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OUR FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

At the bi-annual general elections of our Society Mr. B. Katzef was elected to and accepted the position of chairman. One month thereafter he resigned. At the next meeting Miss F. Gootman, in her absence, was chosen to fill the vacancy; this caused a reshuffling in the personnel of the committee as she was the secretary. Subsequently Miss Gootman signified her acceptance and in fact took the chair at the Seder Evening. She too has now resigned. The committee has appointed Mr. I. Schwabsky chairman.

Now we all know that it is a lady's privilege to change her mind, but Mr. Katzef is not a lady and that is not the reason why Miss Gootman resigned. In each case they signified the acceptance of their position both verbally and practically. Mr. Katzef accepted office at the general elections; why did he do so well-knowing that he could not carry out his short term of office? Miss Gootman changed her mind after fourteen days.

What is the reason? We can only conclude that the two who resigned have French blood in them. Heaven help us if Mr. Schwabsky is also a descendant of the French!

PESACH 5699.

The spirit of a Jewish Festival has once again exerted a most desired and stimulating influence on the practical interest displayed in the revival of the language of the Jews.

Only six months ago on Shimchas Torah, we reported the first Hebrew Speech to be made in the local Synagogue. The Hebrew on this occasion was expressed in the "Ashkenazit" dialect. Although this is a legitimate form, it is nevertheless not the pronunciation which is being used in the revival of our national tongue. The Ashkenazit pronunciation is associated with Talmud Torahs and Synagogues and is regarded more as a classical language than anything else.

Pesach 5699 however bore witness to the utterance of the "Sephardic" form of Hebrew when this was used in reading "maftir" in the Maitland Synagogue. It is gratifying to note that one of our own members was responsible for bringing within our hearing the Hebrew as taught and spoken in Eretz Yisrael.

The desired precedent has been set and it only remains for the lead to be followed. Let us hope that the festive influence will again prevail during "Shevuoth", which is at hand and that this time the responsible persons will conduct the whole service in the Sephardic dialect.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

SEDER EVENING.

On Wednesday night, 5th April, there was

a good attendance of both Seniors and Juniors at the 2nd annual Seder Evening held in the Talmud Torah Hall.

The Chairlady, Miss F. Gootman, introduced the speakers and a junior member then asked the first question, "How did the fate of Jewry change to its present state?" Mr. B. Goldin in reply reviewed the position since 1914 and said that the aim of Zionism was to give the Jews equality in Eretz Yisrael. "The Jewish boy", he said, "must realise that he receives all his equality and justice as a special privilege which may be taken away from him at any moment".

Mr. W. Sebba then discussed some of the most critical moments in Jewish history. He referred to the following:- (1) Exodus from Egypt (2) Arrivah of Haman - Purim (3) Period of Matisjahoo and his five sons (4) The Present. He compared the present with the days of the Pharaohs in Egypt. He said that the basis of Judaism was faith and hope and concluded with "impress on ourselves the necessity to win through and we will, whatever happens".

Mr. L. Aronson then made the "Brocha", after which Hebrew songs were sung.

After the interval, Mr. A. Walt replied to the question, "How does Zionism combat anti-semitism?" He stressed the point that we had to concentrate on Eretz Israel as a solution to the Jewish problem.

Replying to a question by Miriam Kramer, Mr. W. Fish showed how Zionism had been the ideal of the Jews since the days of Moses.

The chairlady then thanked the speakers, and the meeting ended with the singing of Hatikvah.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

A committee meeting was held on Thursday

night, 13th April, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Schwabsky. Miss F. Gootman, the chair-lady, tendered her resignation and the committee elected Mr. I. Schwabsky to fill the vacancy. A surprise party was decided upon, but subsequently cancelled as no social functions may be held during the seven weeks between Pesach and Shevuoth.

For the same reason an interfunction with Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild was cancelled.

TUESDAY EVENINGS.

Attendances at the Hall on Tuesday evenings are very poor. Suggestions are welcomed as to how these social gatherings could be improved.

MASSADA.

A long felt need has been filled in the Cape Peninsula by the formation of the Massada. This is a society for Zionists who are too old for Youth and who find no place amongst the Seniors.

TABLE TENNIS.

On the 18th April a table tennis match against the Young Israel Society resulted in a heavy defeat for us by the wide margin of one hundred and thirty-eight points.

Jack Joffe for the winners and Jack Kramer for the losers played particularly well.



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Society Social Skits.

Like Mr. Chamberlain, BEN KAUFMAN has had a complete reversal of policy. Instead of asking girls to a dance, the girls have been asking him. Ben seems to have had a good time at "Rostrever" on the 15th.



But why were you sitting on the pavement outside the Scala at 2.15. a.m. after the party Ben?

