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ORGANISATION!

The recent inability of our Society to progress has led us to investigate into the workings of our small community of local Zionist youth. Our conclusions if noted, may perhaps save the Society from a period of retrogression which so ominously has shown symptoms of being not very far off.

Up till the present the general body of our members have sadly underestimated their duties as members of our social community. It might be argued that in a Society with a maximum of twenty-five active members, an attendance of 50% of these at meetings is about as much as can be expected. This is a gross fallacy. Our obligations only commence by attending meetings; we must go further and bear our share of the burden of making our activities a success. We must assist the committee both with our ideas and material support.

And now we naturally ask if the committee are doing their share correctly. Unfortunately the answer is again in the negative. A close examination of the non-success of recent functions will in each case reveal insufficient premeditation in making the necessary arrangements. In the case of the watermelon feast, the affair was a failure

because nobody had been appointed to take charge. In the case of the debate on the 12th March nobody was assigned to open the hall, with the result that the affair was not held, although 50% of our active members were present.

From the above it is apparent that the committee are not taking due advantage of the little interest displayed by members. It would be worth the committee's while to spend a little more time at their meetings in organising the affairs. The little enthusiasm displayed by members directed in the proper manner might then give rise to a better and stronger Society.

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AN ERRONEOUS SUPPOSITION.

Elsewhere in this issue a reader deplores our last editorial wherein we exposed false Revisionist propaganda.

Unfortunately this correspondent has formed an idea of our policy entirely of his own making. True we are the official organ of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society and are therefore influenced by its aims, but this has no bearing on our reason for revealing false news. In publishing an exposition of untruths we have been guided by an unwritten code to which all newspapers are bound -- a code which is above politics and politicians. It is the bounden duty of every honourable newspaper to present to its readers the news of the times with as little deviation from the truth as is humanly possible. It is the duty of a newspaper to warn its readers against such falsehoods to which they might be susceptible.

This is the reason for our last leading article. We felt that the fabricated news was detrimental to the welfare of our readers and it was therefore our duty to warn them

against this. If, as Mr Fish maintains, our aim had been to prevent the members from 'leaving' the Society, is it not significant that our last editorial did not mention the name of our Society nor even one good word about it?

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

CHAIRMAN RESIGNS.

Mr B. Katzef, our chairman, tendered his resignation to the committee during the last month. At the meeting on 26th March, Miss F. Gootman was elected chairlady and Miss L. Jacobson secretary in her place. The committee will co-opt an additional member to fill the vacancy created.

STUDY CIRCLE.



The study circle is still being held regularly on Friday nights under the convenorship of Wolfe Fish. All those who wish to attend may obtain full particulars from him.

SHEKEL COLLECTION.

Although final figures are not yet available, it is believed that the sale of Shekels on March 5th, has exceeded all previous collections. A number of our members above the age of eighteen have however not yet acquired their Shekolim.

ZIONIST CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

The Cape Zionist Youth Executive has



arranged a three months postal course in Zionism. This will consist of six fortnightly papers, the first of which, "The elements of Zionism" has already been issued. A nominal fee of half-a-crown is being charged to defray expense. Members who are desirous of extending their knowledge of Zionism are advised to take this course. The committee will furnish further particulars on application.

DEBATE.

A debate was scheduled for Sunday night, 12th March, the motion under discussion being "That Eric Louw was justified in bringing forward his Bill to restrict Jewish Immigration". By about 8.15 p.m. there were fourteen members standing outside the hall, but, unfortunately no key was to hand and Miss E. Drus and Mr. B. Seidle, who were to oppose the motion, decided that it was "infra-dig" to hold forth before such a small audience and so they left - the debate was cancelled.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

A committee meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gootman on Sunday morning 19th March. Miss L. Jacobson, Messrs. B. Kaufman and W. Fish were appointed to represent our Society at Conference on 1st and 2nd April.

The next function was discussed and it was decided to hold a "Meeting of the Prophets" at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night 26th March.

PROPHET EVENING.

A Prophet Evening was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday 26th March. This took

the form of short talks by four members where-
 in they predicted events. Mr. B. Kaufman prophesied the position of the Jews "If Uganda had been accepted as a Jewish National Homeland". Mr. M. Bledin dealt with "What next in-Europe". Mr. P. Ozinsky treated "Anti-semitism, if Gentiles knew more about the Jews", and Mr. M. Kramer discussed a humorous topic.

