

**LUSAKA HEBREW CONGREGATION**

The annual general meeting of the Lusaka and District Hebrew Congregation was held in the Synagogue on 8th November. The President, Mr. David Shapiro, who was in the Chair, in reviewing a year of satisfactory progress by the Congregation, referred especially to Rev. Metzger's outstanding devotion to duty, and the excellent progress of the Talmud Torah under his supervision. Services had been held regularly on the Sabbath Eve and on all festivals, with consistently good attendances. Various functions had been held on appropriate occasions and these had considerably helped to unify the Congregation and to promote Jewish social life in Lusaka.

After expressing appreciation to the Committee and the community for their loyal co-operation during the past year, Mr. Shapiro dwelt on the splendid work of the newly-created Ladies' Guild, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Shapiro. This energetic organisation had made large numbers of war comforts and undertaken a morning market in aid of the Merchant Navy.

The report and balance-sheet presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Henrie Kollenberg, revealed the financial position of the Congregation as extremely sound. The revenue received from membership fees and donations had been most satisfactory. In conclusion, Mr. Kollenberg thanked all members for their willing support.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election en bloc of the retiring committee, with the exception of the Hon. Secretary, who was unable to stand for re-election. In addition, two new members were elected to the committee. The following comprise the new committee: President, Mr. David Shapiro; Vice-President, Mr. S. Osrin; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Henrie Kollenberg; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. S. J. Mendelsohn; Committee, Messrs. S. Fischer, J. Gerber, M. Hamburger, E. Isaak, S. J. Mendelsohn and S. B. Wulfsohn.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. S. Osrin, proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mrs. David Shapiro, and expressed his deep regret at her decision to relinquish this office. He declared, amidst applause, that her indefatigable efforts on behalf of the community, had contributed materially to its progress.

**JEWISH FOLK MUSIC RECITAL IN JOHANNESBURG**

**Successful Concert on Sunday**

A large audience was attracted to the Selbourne Hall on Sunday evening last, when the "A. Z. Idelsohn Choral Society," under the direction of Mr. Jerry Idelsohn, presented a varied programme of Yiddish and Hebrew folk-songs, which were obviously to the liking of the audience.

Cantor S. Mandel, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. I. Fine, was heard to advantage in a group of solos, the most pleasing item being "Dos Pastuch'l" (a composition by Chief Cantor Alter). The other soloist was Miss Betty Pack, who gave the first performance in Johannesburg of a composition by Mr. Idelsohn, "Rhapsodic Paraphrase based on Hebrew Melodies," and once again demonstrated her mastery of her instrument.

The choir sang with spirit and understanding and were most ably accompanied by Miss Edith Rodkin.

Mr. J. Daleski briefly appealed for public support for the "A. Z. Idelsohn Choir," which was supplying a long-felt need in the city.

**IRMA STERN'S EXHIBITION**

**Capturing the Congo on Canvas**

Irma Stern's exhibition, which opened at the Gainsborough Gallery on Tuesday morning, re-echoes the message of Africa even more than does her previous work. Not only did she paint in darkest Africa, but in colour, line and the rhythm of movement, Irma Stern has revived that art which Africa bred in the unknown. Simple black and white patterns, the heritage of the black races and the swift, flowing lines of the Bushman drawings have found expression in her work.

The main picture of the exhibition is "Slave Musician," an oil painting, full of the awkward strength of bodies and limbs, but too sombre, as if the artist had not let sufficient sun into the picture.

The temperas in the works on view mark a considerable development in Irma Stern's technique. The Policeman is an interesting study illustrating the artist's penetration into the native peoples.

The charcoal drawings are each stamped with a simplicity of conception and execution. Particularly pleasing is the "Watussi Queen Mother."

Irma Stern's exhibition is yet another of those great triumphs of hers which have hitherto identified her name with all that is best in South African art.

**BEAUFORT WEST**

The annual general meeting of the Beaufort West Zionist Society was held on the 1st November, and resulted in the following ladies being elected as office-bearers and committee for the ensuing term: Chairman, Mrs. S. Magid; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. I. Karabus. Committee: Mesdames J. Finkelstein, I. Javen, L. Magid, E. Maller, N. Garb. The gathering took the opportunity of passing a resolution in commemoration of Balfour Day, calling upon Great Britain to fulfil her pledge to the Jewish people as embodied in the Balfour Declaration and reaffirming our faith in Eretz Israel.

A collection for trees in the Forest of Freedom yielded an excellent response, 41 trees being subscribed for.

**CRADOCK**

A very well attended Zionist social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bricker on Sunday evening, 8th October. This proved a great success both socially and financially.

During the evening a presentation was made to Miss Maisie Thal in appreciation of her diligent work as secretary for the past few years.

Mrs. J. Kahn, on behalf of the Society, wished Miss Thal every happiness in her forthcoming marriage.

**JOHANNESBURG JEWISH REFORM CONGREGATION**

At the request of the local American Community, a Thangsgiving Day Service will be observed at the Friday Evening Service at Temple Israel, on November 27th, at 6 o'clock. The American Consulate-General has been asked to participate in the service. All are welcome.

**Annual Speech Day**

The fifth annual Speech Day of the Temple Israel School will take place at Temple Israel on Sunday morning, December 6th, at 11.15. An interesting programme has been arranged and members of the community are cordially invited to attend.

**GRAND CONCERT FOR PALESTINIAN SOLDIERS' COMFORTS**

A concert in aid of Comforts for the Palestinian soldiers will be held at the 20th Century Theatre on Sunday night. A number of prominent artists are appearing, amongst whom are Gerald Cassen, Hedi Haas, Jerry Shulman, Ichiljik's Balalaika, Rita Roseman, Rica Black, Lottie Rosenthal and Mike Abel, the popular compere. Booking is at the 20th Century Theatre.

**A JEWISH MOTHER'S PLEDGE**

I, together with all mothers in Israel dedicate myself to the great cause of Jewish Education. I shall do my best to give an opportunity to our girls and boys, the mothers and fathers of tomorrow, to receive the blessing of a thorough Jewish training, so that they may grow up to be good men, good women, good fathers and mothers, and true and loyal sons and daughters of their people Israel.

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