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News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

From Our Own Correspondents

Benoni

The Joint Zionist Cultural group of Benoni met at the Hebrew Hall on the 20th inst. Mr. J. Fredman presided. Mr. L. Lovell presented his paper on Jewish History, from the fall of the second Temple until the period before the Golden Age in Spain, to a large and attentive audience. Everyone present benefited by his well-thought-out lecture.

Mr. S. Silberman read various news items regarding Jewry.

Bloemfontein

A report on the year's activity was presented at the annual general meeting of the Zionist Council held at the Communal Hall recently, and the following committee was elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Meyer Pencharz; chairman, Mr. D. Davidson; vice-chairman, Mr. I. Fogel; treasurer, Mr. Laurie Reichenberg; assistant hon. treasurer, Mr. Willie Rubin; hon. secretary, Miss Rae Abelson; assistant hon. secretary, Miss J. Berman. Committee: Mesdames L. Reichenberg, Adler, A. Abelson, Miss S. Herberg, Messrs. Alf. Reichenberg, Adler, O. Rosenberg, B. Landau, E. Levite, and Blezowsky. Ex-officio, Dr. M. Romm and Mr. P. Caplan (chairman, Hebrew Congregation).

During the evening a Golden Book certificate in Mr. Ussishkin's name was presented to the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation. A play entitled "The Black Eye," directed by Mr. A. Kretzman, was read.

A memorial service to the late Nahum Sokolow was held recently in the Communal Hall. Dr. Romm, Mr. J. Phillips and Mr. J. Lovius were the speakers and Rev. Hadassim sang the "El Morachmim."

During the evening a film, taken by Mr. Pencharz, was screened, describing Sokolow's visit to Bloemfontein.

A conversazione took place in the Communal Hall on Sunday, the 17th ult. The following talks were given: "The Administration of Palestine," by Mr. M. Pencharz. "The Relationship between Jew and Arab," by Mr. Blezowsky. "The present position in Palestine," by Mr. D. Davidson. Mr. Pencharz was in the chair.

A Herzl-Bialik memorial service was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday, the 12th inst. Mr. J. Phillips spoke on Dr. Herzl and Mr. Sam Berman discussed the influence of Herzl and Bialik on youth. Dr. Block read poems from Bialik in Yiddish, and Miss Cillah Jacobson read some in English. Trees were sold during the evening.

De Aar

A memorial service to commemorate the yearzeit of Theodor Herzl and Chaim Nachman Bialik, was held on Sunday evening, the 12th inst. The haskarah was intoned by Rev. Rachman, who also delivered an address on the lives of both Herzl and Bialik. Miss M. Rudansky recited a poem on Herzl. An appeal was made for the tree fund which yielded an amount of £4 10s.

Kimberley

A well-attended meeting was held on Sunday, the 25th inst., in the Zionist Hall, Lennox Street, under the auspices of the Kimberley Zionist Society, to honour the memory of Dr. Theodor Herzl.

The chairman, Advocate D. Cohen, opened the meeting with an address, the theme of which was the ideal of a Jewish national home, and he urged upon those present the need for loyal support of the cause.

Dr. Wald delivered an address on "Herzl—the Man of Memory."

After the Memorial Prayer had been intoned by the Rev. Kamionsky, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. M. Blumenthal.

An appeal from the chair resulted in 80 trees being subscribed for.

Kingwilliamstown

A successful social to celebrate the return of Mr. and Miss D. Alphenstein from Eretz Israel, was held at the Morris Kramer Hall on Sunday, the 28th ult., by the Young Israel Society.

The chairman of the Zionist Association, Mr. M. B. Cohen, extended a vote of thanks to the Young Israel Society for arranging the function, and welcomed the guests. Miss M. Wilkin, Rev. Gordon, Messrs. Morris Shapiro, and I. Kabeisky, on behalf of their societies, likewise extended welcomes.

Mr. Alperstein read an interesting paper on his impressions of Palestine, and Miss Alperstein's instructive paper dealt with her experiences at the Agricultural College in Nahalal. A vote of thanks to all associated in making the function a success, was proposed by Mr. S. Wilken.

Pietermaritzburg

On Sunday, the 19th inst., a reception was held by the congregation in honour of the Rev. and Mrs. Diamond. Mr. P. Liefman (president of the congregation), presided, and extended a welcome to them on behalf of the community. Other addresses were delivered by Mrs. S. Kinkel (president of the Ladies' Guild), and Mr. H. L. Blumenfeld (vice-president of the Zionist Society). Rev. Diamond suitably responded.

Dr. I. Steinberg addressed the community on the 12th inst., on the objects of the "Yivo." Dr. Gordon also spoke. A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by the Rev. M. Diamond and seconded by Mr. Eagle.

Recently the wedding was solemnised at the synagogue of Miss Irene Benjamin to Mr. Archie Blumenfeld. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. Diamond.

The community recently suffered loss in deaths of two old members, Mr. Max Cohen and Mrs. Phoebe Fromberg.

Vrede

Mrs. R. Fredman, the hon. secretary of the Jewish Ladies' Guild, has forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage a cheque for £4 12s. 3d., realised at an "orphanage evening" kindly given by Mrs. N. Wolman. All present spent an enjoyable evening.

Worcester

A successful bridge drive was held in the Zionist Hall on the 23rd inst., under the auspices of the Worcester Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, the proceeds of which have been devoted to the Polish Jewish Fund.

Warmbaths

On the 16th ult. a highly successful dance held at the Town Hall was given by the Warmbaths Hebrew Congregation to raise funds for the building of a local synagogue. Johnnie Jacob's band supplied the music. A cake was put for American auction and fetched the splendid sum of over £6. This was followed by the auction of a bottle of whisky, which was knocked down for the sum of £4.

The thrill of the evening was the competition for the Chevrolet Sedan car, for which thousands of tickets had been sold. The lucky winner was Mr. D. Hill, of 320 Bree Street, Johannesburg (ticket No. 5047).

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