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News of Jewish Activities Throughout South Africa

From Our Own Correspondents

Benoni

The "At Home" given by the Women's Zionist League, at the residence of Mrs. I. Feinstein on Tuesday, the 13th ult., realised the sum of £15.

East London

The Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Hertz, of East London, took place on the 16th ult. The Rev. O. Altshuler acted as Mohel. Mr. N. Strelitz presided over a large gathering at the residence of the parents, and congratulatory speeches were delivered by the following: Rev. Hirshowitz, Rev. Altshuler, Rev. Katz, M. J. Zackon, S. Rabinowitz, E. H. Shwer, D. Gottlieb, and Mr. B. Baskir representing the Helping Hand Society. Mr. Meyer Hertz suitably responded. A collection for the National Fund took place.

Frankfort

There was a large gathering present on Sunday evening, the 18th ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Malkin, to celebrate the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their only son, Isaac. After the various toasts, by Rev. Miller, the chairman, Mr. M. Binnie and Mr. M. Fineberg were proposed, the Barmitzvah responded in English and Yiddish.

A bottle of gin was sold by American auction and thanks to the free response of the guests the handsome sum of £12 was realised with which a fund has been started for the building of a new ark in the local synagogue. Messrs. Posten brothers, of Bethal, rendered violin solos and songs which were appreciated.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Reznik, of Bethlehem, and Mr. Eden, of Johannesburg, for their assistance.

Germiston

A lecture was held at the residence of Mrs. E. Kramer on the 27th ult. The speaker was Mrs. K. Gluckmann, who was accompanied by Mrs. Katzenellenbogen. Mrs. Gluckmann lectured on her impressions of Palestine and her remarks were thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. I. Goss proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and Mrs. Hareven to the hostess.

Griqualand West

Two successful social functions were held under the auspices of the G.W. Ezrath-Zion Association last month, the first being a dance, which is in future to be an annual event. This was attended by a large gathering of dancers and proved most enjoyable. Adv. D. Cohen and Mrs. Cohen, the chairman of the society, acted as host and hostess.

The second function was a social evening to welcome Mr. H. Stoller, the society's treasurer, on his return from a visit to Palestine. Mr. Stoller delivered an interesting address.

Harrismith

Under the auspices of the Harrismith Zionist Society several bridge drives and a bring-and-buy tea were organised in aid of the Jewish National Fund as a result of which the sum of £21 was raised.

Kingwilliamstown

An event of importance occurred on Sunday, October 11, when the marriage was solemnised of Miss Sarah Cohen, to Mr. Adolph Shapiro. Miss Cohen is the daughter of Mr. M. B. Cohen, the President of the local Zionist Association, and Mr. Shapiro is the son of Mrs. Shapiro and the late Rev. Shapiro, of East London and Queenstown.

The ceremony took place in a crowded synagogue, after which the guests adjourned to the Morris Kramer Hall where a reception was held. There were about four hundred guests, and numerous toasts and congratulatory speeches were proposed. An amount of £5 9s. 6d. was raised for the National Fund.

Kirkwood

There was a large attendance at the residence of Mrs. A. Aires at a Zionist gathering on Sunday evening, October 11. The chairman, Mr. A. Edelsohn, gave an eloquent address on the life and work of Meier Dizengoff, whose memory was duly honoured by the gathering. The Zionist news-bulletin was read, following which the Misses Joyce Tabachowitz, Hannah and Rosie Aronson rendered a song. The singing of folk songs followed, led by Miss Gertie Ress and Mr. Edelsohn, and it is intended to develop this pleasing feature at future gatherings. Then followed the reading of a witty Jewish play which all present greatly enjoyed.

After an illuminating address on Succoth by Mr. Edelsohn, the gathering closed with thanks to the hostess.

Pietersburg

An enjoyable Simchas Torah party and a "hidden talent" competition for junior members took place under the auspices of the local Zionist Youth Society. Prizes were awarded to the successful competitors.

At the recent Transvaal Zionist Youth conference held at Boksburg the society was represented by Miss L. Levine (acting honorary secretary) and Mr. Jack Levine. An invitation was extended by these delegates to the incoming executive to hold the next annual conference at Pietersburg.

The society regret the impending departure of Mr. David Solomon. Mr. Solomon has been a loyal member since the inception of the society some five years ago, and has occupied the position of treasurer and Menorah Commissioner for the past three years.

Port Elizabeth

The monthly social of the Women's Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. Klein on the 13th ult. Dr. J. W. Harris was the speaker and Mrs. Kirkin presided.

The subject of Dr. Harris's address was "Unsaneh Tokef," and in tracing the origin of this prayer from the time it was composed in 1096 by Rabbi Ammon of the City of Worms, through the bitterest period of the history of the Jews, the speaker made a deep impression on his audience. Dr. Harris then read a sketch, which he had written, dealing with the impressions of this prayer on a Russian-born boy.

Several songs were rendered by Miss Subel, and Mrs. B. Weinronk proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Harris. She also thanked Miss Subel and Mrs. Klein.

Robertson

The annual general meeting of the Robertson Zionist Association was held in the Zionist Hall on the 18th ult. The following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Rev. S. Josefowitz; secretary, Mrs. P. Blaiberg; committee, Mesdames Goldberg, H. Shachat, M. Blumberg, S. Abramowitz, K. Zurnamer, and Misses Esther Millin and E. Josefowitz.

Senekal

The Barmitzvah of Issy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Goldblatt, took place at the local synagogue on Saturday, the 17th ult. In the evening a reception was held at the Freemasons Hall at which about a hundred guests were present including many from Marquard and Clocolan.

The toast to the Barmitzvah was proposed by Mr. H. Wainstein, and was ably responded to by the Barmitzvah in Hebrew and English. Toasts were also proposed by Dr. B. Wainstein, Mr. M. Mark, Rev. B. Kur and Mr. A. Mark.

During the evening a cake was sold by American auction and realised the sum of £10 for the National Fund.

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