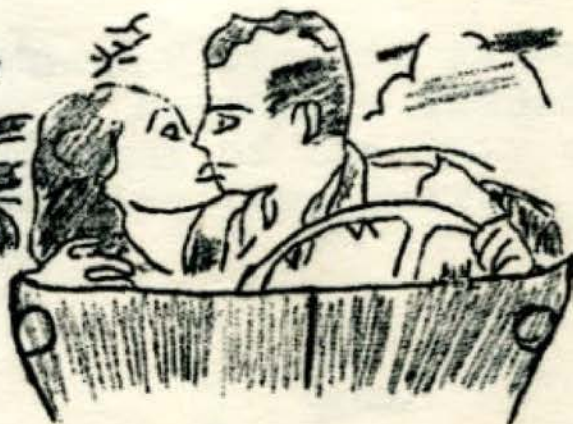


After tea Mr. W. Fish dealt with the agricultural and industrial aspects of Eretz Yisrael in a most enlightening manner.

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Society Social Skits.

Since the night of the Watermelon Feast BECKY GOOTMAN has been receiving driving lessons from ISSY SCHWABSKY. Issy has got his hands full and Becky is having a grand time.



BENNIE KAUFMAN seems to prefer taking his sister to bioscope rather than a girl-friend. Is it much cheaper Ben?

Judging from the volume of correspondence



that has since passed between them, it was apparently worth LILY MILLER'S while--to purchase the new evening frock for the enjoyable night she spent with that Jo'burg fellow last month.

What does it feel like to win the jack-pot twice in eight days? Ask MARK LEVIN, he knows.

Is SYLVIA URDANG still feeling the effects of the finger marks left on her by WOLFE FISH when he gave her a good hiding?

GUS KAWALSKY has made another lightning trip to Johannesburg.

My remarks in last month's issue seem to have caused the disappearance of ARTHUR JOFFE'S little black moustache.

BEN KAUFMAN wants to grow one but now he is yellow.

MYER MANASEWITZ has taken his moustache to Johannesburg with the hope that it will develop more rapidly at a higher altitude.

At one of our Tuesday evening gatherings last month, MYER KRAMER seemed to display a keen interest in a visitor of the fair sex. How far have you got since then Myer?

The Wandering Jew

THE MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

At the bi-annual general meeting held towards the end of January the following were elected:-

Chairman	-Mr. J. Joffe.
Vice-Chairman	-Mr. P. Ozinsky.
Hon. Secretary	-Mr. L. Immerman.
Hon. Treasurer	-Mr. J. Odes.
Additional Com- mittee members	-Messrs. A. Sieff, -Y. Ozinsky and Miss M. Kramer.
J.N.F. Commis- sioner	-Miss M. Singer.

A sports sub-committee was also formed consisting of Messrs. J. Frumer, J. Carlin and M. Lang.

Regular weekly meetings are held at the Talmud Torah Hall; these are alternatively cultural and social. We also have Hebrew Evenings every Thursday night, the Hora is danced and Hebrew songs sung.

Recently Mr. W. Sebba delivered an interesting talk on Abraham Katz and immediately thereafter a fund was started. Two table centres are being raffled, the proceeds whereof will go to this fund.

During this month we intend arranging an interfunction to celebrate the first anniversary of the formation of our Society.

Messrs. A. Sieff and J. Joffe have been elected delegates to the Cape Zionist Youth Conference.

Two weeks ago we met Woodstock in a cricket match at the school grounds. The result was a win for our Society.

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This page is to be a regular feature-Ed.

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

(1) That Pesach was first celebrated over 31 centuries ago when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt?

(2) That Passover is the beginning of our eternal struggle for Freedom, especially spiritual freedom, and therefore the birthday of the Jewish Nation?

(3) That our houses have to be thoroughly cleaned and all "Chometz" removed on the eve of this festival?

(4) That the two Seder Services are impressive ceremonies, being symbolical of our bondage and liberation, and conclude with the Hope: "Next Year in Jerusalem"?

(5) That the "Choroseth" symbolizes the mortar used by our forefathers in the construction of the Egyptian monuments; the "Maror", the bitterness of their slavery; the "Matzoh", the haste with which they departed from Egypt and that the Pascal Lamb recalls the blood smeared on the doors of the Israelites whose houses were "passed over" during the smiting of the Egyptian first-born?



(6) That Elijah's Cup is an expression of our optimism and hopefulness in the coming of Messiah?

(7) That in Eretz Yisrael side by side with the religious and historical observance of Pesach is the welcoming and rejoicing of Spring?

LETTERS TOTHE EDITOR.A QUESTION OF POLICY.

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

You elected to expose Revisionist Propaganda in your last issue. This would naturally fall in line with your policy as a Society affiliated to the World Zionist Organisation through the S.A. Zionist Federation. Apparently, by giving prominence in your paper to this error of publicity - though other papers have done so sufficiently well - you intended to prevent those of your members, who may have thought the Revisionists correct, from leaving your Society.

