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## REVISIONIST PROPAGANDA EXPOSED.

Before the opening of the Palestine Conference, Dr. Weizman - President of the Jewish Agency - in a letter to the London Times, supported the case for increased Jewish immigration into Eretz Yisrael. This paper commented editorially upon the letter stating that immigration should be within certain limits. The correspondent of a South African group of newspapers cabled the text of both the letter and the editorial, and in printing the news "The Cape Argus" erroneously attributed the views of the editorial to Dr. Weizman.

In spite of the fact that the mistake was so obvious, the Revisionist Organ - "The Jewish Herald" - reprinted the error; but stated that the news was from its "own" London correspondent and added that English Zionists were "deeply shocked". A local Jewish paper subsequently pointed out the error and "The Herald" admitted it. However instead of apologising to Dr. Weizman for crediting him with a most un-Zionist-like statement it tries to cover up its own fabrications with another attack on him.

The "Jewish Herald" does not explain (1) Why, since "The Herald" is published in Johannesburg did it reprint obvious incorrect news from the "Cape Argus" when the identical statement appeared correctly in the Johannesburg "Star"? (2) Why did it falsely publish

it as a cable from its London correspondent?  
 (3) Why were English Zionists stated to be "shocked" by the letter when they had never seen the "letter" in "The Cape Argus" or the "Jewish Herald"?

The above is a typical instance of the type of propoganda with which Revisionists have bombarded the public for the last two years. In this time of stress through which the Jewish people are passing, have the Revisionists no better contribution towards uniting a scattered nation?

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### THE MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

Much misunderstanding has lately been caused by the confusion of this society with the Maitland Junior Zionist Society. They have been known and treated as the same body either through ignorance or indifference.

This society was called into being for and by the Maitland Jewish Youth under 16 years of age, as the senior body only caters for those above that age. A year ago they were under the leadership of a senior member, but are now quite capable of managing their own affairs.

There are Table-tennis, Rugby and Cricket sections and keen interest is indeed taken in these sports. Regularly every Saturday an enjoyable evening is spent at the Talmud Torah Hall. The present committee intend devoting more time to cultural work. In fact only last week a function was arranged in aid of the Abraham Katz Memorial Fund.

May they be successful in their attempt to cultivate a truly Jewish spirit among their members. Our sole hope of survival lies in this creation and strengthening of every bit of Jewishness in us.

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SHEKEL DAY

Sunday March 5th 1939 has been declared Shekel Day in South Africa. All Jews over the age of eighteen are expected to acquire the Shekel and thereby show their allegiance to the World Zionist Organization. Holders of the Shekel shall have the right to vote when South African delegates are chosen for the World Zionist Congress. This is important as the biennial world congress will take place this year.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.J.N.F. CLEARANCE.

On Sunday morning February 5th a J.N.F. clearance took place. The amount realised to date is over £5.

GENERAL ELECTION,

The bi-annual General Election of the Society was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night February 5th. The meeting was well attended.

The outgoing Chairman in his report referred fully to the activities of the society during the past session. Arising out of the report a discussion mainly on sport followed. Mr. Dave Meyerowitz, Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, acted as chairman and the following committee were elected.

Chairman	-	B. Katzef.
Vice Chairlady	-	Miss. R. Gootman.
Hon. Secretary	-	Miss. F. Gootman.
Hon. Treasurer	-	M. Kramer.
Additional Committee members	-	Messrs. I. Schwabsky B. Kaufman and Miss L. Jacobson.



**OUR NEW TREASURER !  
(THEY'VE RUN AWAY BEFORE TO-DAY)**

COMMITTEE MEETING.

At the first committee meeting of the session held at the residence of Mr & Mrs. E. Gootman, a comprehensive programme for the ensuing three months was drawn up. The following are the main items in this programme:-  
26th Feb. - Watermelon Feast, 12th March -

Debate, 26th March - Interfunction with another society, 5th April - Seder Evening, 23rd April - Mock Trial, 7th May - Dance.

The above arrangements are subject to alteration. Members will be circularised before each one of these functions.

WATERMELON FEAST.

