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RHODESIAN ACTIVITIES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. Englesberg's Visit.

At the instance of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Mr. N. Englesberg paid a visit to Rhodesia during March, and addressed a number of meetings in the different centres. Accounts of some of these have already appeared in previous issues of the *Zionist Record*.

At a meeting held in Bulawayo under the auspices of the Chovevei Zion, Mr. Englesberg delivered a spirited discourse on "The Partition of Palestine." Discussion followed and Mr. Englesberg replied to numerous questions put to him by members of the audience. Mrs. S. G. Kaplan was in the chair.

On Sunday, the 20th March, Mr. Englesberg was the chief speaker at a Trumpeldor Memorial Evening arranged by the Zionist Youth of Bulawayo. Other addresses were given by Messrs. Haig Kaplan and S. Gotz and the Rev. M. I. Cohen. Mrs. Pines proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Mr. Englesberg also addressed a meeting in Gwelo at which Mr. M. Jacobson, M.P., presided. After the speech a number of questions were asked.

In Salisbury, Mr. Englesberg spoke at a meeting arranged by the Zionist Society, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. S. Leon. The speaker discussed the question of co-operation between the Yishuy and the Galuth and the significance of the Shekel. He also addressed a meeting of the Salisbury W.Z.O., presided over by Mrs. Rosin. At all meetings questions were put to the speaker by members of the audience to which he replied in an able manner.

On Tuesday night, March 29, Mr. Englesberg delivered an interesting and informative speech to the Lusaka Jewish community on "Palestine and Partition." At the conclusion of the speech, which was enthusiastically received, questions were asked to which Mr. Englesberg replied.

Mr. Englesberg also visited Livingstone, where he addressed an enthusiastic gathering of the Zionist Society, under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Kopelowitz, at the residence of Mrs. H. Susman. Numerous questions followed his address, which proved to be extremely illuminating.

Mr. Englesberg was cordially entertained by the community during his stay.

Concerts by Berele Chagy.

Large and enthusiastic audiences attended the concerts given by Cantor Berele Chagy and Mr. Hyman Sachs during Purim week in Bulawayo and Salisbury. The programmes consisted of a well-balanced selection of folk-songs, modern songs and arias from opera. Cantor Chagy responded to the applause of the audience by giving one encore after another. His beautiful interpretation of Jewish music, which is not often heard in Rhodesia, will long be remembered by all present. Mr. Hyman Sachs proved himself an accomplished pianist and his solos were enthusiastically received.

At the conclusion of the second concert in Bulawayo a number of enthusiasts arranged an informal banquet in honour of the performers. Speeches were delivered by Rev. M. I. Cohen, Messrs. C. Gershater, S. Gotz and B. Winik. A presentation was made to the performers as a memento of their visit. Cantor Chagy thanked all present for the hospitality extended to him and gave an interesting discourse on Jewish folk-music.

Cantor Chagy officiated at the Bulawayo Synagogue on Friday, the 18th March. The brightly-lit Shool presented a festive appearance and a large congregation listened with rapt attention to his solemn rendering of the service.

Literary Circle.

Mr. A. D. Gledhill, Inspector of Schools, delivered a lecture to the Circle on an approach to literature. The lecture was followed by illustrations from gramophone records. Miss R. Rabinowitz was in the chair, and Rev. M. I. Cohen proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

On Monday, the 5th April, the Circle held a special evening in memory of the late Sholem Schwartzbard. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Rev. M. I. Cohen, C. Gershater, S. Gotz. Mr. B. Mirbach recited a Yiddish poem by Kamson. Mr. L. D. Fryde was in the chair.

W.Z.O.

Mrs. Rose Myers was hostess at the March function of the W.Z.O. The chief speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Marcia Landau. Miss Gelman read several items of interest. Miss Rose Rabinowitz proposed the vote of thanks to the speakers and hostess.

Jewish National Fund

Some outstanding amounts obtained from J. N. F. Boxes during the last clearance were:

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S.A. JEWISH ORPHANAGE

Memorial Unveiled for Late Matron

An impressive ceremony took place at "Arcadia," the Home of the Jewish Orphanage, on Sunday morning, when, in the presence of a committee, the staff and the children (including a large number of those who have left the Institution), a Memorial Plaque in memory of Rachael Shaer, the late Matron, was unveiled by Mr. Wolf Hillman, Hon. President. There were also present Dr. Louis Shaer, Miss Shaer, a number of personal friends of late Mrs. Shaer.

After the singing of Psalm 90, Mr. Hillman paid a warm tribute to the memory of Mrs. Rachael Shaer, who had devoted herself wholeheartedly to the welfare of the Institution. For ten years she had admirably filled the position of Matron. In 1934, much to the regret of the committee and children, she had been obliged to relinquish her position, owing to illness from which she eventually passed away on August 23 last, at the age of 61. Hundreds of children had passed through her hands during her occupancy of the position of Matron. She had won the deep affection of the children, to whom she had acted as counsellor and friend.

Mr. Hillman then unveiled the Memorial, the inscription on which read as follows:

"Erected by Committee, Children and Staff, in memory of Rachael Shaer, Matron, 1924 to 1934—Aged 61, 23rd, 1937, Ellul 16th, 5697."

Two of the senior boys then recited the Memorial Prayer in Hebrew and English, respectively, after which Mr. Hillman said "Kadish."

Yiddish Books in Johannesburg Public Library

The following books have recently been added to the Yiddish section of the Johannesburg Public Library:

Die naie Odum un Chave, (Kobrin); Gekilbene werk, (Y. Weisenberg); Zammelbuch, (Gang); In Oifkum, (V. Herschel); Hreblies, (H. Ork); Bilder in schriften, (C. J. Schwartz); Der letzter shtrich, (M. A. bashev); Felder un lender, (P. Hirshbein); Gevezene Mens, (Maxim Gorki); Yidn fun a yohr, (Joshua Perle); Der Gibekeiten, (Victor Hugo); Provok, (P. Y. Shtzegelov); Foma Goro, (Maxim Gorki); Der Zeiber, (Thomas Mann); Maskes, (V. N. tinsky); In roiten shtrom, (Kobrin); Joseph Opatoshu, (Nach. Maizel); Froien-faint, (B. Ibanez); Liebe fun Szanna Hai, (Erenberg); Kontinenten un oke, Lieder (Melech Ravitch); dacht, (Eister); Der Sh Tanz, (Esther Kreitman); in flamen, (Karl Green); Dos buch fun liebe, (Y. Weisenberg); Fun spanie diz land, (Leib Malach); Zeklapt, (by E. Fininberg, (A. Padeiev); die stille tag, (L. Treister); Dur zich farblonzet, (George F. Gezammelte Schriften, (Moshe berfarb); Peredonov (Der K. shed), (P. Sologub); Penek (dnieper), (David Bergelson); in fun Naharal, (Z. N. Wackman); 1918-1814, (Samuel Izban); Ich lieb, (Alexander Ovdeinko); I man, (L. Olitsky); Lazik Reitschitz, (Elia Erenberg); Brider S. berg, (Bernhardt Kelerman); On bord, (Leon Kobrin).

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