

Bloemfontein Activities

(By our own Correspondent)

Habonim

A FUNCTION in honour of Mr. L. Ostrofsky (former Ba-Koach of the O.F.S.) and Mr. B. Aronson (former Rosh Gedud Yehudah HaLevi) both of whom have resigned from their respective positions, was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Lovius on Thursday, the 28th July. Those present included members of the O.F.S. Habonim Council, local Roshim and the Bonim previously associated with the guests of honour, as well as members of the O.F.S. Youth Executive and Messrs. Dave Dunsky and S. Levin of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive. Presentations were made to Messrs. Ostrofsky and Aronson in appreciation of their services to the movement. The evening closed with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

Union of Jewish Women

The regular monthly meeting of the Union of Jewish Women was held at the Phoenix Hotel on Sunday the 21st August. Mrs. Bloom presided and several matters of importance were dealt with. The guest of honour on this occasion was Mrs. Amschewitz, wife of the well-known artist, who was in Bloemfontein in connection with the Exhibition held by her husband in the Oranje Koffiehuis, which was opened by Advocate C. H. de Wet, the Chairman of the local Arts and Crafts Society. The exhibition was well supported by the Bloemfontein public.

Hebrew Week

In common with other centres, the Zionist Youth of Bloemfontein inaugurated a Hebrew Week. This commenced on Friday night, the 19th August, with a service at the Synagogue, at which Dr. Romm delivered an appropriate sermon. On Saturday night a concert was held in the Communal Hall, and several gatherings of the youth took place during the rest of the week.

Dr. Morris, President of the Youth Executive, presided at the Saturday function.

Mr. Davidson, on behalf of the Talmud Torah, exhorted parents to take more interest in their children's Hebrew education. Mr. Pencharz, on behalf of the Zionist Council, congratulated the youth on their endeavour to carry out a Hebrew programme. A silver collection was made, which brought in a little over £2 for the Jewish National Fund.

The programme consisted of a Hebrew play by members of "Young Israel Society," several violin solos by Mr. L. Horwitz, a recitation by Miss Cohen and a sketch by members of Habonim.

Keren Hayesod Campaign

The Keren Hayesod Campaign which was inaugurated by Dr. Solowetzick and Rabbi Gold when they visited Bloemfontein, is still proceeding apace. The members of the Keren Hayesod Committee are still working energetically and the total of the contributions promises to exceed that of many previous campaigns.

Herzlia.

The Herzlia held a successful Hobo Dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, 20 Hill Street, at which a substantial amount was realised in aid of the National Fund.

The annual general meeting of this organisation was held at the Communal Hall on Sunday, the 4th September. The report of the year's activities and the financial statement were presented by the Chairman and

Treasurer respectively, and the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. W. Rubin; vice-chairman, Miss B. Morris; secretaries: Misses B. Segal and F. Kaplan; treasurer, Mr. J. Awerbuch; committee: Misses G. Klein, S. Awerbuch, G. Herberg; Messrs. M. Sher, L. Frankel and H. Salkinder.

A Bazaar

Members of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation held a successful bazaar in aid of the Communal re-building Fund at the Communal Hall on Wednesday, 31st August.

Mr. J. Philips delivered an address in the morning and was followed by the Mayoress, Mrs. W. F. Prophet, who in declaring the bazaar formally open, expressed the hope that all sections of the community would cooperate towards the success of the undertaking. Other speeches were made by Mrs. J. F. J. van Rensburg, wife of the Administrator, and Mrs. F. W. Storey. Mr. H. Bradlow concluded the formalities by proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Prophet, who was presented with a basket of flowers by Maureen Arvan.

The bazaar was followed by a dance in the evening.

Hebrew Congregation

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation was held at the Communal Hall on Sunday morning, the 11th instant, and was well attended. Mr. J. Philips, who presented the annual report, referred to the improved attendance at Synagogue Services on Friday nights, and festivals, and expressed his gratification at the growth and progress of the local Hebrew School under the management of Mr. J. Blesovsky and his two colleagues. He also commented favourably on the activities of the various local benevolent, charitable and cultural institutions.

The financial statement was presented by the Treasurer, Mr. J. Lovius. After animated discussion both reports were unanimously adopted.

The election of the office bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. Lovius; Vice-president, Mr. J. Phillips; Treasurer, Mr. H. Bradlow, Trustees, Messrs. L. Kramer and N. Awerbuch; Committee, Mesdames L. Kramer and N. Woolf; Messrs. J. Hodes, P. Caplan, I. Fogel; O. Drobis; W. Bernstein, H. Green; A. Bryer and Dr. R. Morris.

Barmitzvah

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. Posner on their son's barmitzvah. In celebration of the event a function was held at their residence on Sunday, the 20th August, at which speeches were delivered by Dr. Romm and Mr. J. Philips. Mr. Posner replied suitably.

The Late Mr. L. Lazarus

The local community has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. L. Lazarus, who passed away recently at the age of sixty-two.

One of the oldest members of the Jewish community, and one of the founders of the local congregation, the deceased was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He always took a keen interest in communal affairs and at one time served on the Congregation Committee for a lengthy period. During the past seven or eight years he evinced a lively interest in the management of the Hebrew School.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter to mourn him, to whom sincere sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.



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