

A Sacred Concert at Benoni

The sacred concert organised on behalf of the Relief Fund for Polish Jewry, and held on Sunday night at the Criterion theatre, Benoni, proved a successful affair.

The following participated in an excellent programme:—Cantor B. Chagy, Cantor S. Backon, Mr. Harold Ketelby, Miss Bertha Egnos, and Miss Beatrice Alexander. Mr. L. Alter's Balalaika and Mandoline Orchestra gave a few items which were greatly appreciated. Mrs. J. J. Fine, Mrs. S. Backon and Mr. Hyman Sachs were the accompanists.

After the concert, the artists and workers were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Levy. The Committee responsible for this successful concert were:—Mr. M. Reisen (Chairman); Mr. I. Cohen (Treasurer); Miss E. Abrahamson (Secretary); Rev. and Mrs. S. Backon, Mr. and Mrs. I. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fine, Mrs. B. Berman, Mrs. D. Alter, Mrs. I. Mates, Mr. S. C. Ostrofsky, Miss Esther Alter, Mr. L. Alter, Mr. Isadore Alter, and the Misses B. Reisen, K. Segal and L. Fridstein.

Visit of Mr. Moses Perlmutter

Mr. Moses Perlmutter, who arrived from Poland some time ago, for the purpose of securing support for the republication of the two famous volumes by his late father, Chief Rabbi Perlmutter, of Warsaw—has unfortunately met with a serious illness resulting in the loss of an eye and he is facing the danger of blindness.

Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and Rabbi I. Kossowsky (as well as Dr. Moses Gaster, of London) strongly recommend Jews in this country to support Mr. Perlmutter in his mission. It is his intention to have the two volumes published in Eretz Israel.

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Rabbi Schwartz in South-West Africa

RABBI SCHWARTZ arrived in Windhoek on February 20 and addressed a meeting in the synagogue during the same evening. A second meeting was held on February 23 over which the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Zinn, presided in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Isaacson. After he had been introduced by the Chairman of the meeting, Rabbi Schwartz delivered an eloquent speech, in the course of which he appealed for the support of the Jewish National Fund. His appeal met with a fine response from the members of the local community, who contributed generously to *Geulah Haaretz*. At the conclusion of the meeting, Rev. Walt proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Thanks are due to Rev. Walt, Messrs. Silber, Gamsu and Lentin for the assistance which they rendered Rabbi Schwartz during the J.N.F. Campaign in Windhoek.

Accompanied by Rev. Walt, Rabbi Schwartz then proceeded to Usakos and Walvis Bay, where he addressed a meeting on March 1 at the residence of Mr. Spiro. Mr. J. C. Harries presided over the meeting which was a great success. In general, the greatest credit reflects on the scattered members of the Jewish community in South West Africa for the fine support which they gave to the Jewish National Fund.

Luderitz

On February 9 a well-attended meeting of the Luderitz Jewish community took place at the residence of Mr. B. Trink, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, who presided over it. After the Chairman had extended a hearty welcome to Rabbi Schwartz, the visitor delivered an eloquent and inspiring lecture which he concluded with a fervent appeal for the redemption of the soil of Eretz Israel for the Jewish people.

The response of the small Jewish community was most gratifying. The Chairman then thanked Rabbi Schwartz for his kind visit and splendid lecture, which was greatly appreciated by the whole community.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Observatory Study Circle.—At the residence of Mrs. L. Snider on the 11th ult., Dr. I. N. Steinberg delivered a most interesting lecture on the Yiddish poets (from many of whose works he read excerpts). He declared that two factors contributed to the richness and variety of modern Yiddish poetry. The first was the fact that Jews were scattered throughout the world and the second was the checkered past of the Jewish people.

In lands as far apart as Galicia and Mexico, Roumania and Canada, Poland and Cuba, Yiddish poets and poetesses were writing of love and nature and of social problems. The lecturer referred to many of the modern Yiddish poets and praised the masterful manner in which they wrote on a variety of themes.

Dr. Steinberg read the poetic excerpts in a manner which gave great delight to the audience.

Recent Activities in Bulawayo

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Visitors' Evening.—A visitors' evening was recently arranged at the Guild Hall during which a number of students on holiday to Bulawayo read short papers. Mr. W. Gordon discussed the present position of Hebrew education. Miss M. Katzen read a paper on Initiation at the Witwatersrand University. Mr. M. Meltzer spoke on modern scientific methods. Miss R. Rabinovitch read an article from the "Zionist Record" and Mr. C. Gershtater gave his impressions of a recent visit to Johannesburg. The papers were followed by a discussion in which Miss Z. Comins, and Messrs. Adv. Jacobson, H. Banet and Jack Cohen participated. The function, which was held under the joint auspices of the Guild Literary Circle and Young Israel Society, was well attended.

Book Reviewing.—An interesting lecture on Book Reviewing was given by Mr. C. F. Mitchell to members of the Literary Circle on Monday, the 3rd inst. Mr. Mitchell, who is the editor of the local "Sunday News," gave a bright discourse on the reviewing of modern books. The lecture was followed with rapt attention by the audience, and a vote of thanks was proposed to the lecturer by Mr. H. E. Lazarus. Mr. J. Cohen was in the chair.

W.Z.O.—The 22nd cultural function of the W.Z.O. took place at the Palace Hotel on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Mrs. Mark Gelman was hostess of the afternoon. Mrs. Ben Baron read a paper on the life of Lord Reading, Mrs. Joe Gordon read a paper on the life of Henrietta Szold. Mrs. P. Landau and Mrs. C. I. Jacobs read current items of Jewish interest. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames N. Rabinovitch and P. Lieberman. After tea had been served, a vote of thanks to the hostess, speakers and performers of the afternoon was proposed by Mrs. H. Radovsky. Mrs. C. I. Jacobs was in the chair.

The local W.Z.O. has arranged a study circle. The latter is holding regular meetings and lady members of the community are requested to avail themselves of the opportunity for Jewish study. Recently, a meeting of the above took place at the residence of Mrs. N. Rabinovitch, where a Jewish play was read and discussed. A Young W.Z.O. society, which is believed to be the first of its kind in South Africa, was formed here recently. The society caters for younger members who are not in a position to attend the afternoon functions. The committee consists of Mrs. S. G. Kaplan (president); and Misses T. Grill (vice-president); J. Z. Salmon (treasurer); M. Boyer (secretary); S. Shiff, R. Kransdorff, G. Margolis, F. Shawzin, E. Rubenstein and Mrs. L. Cohen.

A "Chaverim" Evening

Under the auspices of the Zionist-Socialist Party of Johannesburg, a Chaverim evening will be held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 8.15 p.m. at the H.O.D. Hall. Admission is free to all who are interested, and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

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