches beyond the Reef will celebrate this event by holding some function in aid of the institution on Wednesday, November 20.

The bulletin contains a number of reports of functions, etc., held by various Orphanage branches, the proceeds of which have been received by the Orphanage.

Inter-Function at Oudtshoorn

The Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild was "At Home" to the George Zionist Society on the 22nd ult., when the George Society returned the recent visit of the Guild.

Fifteen members travelled to Oudtshoorn for the inter-function, which was held in the Masonic Hall. Mr. V. H. Aschman, chairman of the Guild, presided over a full house and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the visitors from George. The proceedings opened with an excellently rendered pianoforte solo by Miss Y. Horwitz. The inter-debate then followed, the subject for discussion being: "That with the successful restoration of the Jews to Palestine there will be a marked decrease in assimilation in the Diaspora." The Guild introduced the motion, the speakers being Messrs. Immerman, B. Borkum and S. Locketz, the latter gentleman at the last moment taking the place of Mr. S. Simanowitz, who was unable to attend. George was represented by Messrs. H. Comay, D. Segal and I. Kottler. After a prolonged discussion voting took place in favour of George.

After refreshments had been served, Mr. S. Miller, vice-chairman of the George Zionist Society, extended a hearty vote of thanks to the Guild for its hospitality, as also to all those ladies and gentlemen in Oudtshoorn who had gone out of their way to make the visit of the George participants a happy and successful one.

Johannesburg Symphony Society

MADAME OLGA RYSS TO SING

THE next concert of the Johannesburg Symphony Society will be held on Thursday, October 17, at 8.15 p.m., at the Wanderers Hall. The main attraction of the concert will be the appearance of Madame Olga Ryss, who has returned to Johannesburg after an absence of three years. This celebrated Russian soprano has already made a name for herself in this country. Recently she sang with conspicuous success with the Capetown Orchestra.

The orchestral programme will include a delightful serenade for strings by Antonin Dvorak and the great second symphony by Johannes Brahms. The symphony orchestra of forty-six players will be led by Mr. Max Weinbrenn and will be under the direction of Mr. Joseph Traunack.

Picnic at Salisbury

An enjoyable moonlight picnic under the auspices of the Jewish Guild was held on the 11th ult., at the Hunyani River, about 12 miles from Salisbury, and about 50 people were present.

There was camp fire singing, dancing, and a late supper was served at the Hunyani Hotel. The Guild is to be congratulated on their enterprise, and we hope that similar social functions will be equally well patronised.

The Guild also invited Mr. L. Braude, Deputy Mayor, Salisbury, to give his impressions on his recent trip to Palestine. The lecture was well attended, and thanks are due to those people who are always willing to come forward and enlighten those who are bound by invisible ties to the Yishub.

At the women's Zionist organisation's cultural afternoon held at Mrs. A. M. Robinson's house, Mrs. P. Crane's paper on "Jews in North Africa" was read. This proved interesting and instructive. Mrs. A. H. Benatar rendered a number of piano solos, which were much applauded.

Worcester Zionists

The annual general meeting of the Senior Zionist Society took place on the 1st inst., at the Zionist Hall.

After Mr. J. Friedman, the retiring chairman, had presented his report, and Mr. J. Rabinowitz, the treasurer's report, both of which were adopted unanimously, the election of new officers for the incoming year was proceeded with. The result was as follows:

I. Shirkin, chairman; J. Friedman, vice-chairman; J. J. Wilk, hon. treasurer; S. Heller, hon. secretary; A. Volks, National Fund representative; M. Rabinowitz, social and cultural organiser. Committee: Messrs. I. J. Sennet, J. Rabinowitz, E. Traub, Z. Braude, B. Rosenfeld, W. Heller, L. Lange, H. Broudie, R. Sakinovsky, and Dr. I. Sagor. Messrs. F. Brown and L. Volks were elected auditors. Mr. I. Shirkin, in accepting the chairmanship, paid tribute to the excellent work done by Mr. J. Friedman and his committee during his two years of chairmanship.



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