

# Dorshei Zion Holds Annual Meeting in Cape Town

## Striking Address by Mr. H. M. Bloch

**T**HERE was a good attendance of members at the annual general meeting of the Dorshei Zion Association, held at the Zionist Hall, Capetown, on Thursday evening, 15th instant.

MR. H. M. BLOCH presided, and in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, dealt with the critical position in world affairs. Much had happened during the year, the conflict was spreading further afield and had now reached the outskirts of Palestine. Jews were suffering together with other freedom-loving peoples who had been submerged under the Nazi heel. We as Jews were no longer alone and our fate was bound up with that of other nations. When the struggle ended a place would have to be found for the Jews whose fate was even more uncertain than that of other peoples.

He believed, said Mr. Bloch, that the Jewish people would probably experience even more critical times than the present. They might even see in Palestine a repetition of that which had happened in other small countries in Europe. But just as other nations that had suffered destruction were resolved in their determination to be restored to their countries, so, he maintained, the Jewish people had to make the same resolution.

The threat of danger, however, presented no justification whatsoever for stopping the work that was at present being done.

"We must not be diverted from the path which we believe to be our destiny," he said. "We must continue unflinchingly the work which we have undertaken. We must place ourselves in such a position that when an opportunity is offered to us we shall not fail to take advantage of it as we did at the end of the last war."

Merely to hope that a democratic victory would alter the fate of Jewry was useless. Ultimately, at the end of this war, that which we had built for ourselves we would have; that which we had failed to build for ourselves would belong to others.

Although the Jewish nation, like other small nations, was being reduced to smaller and smaller fragments as time went on, those in a position to do so had to continue the battle for those who were no longer able to take up arms for themselves.

"We who live outside the Nazi clutches must represent a free Jewish movement," he said. "We must take on extra burdens and sacrifices, so that our contribution shall represent that of a whole nation."

It was, he believed, because this was the general feeling of Jews here that we now found ourselves on the eve of a J.N.F. Campaign. The work for Palestine at the present moment was of greater significance to-day than in the past because of the threat which was being made to Palestine itself.

Dealing with the activities of the Dorshei Zion Association, Mr. Bloch said that these had kept well up to

pre-war standard. The conversazioni had been maintained and a large variety of functions had been held. They had worked in close association with other Zionist societies, particularly the Bnoth Zion who had done remarkable work and were going from strength to strength.

In conclusion Mr. Bloch thanked the members of his committee for their loyal co-operation, which was largely responsible for the success of the year's activity.

### Financial Position.

**D**R. I. M. HURWITZ seconded the adoption of the report and balance sheet. Compared with previous years, he said, the financial position was disheartening. The success or failure of the Association, however, could not be measured by pounds, shillings and pence, but by the work accomplished in realisation of the ideal.

Mrs. Ch. Winokur extended greetings on behalf of the Bnoth Zion Association. She was happy, she said, that such cordial relations existed between the two societies, and hoped these would continue.

Messrs. C. K. Friedlander, B. L. Rubik, Dr. H. Kramer, Dr. H. W. Altschul, Messrs. J. Gitlin and J. O. Markowitz participated in the discussion on the report, which was eventually adopted.

### The New Committee.

**T**HE elections for the new committee then took place.

Mr. Bloch moved that Mr. J. Zuckerman be appointed Hon. Life member of the Committee. This was carried unanimously.

He also suggested that as Messrs. M. S. Comay and G. Gordon were at present on active service, two other members should be appointed temporarily to replace them on the committee until their return. This was agreed to.

The following committee was elected: Chairman, Mr. H. M. Bloch; vice-chairman, Mr. J. M. Weinreich; hon. treasurer, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Gitlin. Committee: Messrs. Max Cohen, J. O. Markowitz, J. Sarif, B. Wilder, J. J. Wilk, E. Greenstein, and Mr. Bobrov (the last two-named to act in place of Messrs. Comay and Gordon). The following members remain on the committee for another year: Dr. H. W. Altschul, Messrs. J. M. Heneck, M. Joffe, Dr. S. E. Kark, Dr. C. Resnekov, L. Segal.

From north to south, from east to west,  
I tour the world with tireless zest,  
Mid tropic heat or Arctic snow,  
My health to simple means I owe.  
Through all I have one faithful friend,  
In storm and stress prompt aid to lend,  
That fortifies me to endure,  
'Tis world-famed Woods' Great Peppermint  
Cure.

### S.A. JEWISH ORPHANAGE

#### Annual Prize Distribution and Barmitzvah Celebration

The public are invited to the Orphanage, "Arcadia," Oxford Road, Parktown, on Sunday afternoon, 25th May, at 3 p.m., when the Barmitzvah of nine Orphanage boys will be celebrated, and the annual distribution of prizes will take place. Refreshments will be served. The Rosebank and Dunkeld buses pass the Orphanage gates.

### JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

#### Meeting on Tuesday, 27th May

The next meeting of the Literary section of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League will take place at the Langham Hotel, on Tuesday, 27th May at 3 p.m. The speakers will be Mrs. M. Franks, who will deal with the Women's Conference; Dr. Deborah Katzen, who will deal with general and political topics, and Mrs. H. Davidoff, who will deal with departmental matters. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this function.

### MR KIRSCHNER ADDRESSES PRETORIA CONVERSAZIONE

There was a large gathering at the Memorial Hall, Pretoria, on Sunday evening, 18th instant, at a conversazione organised by the Pretoria Zionist Society. The function was arranged to extend a welcome to Mr. N. Kirschner, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, on his return from Eretz Israel, and to hear from him an address on the latest situation in the Homeland.

Mr. Kirschner was accompanied by Mr. L. Tager, Chairman of the Propaganda Committee of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who had a special meeting with the committee of the Society prior to the commencement of the conversazione, and discussed with them matters of local organisation.

A fuller account of the meeting will be published in next week's issue.

### CANTOR S. PINCASOVITCH New Cantor at Beth Hamedrash Hagodel

**C**ANTOR S. PINCASOVITCH has been appointed Cantor of the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, in succession to Cantor B. Chagy. Together with Mrs. Pincasovitch, he will leave England for South Africa at the earliest opportunity.



Cantor Pincasovitch, who is the possessor of an extremely fine voice, is well-known to South African Jewry. Some years ago, it will be remembered, he held the position of Cantor at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue.

### "Tin Pan Alley" at 20th Century

"Tin Pan Alley," which is now showing at the 20th Century Theatre, with Alice Faye and Betty Grable starring at the head of a spectacular cast, has won round after round of applause at previews. Brimful of romance, laughter, memories and melodies, it has been hailed by critics as one of the finest musicals ever produced. The story is human and touching and should appeal to everyone. Jack Oakie and John Payne head the cast, which also includes Allen Jenkins, Esther Ralston, the Nicholas Brothers, dusky dancing stars, and Ben Carter. Walter Long directed the film and Kenneth Macgowan was associate producer. On the same programme Dean Herrick—the popular 20th Century organist—introduces his sensational invention, "Phantom Piano," which cannot fail to intrigue and entertain.

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