This seems to me to be the only sound reason you may have for repeating the exposition of N.Z.O. propaganda. Whatever justification there may be for accusing the N.Z.O., has your Society the right to do so, or do you only follow blindly in others' footsteps? Can your Society show anything they have done for Eretz Yisrael except collecting barely £5,000 every three months for the J.N.F? Are your attacks on the N.Z.O. just, when in previous issues you yourself have complained of the lack of interest of the members in matters Jewish and Zionist? Has your society done anything towards Zionism as the permanent solution of the Jewish Problem?

I am afraid, sir, that you have no justification in such action for the Betar are at least prepared to do their utmost for Zionism. Let us rather take a lesson from them and from Habonim. Let us be prepared.

Use the "Echo" to instil in the hearts of your members the love for Zion and to advocate the return to Judaism. Let us "Catch Up" the Echo of Trumpeldor from Eretz Yisrael and so justify the use of the symbolical cover of our paper. Don't waste time and space - especially on an editorial - on running others down. Rather let us build up again and be prepared.

WOLFE FISH.

Essex Street,
MAITLAND.

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AUSTRIAN AND POLISH JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

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

Previously acknowledged	£43.12. 0.
Mr. I. Schapiro.	1. 1. 0.
Mr. B. Katzef. (Further donation)	<u>13. 0.</u>
	<u>£45. 6. 0.</u>

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE NEWS.

The appearance of this issue on the 3rd instead of on the 1st of the month is due to it being held over in order to include news of Conference. See next page.

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CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH CONFERENCE - 1939

Under the able chairmanship of Adv. H.L. Stern, Conference was opened on Saturday evening April 1st., by Rabbi Abrahams. In opening the Conference, he stated that this was the answer we gave to the challenge "You must die" thrown at us by great political powers in the Galuth, and by the Arabs in Eretz Yisrael. He concluded an admirable welcome by saying, "The fire of our Jewish enthusiasm would and should extinguish the fire of our troubles and persecutions.

Dr. Horwitz and Mrs. Segal on behalf of the Dorshei Zion and Bnoth Zion Associations then addressed the delegates. Dr. Altschul, representing W.P. Habonim, said we had no figures (laughter) to show that Zionist Youth did not reap any benefit from Habonim. He advocated the application of Chalutzioth in the Diaspora, the sacrifice of many pleasant things and the turning of our hands to work.

Mr. S.M. Levin, representing the S.A. Youth Council was rather optimistic in his outlook. He prophesied that the movement in the Cape would soon swing round for the better. "Zionism", he added, "did not start with the Balfour Declaration", and if that had now become a bit of paper, we and the half million Jews in Eretz Yisrael will continue with the good work.

Mr. D. Meyerowitz explained that his frank report was for the good of the movement, and not a sign of despair. He hoped, on behalf of the Executive that the deliberations would be "a brick in the solid foundation of our organization".

The following cups were then presented by Mrs. I. Abrahams:- Lichtenstein Cup - Oudtshoorn Young Israel Society, J.N.F. Trophy - Worcester Y.I. Society, Menorah Trophy - Huizenberg Y.I. Society. Hereafter the pres-

Confidential report was discussed until Conference adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

On Sunday April 2nd., the discussion of the Chairman's report was resumed at 9 a.m. and the following major resolutions were adopted before the lunch interval:-

- 1) "That this conference recommends immediate appointment of a full time Organiser Secretary to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive."
- 2) "That this conference declares its solemn intention to adhere to the Zionist Cause under all circumstances and that in view of the recent tendencies to divert the attention of the Jewish People from their concentration on the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael, this conference solemnly affirms its unwavering determination that the solution of the Jewish Problem can only be attained by the establishment of Eretz Yisrael as the one and only Jewish National Home, and by no other means."

Upon the adoption of the latter resolution, delegates rose and sang Hatikvah.

At the luncheon, kindly provided by the Dorshei Zion Association, a collection was held in aid of the Abraham Katz Memorial Fund. This yielded £5.0.0. and was augmented by £1.7.7. derived from fines from late-comers to Conference.

At 5.45 p.m., when this report went to press the discussion on the Chairman's report had not yet concluded. Conference was thus already four hours behind schedule and the dance which was to have followed in the evening might be cancelled in order to allow the discussions to be completed.

Our special correspondent at Conference reports that this year has witnessed keener discussion by delegates than in most previous years, two political resolutions in themselves almost occupying four hours of Conference's time.

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THE

THIRD

SEDER

to be held at the

TALMUD

TORAH

HALL

at 8.15 p.m. on

WED. 5th APRIL, 39.

Line and wine

As of old times