A watermelon feast was held on Sunday 26th February.  
For further details see stop press.

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T E L H A I .

On the fourteenth day of Adar, 5680, corresponding to the 1st March, 1920, the following made the supreme sacrifice while defending the Jewish colony of Tel Hai against an Arab attack:-

- JOSEPH TRUMPELDOR.
- SARAH CHIZICK.
- DEBORAH DRACHLER.
- SHNEUR SHAPOSNICK.
- AARON SHER.
- TOKER.
- BENJAMIN MUNTER.
- SHARF.

Owing to some diplomatic quibble the Upper Galilee in which Tel Hai is situated was evacuated by the French and English troops and was immediately invaded by several thousands of well-armed Bedouins, ready for murder and pillage. Soon the inhabitants of Tel Hai could see only two smouldering heaps on the spot where shortly before had stood a neighbouring settlement. Captain Joseph Trumpeldor and his companions were entreated to evacuate Tel

Hai. In spite of the fact that the French troops with all their artillery had been unable to resist the Arab onslaught, the settlers decided, at a hastily convened meeting, to defend the soil on which they stood against overwhelming odds and refused to retire to the neighbouring settlement of Metulla for safety.

There were only twenty five men in Tel Hai and they had but eighteen rifles between them. For each rifle a thousand cartridges were wanted or at least five hundred, yet they only had one hundred for each rifle. For ten days, rifle in hand, girls and men fought side by side for and on the land of Israel, saving for the Jewish People a stretch of territory which would otherwise have been lost.

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## Society Social Skits.

It might interest LILY JACOBSON to know that my Parow correspondent has received enquiries about her from someone in that vicinity. I've been wondering whether this has anything to do with the fact that she came home at 4.15 a.m. the other morning.

So ARTHUR JOFFE, if your hair does not grow on your head you'll try it on your upper lip? Never mind, MYER MANASEWITZ, BENNIE MILLER and SOLLY BERNBERG are keeping you company.

RAIE MUNITZ wants someone to keep her

warm during winter. Applications stating past experience accompanied by testimonials from persons qualified to testify, should be forwarded to the undersigned.

Was it worth LILY MILLER'S while to purchase a new evening frock for the enjoyable night she spent with that fellow from Johannesburg?



FANNY GOOTMAN came rolling down the mountain — at least her Sunday afternoon climbs are off. Has this got anything to do with BENNY KAUFMAN'S statement that Fanny is shock-proof?



SYDNEY SAACKS seems to like working at Bellville. It gives him time to shave on the train and sleep a few minutes later.

Congratulations to HILDA CARLIN, an ex-secretary of the Society, on her engagement to Barney Rosengarten of Mayfair. Best Luck!

Why were GUS and CHARLES KAWALSKY driving around aimlessly on Sunday night the 26th Feb.? Have any luck boys?

*The Wandering Jew*

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MAITLAND BROTHERS ZION ASSOCIATION

