



BOARD OF DEPUTIES

CAPE PERSPECTIVE

Board Conference Highlights Present and Future



Aleck Goldberg



Mervyn Smith



Ian Sacks

The Cape Sun Hotel was the venue of the annual Cape Conference of the Board of Deputies, held on Sunday 31 August. Over 150 delegates and observers assembled to participate in a day of addresses and discussion. Rabbi Dr David Sherman intoned the opening prayer which was followed by messages from Mrs Myra Osrin, Chairman of the Western Province Zionist Council and Mr Aleck Goldberg, National Executive Director of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies.

In her message, Mrs Osrin spoke of the role of the Board in the multi-faceted arena of communal activities with reference to the traumatic events pervading South Africa today — "the Board has a most vital role to play — in assessing and reassessing the priorities and of ensuring the continued meaningful direction of our community. In the road that lies ahead it will be the Board and the Federation to whom the community will look for signposts by which it must conduct and structure its community life."

Mr Goldberg brought greetings from the National Executive and paid a tribute to the Cape Committee for its input into the Jewish Board of Deputies National and International affairs.

The Board Chairman, Mr Mervyn Smith, presented an impressive and in-

formative report reflecting a review and inspection of the Board's activities in the past year referring to Chaplaincy, Employment, Education, Bursaries, Religious Instruction, Cape Jewish Chronicle, Student Affairs, Anti-semitism.

Mr Smith congratulated the two newly appointed Vice-Chairmen, Mr Simon Jocum and Mr Joe Fintz.

A lively and lengthy discussion 'from the floor' followed on Mr Smith's report.

The three panelists, Miss Jill Rosenfield, Mr Issy Pinshaw and Rabbi Avraham Union presented their insights and views pertaining to the topic, 'The Jewish Response to South Africa 1986'. The three addresses prompted a discussion where delegates were provided with the opportunity to articulate their attitudes and opinions. A priority issue reflected in the discussion was the concern of emigration.

The morning's agenda concluded with an excellent lunch during which delegates were privileged to be addressed by a most stimulating speaker, Mr Randal van den Heever, Deputy President of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association and Principal of Spes Bona Secondary School.

Birkat Hamazon was led by Mr Aleck Goldberg after which, the Annual Cape Conference ended.



Hillel Turok



m, Israel Avivi, Nachshon and Menachem Azouly.



Joe Fintz and Myra Osrin.



representatives Sara Galante, Anthony and Vivienne Reich with Willy Katz.

South African Jewish Board of Deputies

CAPE COUNCIL

The Chairman, Honorary Officers, members of the Cape Committee, Executive Director and staff, extend their Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year and well



(l/r) Ivor Schneider, Gerald Schulman and Nachum Zolin.