Waiting for the second session I presume.

Our paper is so popular in the Saacks' family that last month LILY and GLADYS staged a first class battle for possession thereof.

On a certain Sunday evening during the month, MAXIE BLEDIN, MEYER KRAMER, BARNEY and HYMIE SEIDLE, drove all the way to Seaforth with ONE girl.

Can anyone understand this?

I suggest CHARLES KAWALSKY start taking singing lessons. He will find it useful when next he has to serenade at Women's Residence in order to get his partner to come down to the front door.



During the interval at the Seder Evening

I noticed three of the speakers with LILY JACOBSON, LILY MILLER and FANNY GOOTMAN, disappear into the kitchen.

LILY JACOBSON was very careful to keep the door shut.

Did you see the lights go off?

MAX BLEDDIN took a girl to the Rag Concert; they went to her house afterwards and met the old folks with whom they carried on to Suikerbossie. Max got home at 3.45 a.m. "I had a wonderful time", says Max.

Apparently the old folks did not cramp his style.

The Wandering Jew

AUSTRIAN AND POLISH JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

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

Previously acknowledged.	£45. 6. 0.
Mr. S. Bernberg.	<u>2. 2. 0.</u>
	<u>£47. 8. 0.</u>

N.B. We are still £2.12. 0. short of £50.
Who will help us reach this figure?

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LATE NEWS.

A hat night was held on Sunday night the 30th April at the Talmud Torah Hall.

A detailed report of this function will appear in our next issue.

THE MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

At a general meeting held at the Hall, Jack Joffe addressed the members on the "Significance of Purim". His talk was followed by much discussion.

The next meeting took the form of an Arrow Chase. Trails were laid all over Maitland by means of arrows marked along the roads and to add to the interest of the evening a few false indications were also marked. Many members followed the false trails and failed to return to the hall. J. Ozinsky was the only member to complete the chase and was declared the winner. Archie Sieff made a gallant attempt and rolled up at the Hall at 11.5 p.m. after having followed many false trails.

While two members represented us at the Conference, the others held a picnic at Kloof Nek. Two boys met at 7.30 a.m. and found shelter from the rain in a telephone booth till the rest rolled up two hours later. They spent an enjoyable day - and night - out.

The society were unbeaten in cricket and there is every reason to believe that a successful Football and Ping-Pong season will follow. Already the senior society suffered a defeat at our hands at Table Tennis.

We intend holding a "Grand Affair" as part of our anniversary celebrations. Come and give us your suggestions for this function.

KEATS AT THE HALL by THE WISE RABBI.

Oh, for a draft of vintage. -	J. W-lp-.
And leave this world unseen. -	M. Kr-m-r. M. L-ng.
Tho' the dull brain perplexes and retards. -	J. Fr-m-r.
Do I wake or sleep. -	A. S--ff.
But here there is no light. -	Watermelon Feast.
And Mid-May's eldest child. -	M. Dr-s.

OUR EX-CHAIRLADY.