# CONCERT

WILL BE HELD IN THE

# TALMUD TORAH HALL

AT 8 P.M. ON

# SUNDAY,

# MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> '39

## DONATIONS

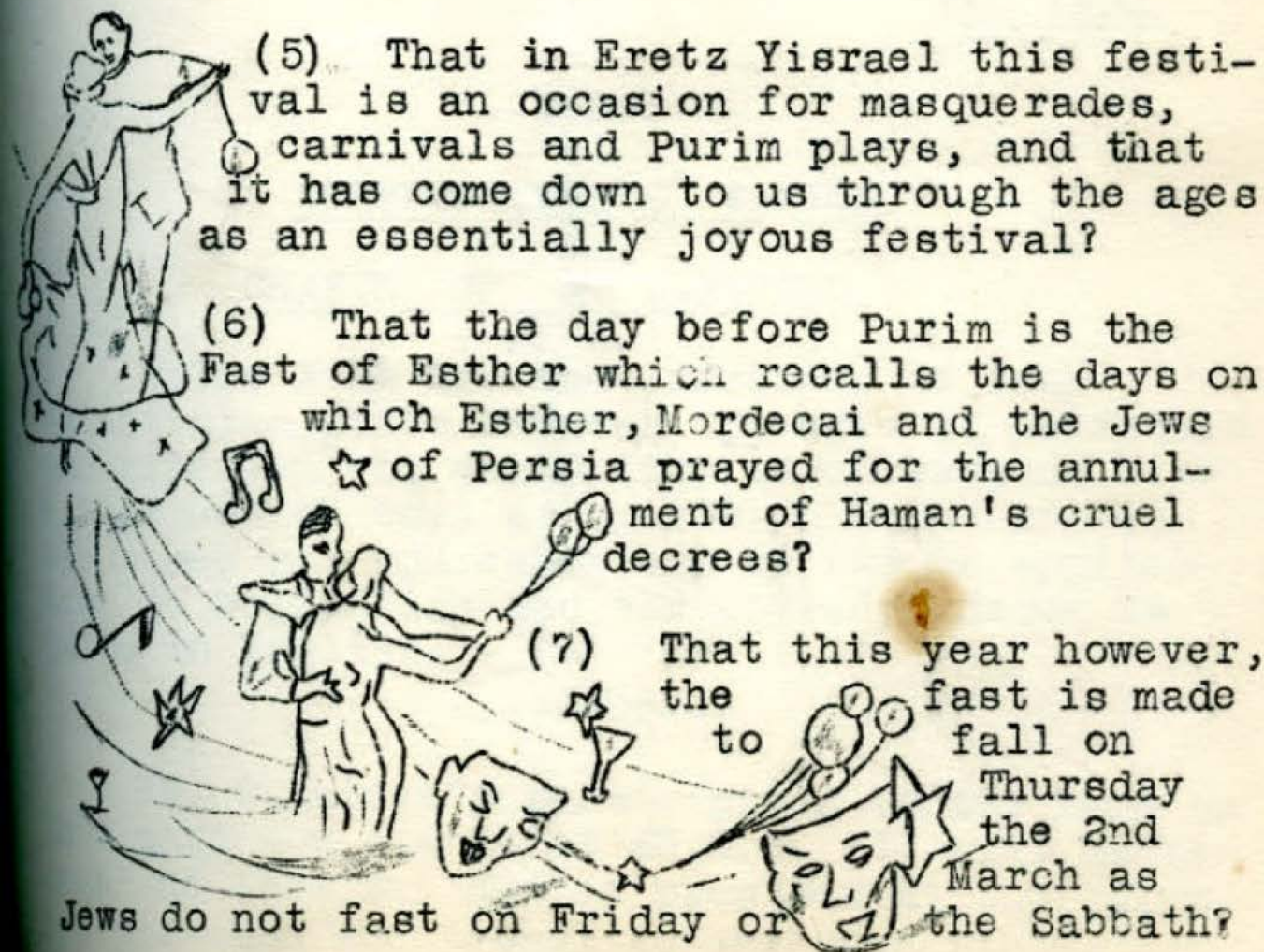
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CHILDREN UNDER 13

DO YOU KNOW? - - - - - by JACO.

- (1) That the 19th February was the first day of the last month of the Jewish year?
- (2) That in every leap year (i.e. about seven times in 19 years) this month - Adar - occurs twice?
- (3) That on the 14th day of this month - Adar - (i.e. Sunday 5th March) we celebrate the festival of Purim or Lots, because lots were cast to determine on which day the Jews of Persia were to be massacred?
- (4) That this story of Haman, which occurred during the reign of Ahasveruth (Xerxes) 485 to 464 B.C., is typical of the whole history of the Jewish People, a story which has repeated itself again and again?
- (5) That in Eretz Yisrael this festival is an occasion for masquerades, carnivals and Purim plays, and that it has come down to us through the ages as an essentially joyous festival?

- (6) That the day before Purim is the Fast of Esther which recalls the days on which Esther, Mordecai and the Jews of Persia prayed for the annulment of Haman's cruel decrees?

- (7) That this year however, the fast is made to fall on Thursday the 2nd March as Jews do not fast on Friday or the Sabbath?



