

Bloemfontein

On the 4th inst., a Chanukah concert was held at the Communal Hall under the auspices of the Zionist Council, in aid of the National Fund. Dr. Morris spoke on the significance of Chanukah. The Habonim lit the Chanukah candles and sang "Maoz Zur." A very fine play by the "Hastilim," produced by Mrs. Lovious, followed, while a choir organised by Miss R. Kimmel sang Hebrew songs.

The J.N.F. box of Mr. Levitas, Hilton Mansions, yielded an amount of 6s. 11d. during the last clearance. This fact was inadvertently omitted when the full details of that clearance were published.

Bothaville

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, a Chanukah party was held on the 5th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Cohen. The chairman, Mr. Brill, lectured on the significance of Chanukah, and Mr. Sidney Cohen, the chairman of the youth society, read a paper. Master Charlie Heller kindled the lights. Songs were rendered by the Rev. Wolf and Mrs. Ada Lewis, Mrs. Jubiler gave a piano solo, and members of the youth sang in Hebrew and Yiddish. In conclusion, the chairman thanked the organisers of the function, and the teachers, Miss Hilda Cohen and Miss Blumberg.

Cradock

The Palestine talkie film "This is the Land" was shown at the Metro Theatre, by the local Zionist Society on the 9th inst, when a large audience attended.

Germiston

The Germiston Women's Zionist League has been arranging functions at regular intervals. Successful card afternoons were held at the residences of Mesdames Lee Hilewitz and S. Kramer respectively, the proceeds being devoted towards the National Fund.

A lecture took place at the residence of Mrs. I. Dunsky, when Dr. Deborah Katzen delivered an interesting address to a representative gathering of ladies.

Kingwilliamstown

On Sunday, the 12th inst., Dr. and Mrs. W. Zasman entertained guests at the Kramer Hall in honour of the barmitzvah of their son, Isadore. There was a large gathering present, Mr. C. Alperstein being in the chair. A collection was made in aid of the National Fund and realised £4.

COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

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Kingwilliamstown

A general meeting of the Zionist Association was held in the Morris Kramer Hall on Sunday evening, the 19th inst., Mr. M. B. Cohen, the outgoing president, being in the chair. The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: President, Mr. S. Wilken; secretary, Miss H. Mankowitz; treasurer, Mr. C. Alperstein. Committee: Messrs. Maurice Shapiro, M. B. Cohen, and Rev. D. Gordon, and Mesdames W. Zasman and H. Navra.

Mr. Wilkin thanked Mr. Cohen for his untiring efforts as chairman of the society which he had so ably led since 1928, and Mr. Cohen expressed his appreciation of the work of his colleagues, Mr. C. Alperstein, Mr. M. Gell, and members of the committee. The meeting decided to contribute £5 to the Hebrew University.

Kroonstad

At the annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society, which was held on the 9th inst., Mr. W. Kretzmer was re-elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

Middelburg (Tvl.)

A general meeting of the Ladies' Zionist Society was held on Sunday, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mrs. I. Frame. Mr. I. Frame was elected the chairlady and Mrs. S. Levin, the hon. secretary with the following committee: Mesdames N. Brozin, M. Birman, R. Resnicow, J. A. Levitt, C. Graffe and B. Wolf.

Mrs. N. Brozin, hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £2 5s., being subscriptions collection for November.

Pietersburg-Zoutspansberg

The annual Chanukah picnic of the Pietersburg - Zoutspansberg Society was a happy and successful event, many families taking part in it. Thanks are due to Mr. H. Greenberg and Messrs. S. Israelsohn and Beron, who were in charge of the sports programme, and to Mr. Friedel who was responsible for transport and cold drinks.

The fourth of the Rev. I. J. Levine's series of lectures on the "Golden Age in Jewish Literature," took place this month at Mrs. Israelsohn's residence. The speaker dealt with Solomon Ibn Gaberol, and his next lecture, to be given at the end of January, will be on "Jehuda Halevi."

Randfontein

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., a meeting of the community was arranged in the synagogue by the local Zionist Youth Society. Miss Z. Levitas presided and extended a welcome to Dr. A. Birnbaum and Mr. Israel Dunsky.

Dr. Birnbaum dealt with the significance of Chanukah and Mr. Dunsky referred to current problems in Zionism, and stressed the importance of educating the Youth to a full appreciation of their cultural heritage.

At the outset it was made perfectly clear that questions would be permitted after the addresses and that both speakers would reply to them. The unruly behaviour of a number of members of the N.Z.O. created somewhat of a disturbance towards the end of the meeting. The speakers, however, suitably replied to the various points put to them.

Tweespruit

A successful "Chanukah" party took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Tweespruit, on the 1st inst., in aid of the National Fund. A bottle of Eau de Cologne, kindly presented by Mrs. A. Schwartz before her departure for Palestine, was competed for. The sum of £4 15s. was received.

Umtata

An enjoyable Chanukah evening was held on Sunday, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Smulowitz, at which many visitors from Umtata and the district were present.

Addresses were delivered to the gathering by Rabbi B. E. Naifeld and Mr. S. M. Levin. Councillor E. Spilken thanked the speakers.

Refreshments were served and the latter part of the evening was spent in card-playing and dancing.

Vrede

The Vrede Zionist Society arranged a successful meeting of the members of the local community on Sunday

evening, the 12th inst., for the purpose of listening to an address by Mr. A. Abrahamson, Organising Secretary of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council.

Mrs. O. Ginsberg, the chairman of the local Zionist Society, presided and extended a hearty welcome to the visitor. Mr. Abrahamson delivered an inspiring address, in the course of which he dealt with the situation in Eretz Israel to-day, and also stressed the value of practical work. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was then moved by the Rev. Rudy, the newly-elected Vice-chairman of the Vrede Zionist Society. After tea had been served, Mr. Abrahamson answered a number of questions which he was asked by members of the audience. Special thanks are due to Mr. Jacobs, in whose hotel the meeting took place.

The following morning members of the community were called upon on behalf of the National Fund, to which most of them contributed.

Vryheid

Chanukah Service.—A special service was held at the synagogue on the first evening of the festival. After the Minchah service, conducted by the Rev. S. Rudy, the candles were kindled, and the Hebrew School choir sang Hebrew and Yiddish folk songs and Hebrew recitations were given. Rev. Rudy spoke on the significance of Chanukah.

Box Collections.—The number of boxes placed has increased considerably during the past few months. In the last clearance, Mrs. B. Skuy's box yielded £3 14s., and Mrs. M. Skuy's £2 8s., these two amounts representing the largest ever collected here.

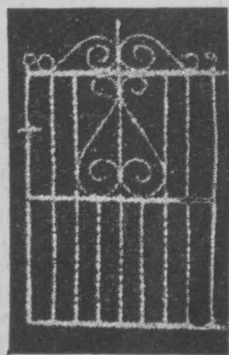
On the 11th inst a portion of the Law was read at the local synagogue by Sidney Abrams, son of M. and Mrs. R. Colley, Magut. A substantial amount was donated toward charity. After the service a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Frame, Vryheid.

Warmbaths

Among the performers at the Chanukah evening held at Warmbaths recently was Ada Rootshain. The little girl was the youngest of the children who took part in the evening's programme, and she delighted everyone with her outstanding performance. In a report of the abovementioned function which appeared in our issue of the 17th inst., the name of "Reil Davidowitz" should have read Reis Davidowitz.

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