

Comforts for Jewish Units in Palestine

Scheme Launched by Women's Zionist Council and Zionist Youth

An appeal to assist the Jewish women of the Yishuv to provide necessary comforts for the Jewish units in Eretz Israel has reached South Africa from Palestine.

Normally it would not have been necessary for an appeal of this nature to have been launched outside Palestine, but the women of the Yishuv are called upon to shoulder so many additional burdens as the result of the war, that they are unable to cope with the demand for knitted socks, Balaclava caps, etc., for the Jewish units.

The Women's Zionist Council and the Zionist Youth Council have decided to launch a scheme to provide these necessary comforts. In the case of the Women's Council, an appeal has been directed to all existing Women's Sewing Circles at present engaged in the making of garments for the W.I.Z.O. Child Welfare Institutions in Palestine, to include in their activities the knitting of socks, etc., for the Jewish troops.

The S.A. Zionist Youth Council is making arrangements for funds to be raised and wool to be distributed so that this work can commence immediately. It is hoped that societies in all parts of the country will take an active interest in this undertaking and respond speedily to the appeal which has been issued by the Youth Council.

A depot will be established in Durban for the despatch of the parcels, and full instructions in regard to despatch will be issued to all Societies and Groups shortly.

TRANSVAAL ZIONIST YOUTH EXECUTIVE

Meeting of Women Workers on Sunday.

A meeting of all women members of Johannesburg Zionist Youth will be held on Sunday, 30th March, at 11 a.m., in the Coronation Hall, to discuss the above scheme. It is hoped that all members will turn up.

YOUNG MIZRACHI ANNUAL CONCERT

Repeat Performance to be Staged by Special Request

The annual concert of the Johannesburg branch of the South African Young Mizrahi Organisation, which took place at the Zionist Hall on Sunday last, the 23rd March, proved an outstanding success.

The programme was a well-balanced one, comprising traditional Yiddish folk-songs, humour, monologues, and a selection of modern Hebrew melodies.

Highlights of the programme were the humorous duologue between Cohen and Levinsky (Erwin Biderman and Julius Polon); eleven-year-old Leslie Polon's rendering of a little sketch entitled "Nit azoi gut;" H. S. Liebgott's masterly impersonation of Maurice Schwartz's famous recorded monologue, "A Chazen a Shikkur," and "Hamashiach," a stage portrayal of David Frishman's poem, by Y. Marshak. Hymie Levin, of the Bertrams Hanoar Hamizrachi, also deserves a special word of praise for his performance of the Messiah, and Esther Biderman's interpretation of Shalom Aleichem's characterisation, "Dos Tepel," was quite outstanding.

The climax of the evening was the last scene "Chai Chalutzim," when the stage was magically transformed into a realistic Palestinian colony, and the melodies of the new Eretz Israel were heard. Solos were beautifully rendered by Chaverim L. Alter, M. Badash, H. Konviser, and Chavera M. Ratner, whilst M. Simchowitz recited "Nachamu" from the Book of Isaiah.

By special request a repeat performance will be held in the Zionist Hall on 27th April.

Berea Hebrew Congregation Kindergarten

A very successful Purim party and concert was held by the Berea Hebrew and English Kindergarten on Friday, 14th March. Many parents and others attended, and the tiny tots were enthusiastically applauded when they rendered items in Hebrew and English.

Mrs. L. Bagg, chairlady of the Berea Synagogue Ladies' Committee, congratulated the teachers, Mrs. B. High and Mrs. H. Niss, on their excellent work. She drew attention to the fact that the kindergarten had opened with four children eighteen months ago, and now had fifty pupils.

After introducing Miss S. Miller, of Tel-Aviv, Palestine, who has joined the staff of the kindergarten as Hebrew teacher, Mrs. Bagg said that the time was now ripe to form a parents committee, and at the conclusion of the party a number of ladies handed in their names for this purpose.

Speeches were also delivered by Rabbi A. M. Gervis, Mrs. Bernard Patley and Mrs. Fietelberg.

The party closed with a vote of thanks to the mothers who had kindly supplied refreshments.

Bertrams Cultural Circle

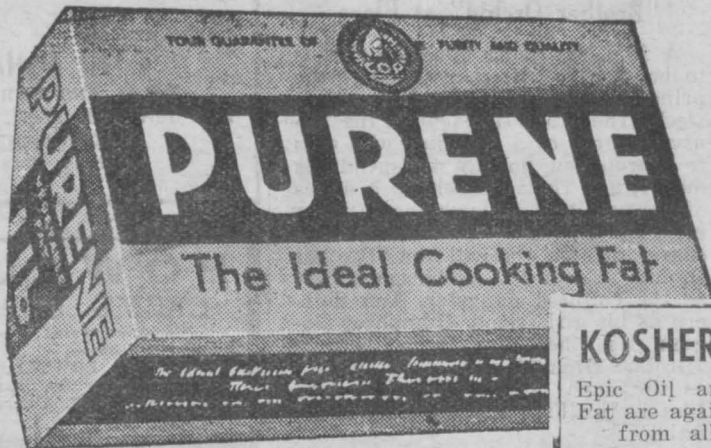
On Tuesday, the 12th inst., a special Purim function was held under the auspices of the Bertrams Cultural Circle at the residence of Mrs. Rosenberg, Berea Road. Rabbi Gervis delivered an address on the logic of historic development in which he dealt with the significance of Purim. Several musical items were rendered, and a vote of thanks to Rabbi Gervis was proposed by Dr. M. Levy.

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