AUSTRIAN AND POLISH JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

We have been asked to acknowledge the following further contributions to the above fund:-

Previously acknowledged	£31. 0.0.
Mr. A.Urdang	1. 1.0.
Miss R.Kaufman	1. 1.0.
Mr. S.Berman	1. 1.0.
Mr. Rollnick	1. 1.0.
Mr. Mark Levin	1. 1.0.
Mr. T.Kaufman	1. 1.0.
Mr. Gross	1. 1.0.
Miss H.Friedman	1. 1.0.
Mr. S.Masters	1. 1.0.
Mr. B.Miller	1. 1.0.
Mr. M.Singer	1. 1.0.
Mr. L.Miller	1. 1.0.
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CORRESPONDENTS WANTED.CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.

Wolfe Fish has the addresses of four Palestinian girls between the ages of seventeen and nineteen who would like to correspond with either Jewish boys or girls in South Africa. The names and addresses can be had on application to Wolfe Fish and the correspondence is to be in English.

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Mr. B.Katzef's subscription to the fund on this page now stands at £3.8.0. It will be remembered that Mr. Katzef promised £1.1.0. plus 1/- for each additional guinea subscribed.

LETTERS TOTHE EDITOR.APPEAL.

The Editor,  
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

The response to the Appeal for funds for the Austrian & Polish Jews has been remarkable. We hardly contemplated reaching the amount that has thus far been reached. However now that we have got so far we feel that we really could not stop until the sum of £50 has been subscribed. There are still a few people whose names do not appear among those who have contributed and it is to them that this further Appeal is addressed.

S. SAACKS.

Main Road,  
MAITLAND.

CONVENOR.

MAITLAND YOUTH EFFORT.

ANOTHER BARD.

Sir - In reply to your admirable limerick in the January issue of the Echo I wish to take this opportunity of asking you to be kind enough to publish a few verses, which were written in the same spirit as your limerick:

What a pity!  
We have a committee  
Who to show they are witty  
Wrote a ditty.

Of them I asked one  
 did you derive any fun?  
 He said: "fun there was none,  
 Oh! but look at that pun".

To myself I shall treasure  
 such a great pleasure  
 as giving a hand  
 to that literary band.



Now let us all start  
 to take that band apart,  
 and thus try to prove  
 what makes their brains move.

In the chair we have Ben  
 in your life 'host du gezehn'  
 a man of 'such might  
 as yon satelite?

For a sec. we've a girl  
 that makes your head whirl.  
 She smokes at the election  
 to keep that schoolgirl complexion.

'Hot unz Got gegeben  
 lang zoln ze i leben'  
 a sports convenor  
 'der bester in der medineh!'

A commissioner for the Menorah  
 'kein ein horeh'  
 who goes from door to door  
 but can you expect any more?

The last of them all  
 but within easy call  
 is a man of much sense  
 his brain is immense.

He is here, he is there,

he is everywhere.  
 Be it night, be it day,  
 he is ne'er far away.

His face is a mask just like a sphinx  
 for none must guess of what he thinks  
 and the only time you get to know  
 is when you see it in print in "The  
 M. Echo".

He sure is the greatest Master mind  
 that was e'er contributed to humankind,  
 knows your business even better than you,  
 of course I'm referring to

*The Wandering Jew.*

Chapel Street,  
MAITLAND.

BARNEY SEIDLE.

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STOP PRESS.

WATERMELON FEAST.

About 15 people turned up to the water-  
 melon feast on Sunday night, 26th February.  
 The time fixed for meeting was 7.30 p.m. but  
 the crowd did not leave until 8.45 p.m. This  
 was partly due to the late arrival of the  
 chairman, Mr. B. Katzef, who turned up just as  
 he was about to be left in the lurch.

The feast was held at Paarden Island,  
 whither the crowd were taken in cars. It was  
 a perfect night and the small gathering enjoyed  
 themselves to the full. Although one water-  
 melon was green, the others were in an excel-  
 lent condition. Up to the time of going to  
 press we have received no news as to the after-  
 effects of the green watermelon.

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