

**HEBREW UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION**

**Function at Benoni**

Under the auspices of the Combined Cultural Groups of Benoni, a function was held at the Hebrew Hall, on Friday night, the 3rd inst. The function took the form of a cultural evening and conversazione, in connection with the Barmitzvah of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. ... presided.

Mr. H. Lourie, the chairman of the Benoni Branch of the Hebrew University, presided at the function in Johannesburg, in an address "The History of the University before Its Establishment," outlining the attempts which had been made to bring to fruition so far the project, and mentioned the assistance of Professor Herman Shapiro, Dr. Weizmann. The foundation of the University was laid in 1918 and it was formally opened in 1925. Mr. Lourie paid tribute to the work done by the Faculty of Microbiology, and the head of the department, Dr. ... who had earned the esteem of leading world universities for his research work, dealing with the problems of malaria and its allied diseases, particularly in the field of therapy.

Mr. M. C. Weiler, Vice-Chairman of the Friends of the Hebrew University movement in Johannesburg, presided at the "Place of the Hebrew University in Jewish Life." He commented on the fact that we were celebrating our 13th anniversary during a period with grave dangers for the future of our students of science, of literature, of art, of literature, for the cultured men who had poured the contents of their knowledge into the hands of strange nations, for them it is our duty to provide a place of refuge where they could continue their efforts towards civilisation, in an atmosphere of dignity, peace and harmony. The Hebrew University gave our people in these days of crisis. The speaker expressed the hope that even as in the days of the past, when we were a small nation with no military power, we gave to the world that vast treasure house, so, again to-day, we might give to the world a lead in thought ultimately mean world.

Mr. L. Kirschner, Chairman of the Zionist Federation, said that it is strange that the Jewish people, in the early phases of their rebuilding endeavours, established the Hebrew University. It was only in the past that the people of the "Book" looked upon a cultural centre as a luxury in their homeland. From the Scopus the spirit of the Jewish people would go forth to permeate the Jewish Home.

The speeches of the evening were interspersed with musical items. Lila ... (Mrs. Miller) sang three songs. The Zionist Youth ... under the baton of Mr. A. ... introduced a Palestinian ... to the proceedings by singing ... of popular modern Hebrew ...

A worded vote of thanks was given by Mrs. J. Fredman.

**Winburg**

The annual general election of the Winburg Zionist Society, held on the 27th ult., the following officers were elected: Chairmen: A. J. Jacobson; vice-chairmen: H. Zimmerman; hon. Secretaries: G. G. Jacobson; hon. Treasurer: Mrs. F. Glass. Committee: ... Rev. Perlov, Messrs. P. ... and B. Kaplan.

**FURTHER SHEKEL RESULTS**

*Reef's Remarkable Achievement*

THE results of Shekel Day on the Reef which have just come to hand are even more remarkable than those attained in Johannesburg, published in last week's issue. Every centre, without exception, shows a great increase in comparison with last year's record total, while almost phenomenal results have been attained in Krugersdorp, Pretoria and Roodepoort where the last highest total has been more than doubled.

Particularly noteworthy are the results from the capital where 500 Shekalim have already been sold, and its canvass is still proceeding vigorously. The following are the results so far to hand with last year's corresponding returns for purposes of comparison:

	1938	1937	Increase
Krugersdorp	270	114	156
Randfontein	178	108	70
Pretoria	500	231	269
Brakpan	265	133	132
Benoni	323	258	65
Nigel	98	78	20
Roodepoort	131	51	80
Springs	319	251	68
Germiston	284	234	50
Boksburg	177	165	12
Vereeniging	110	95	15

THROUGH some inadvertence the brackets were left out behind the figures for the Centre of Town, and Flats, Hillbrow and Hospital Hill, as published in last week's issue. They should have read:

	1938	1937	Increase
Central Flats (per Youth Societies)	408	516	144
Central (per United Socialists)	252		
Hillbrow (per W.Z.L.)	390	430	121
Hospital Hill (per W.Z.L.)	161		

**KOVNO SOCIETY**

The 27th annual general meeting of the Kovno Sick Benefit and Benevolent Society took place at the Jewish Guild, on Sunday, February 27, and was attended by a large gathering. The balance sheet for the past year reflected the satisfactory position of the society's affairs.

During the recess a presentation was made to Bro. I. Johnson in appreciation of services rendered in the past.

The retiring chairman (Bro. L. Rosen) gave a resume of the society's progress and thanked the committee for their assistance and support during his three years of office.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman: M. Katz; vice-chairman, D. Egdal; treasurer (Sick Fund), S. Egdal; treasurer (Benevolent Fund), E. Goldman; book examiners, M. I. Levitan and M. Back; cash steward, I. Johnson; hon. secretary, A. Ressler; delegate to the Jewish Board of Deputies, M. Burgin. Committee: Messrs. M. Abrahamson, M. Wise, B. M. Gleser, M. H. Johnson, C. Snider, S. Elkin and R. Levitan. Trustees, S. Schneider and A. Fanaroff.

Applications for membership may be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, P.O. Box 783, Johannesburg.

**Thaba 'Nchu**

Mr. E. Dreyer, chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £1 2s., being subscription collections from local members.

**MR. JABOTINSKY IN CAPETOWN**

Mr. Jabotinsky addressed a public meeting at the Ahlambra Theatre, Capetown, on Sunday night, the 3rd April. In the course of his speech, which lasted for nearly three hours, he outlined the aims and objects of the Revisionist movement.

He stated that there were four points involved in the programme of the new Zionist movement. These were: No partition of Palestine; an international conference of all friendly Governments to discuss the problem of Jewish immigration into Palestine and the Jewish National Home; the Ten-Year Plan, which sought to secure a Jewish majority on both sides of the Jordan; and a world Jewish national assembly, to be elected through universal suffrage.

**Jewish State Party**

An official opposition party in the Zionist Organisation — the Jewish State Party — is contemplating the establishment of a branch in South Africa.

With this aim in view a provisional committee has been set up which intends holding a meeting of all interested in the party. This meeting will take place at the Coronation Hall on Monday, the 11th April, at 8.15 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this meeting. Further particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Jewish State Party, 23 Sussex Road, Parkwood, Johannesburg.

**SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES.**

**AN ADDRESS**

on "THE PRESENT SITUATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY"

will be delivered by MR. MAURICE FRANKS, K.C., President of the Board, At the JEWISH GUILD, Johannesburg,

On SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, at 11.30 a.m.

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