

Paarl Hebrew Congregation.

Reception to Rev. and Mrs. Strelitz.

The Paarl Talmud Torah Hall was filled to capacity on Sunday evening, the 6th instant, on the occasion of a reception in honour of Rev. and Mrs. H. Strelitz.

Rev. Strelitz has just been given his Emeritus after having served as Minister of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation for over twenty-five years, and he and Mrs. Strelitz have taken up residence at Sea Point.

Mr. E. J. Horwitz, Chairman of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation, presided, and the function was attended not only by the entire local Jewish community, but also by the Chairmen and other executive officers of the Talmud Torah, the Lemaan Zionist Society, the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, the W.I.Z.O., the Helping Hand Society, the Chevra Kadisha and the Junior Zionist Society.

Mr. Horwitz said that the function was an expression of the feelings entertained towards Rev. and Mrs. Strelitz by all those who knew them. Rev. Strelitz had rendered great services to the community, he had maintained harmony and had gained the esteem, respect and affection of everyone, and there was a great debt of gratitude due to him and Mrs. Strelitz. The toast of Rev. and Mrs. Strelitz was greeted with musical honours.

Other speakers who associated themselves with these remarks were Mr. J. J. Geffen (Chairman of the Talmud Torah), Councillor D. Nelson, and Mr. L. Berman and Mr. B. Volks (Past Presidents); the latter also represented the Lemaan Zion Society in the absence of Mr. A. J. Volks, the Acting Chairman; Rev. B. D. Melamed, Mrs. D. Nelson (Chairlady of the Ladies' Benevolent Society); Mr. B. Zetler (Hon. Secretary of the Hebrew Congregation); Rev. I. Gulis; Mrs. M. Klitzner (Chairlady of the W.I.Z.O.); Mr. M. Wisnekowitz (a former Treasurer of the Congregation), and Mr. Gerald Sutin (Chairman of the Junior Zionist Society).

Mrs. D. Nelson spoke in appreciative terms of Mrs. Strelitz, who had been Treasurer of the Ladies' Benevolent Society for a continuous period of 25 years.

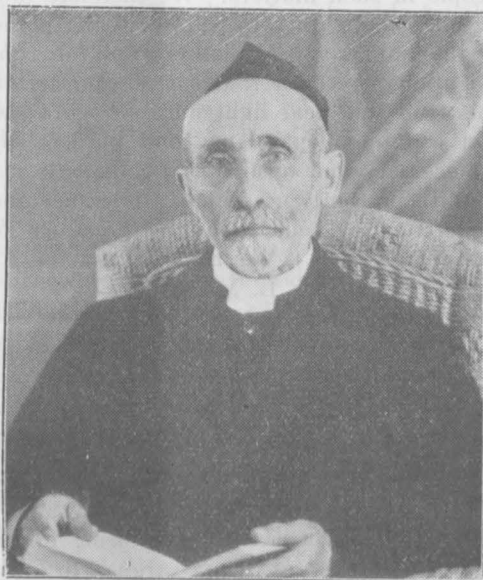
The following presentations were made to Rev. and Mrs. Strelitz: A cheque on behalf of the members of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation; a wireless set by the Ladies' Benevolent Society; a tea service by the members of the W.I.Z.O. group. The presentation by the Lemaan Zion Society consisted of the inscription of the names of Rev. and Mrs. Strelitz in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

High tribute to Rev. Strelitz's services to the Zionist cause was paid in a letter from the Jewish National Fund office in Johannesburg which was read to the

gathering and was received with great applause.

Rev. Strelitz in his reply spoke movingly of his association with the Paarl Jewish community during the past quarter of a century. There was a time for work, he said, and there was also a time for rest. He modestly said that he felt that he did not deserve all the high tributes that had been paid to him as he and Mrs. Strelitz had merely done their duty. He expressed the hope that the harmony which had reigned in the community in the past would be maintained in the future.

A fine musical programme added to the success of the function. Those who contributed were Cantor Katzin of Sea Point, who gave a magnificent exhibition of Chazonoth and rendered a number of much appreciated folk songs.



Rev. H. Strelitz.

Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2, rendered superbly as a duet by Mr. N. Dubovsky and Mrs. Miriam Bloom, was enthusiastically received.

Mr. Dubovsky also contributed Sequidillas (Albeniz) as a solo.

Miss Lucy Faktor of Cape Town, who is a former Paarlite, enthralled the audience by her soulful rendering of the beautiful and touching Kol Nidrei (Bruch). A further item rendered by her with equal brilliance was Czardas (Monti).

Miss Chanah Gulis pleasingly rendered a Hebrew recitation.

Dainty refreshments were provided as a result of the splendid efforts of the Ladies' Benevolent Society and the W.I.Z.O.

The proceedings terminated at a late hour with the singing of Hatikvah and God Save the King.

Mr. Harry Levin's Activities.

MEETINGS IN VARIOUS CENTRES.

Robertson.

A well-attended meeting of the community was addressed by Mr. Harry Levin at the Hebrew Hall on Thursday, March 27th. Rev. S. Josefowitz, Chairman of the Robertson Zionist Society, presided. In an illuminating address the speaker described developments in Palestine in the past year, and some of the major problems that faced the Yishub and the Zionist Movement today and are likely to face it in the future. A number of questions were put to the speaker after the meeting, to which he ably replied. Mr. I. Groll expressed the community's warm appreciation to Mr. Levin for his address. During his stay, Mr. Levin was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg at the Commercial Hotel.

Oudtshoorn.

An intimate address on Palestine under War Conditions was delivered by Mr. Harry Levin on Sunday evening, March 30th, at a well-attended meeting of the Jewish public held in the Hebrew School Hall under the presidency of Miss E. Maltz, Chairlady of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society. Mr. R. Rollnick proposed, and Dr. I. Stussse seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Levin at the conclusion of the address.

On Saturday evening, Mr. Levin met the Committees of the Oscar Marmorek Zionist Association, the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society and Young Israel Society at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Agranat.

During his stay in Oudtshoorn Mr. Levin separately met the Committee of the Oscar Marmorek Society and others with a view to re-organising its activities.

George.

On Monday, 31st March, Mr. Levin addressed a meeting of the George Zionist Society at the Masonic Hall. Mr. S. Miller was in the chair. In a vivid address the speaker pictured the manner in which the Yishub was facing wartime conditions and the contribution that it was making towards the war effort. The deep interest of the audience was reflected in the numerous questions put to Mr. Levin after his address and in the warm vote of thanks.

Mossel Bay.

Owing to a United Party rally at Mossel Bay, Mr. Levin was unable to address the

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