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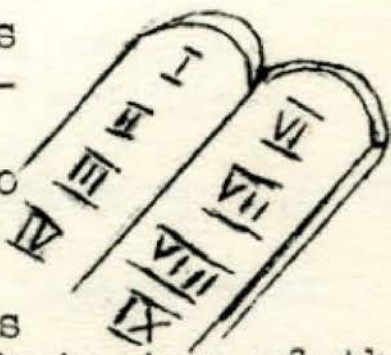
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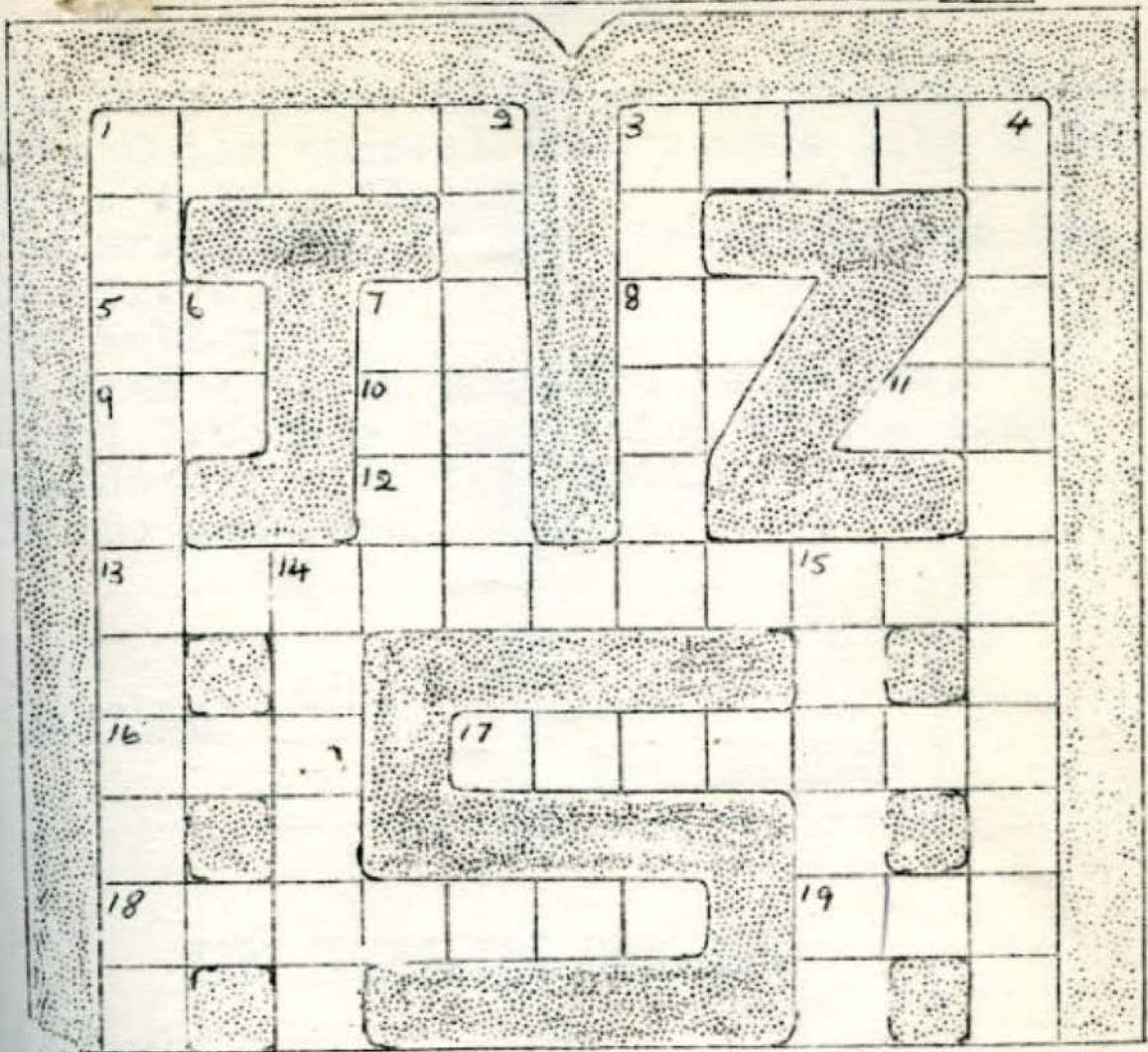
ITS SAFER
ON A
CHAIR,
GIRL

DO YOU KNOW?- - - - by JACO.

- (1) That the Counting of the Omer starts from the Second day of Pesach?
- (2) That when we have thus numbered seven weeks the festival of Shevuoth (or weeks) is celebrated?
- (3) That except for one day we do not celebrate any wedding or joyous function during these fifty days?
- (4) That the exceptional day is known as Lag B'Omer (literally 33rd day in Omer) and this year falls on Sunday May the 7th?
- (5) That on that day the plague which broke out among Rabbi Akiba's pupils during the Bar Cochba rising against the Romans, came to an end?
- (6) That whilst Pesach commemorates the Liberation of our people from slavery, so Shevuoth is the first sign of the making of a great nation?
- (7) That also whereas Pesach signifies the commencement of Spring, so Shevuoth is the rejoicing of the first fruits and ewes?
- (8) That Shevuoth commemorates also the Giving of the Ten Commandments, the Torah on which Jewish Life was to be based, to the Israelites on Mount Sinai?
- (9) That in Eretz Yisrael this festival is celebrated by the bringing of the first crops to the city and the distribution thereof amongst the poor?



M. J. Z. S. CROSSWORD PUZZLE. No. 3.

CLUES ACROSS.

1. Son of Jesse who became king of all Israel.
3. He is indifferent to pain or pleasure.
5. A drinking vessel without the sea?
7. King George (abbreviation)?
8. Indefinite article.
9. Thanks.
10. Able-bodied seaman. (abbreviation)
11. Abram and his family came from here.
13. South Africa. (abbreviation)
13. Palestine was part of it after 70 A.D. (two words)
16. --- Ziona is a Jewish Settlement near Rehovoth.
17. Abraham Katz was wounded in its defence.
18. Ran mile for product of the Dead Sea.
19. No reversed in Afrikaans makes one.

CLUES DOWN.

1. The Book of the Bible called Mishna Torah.
2. This Union coastal town sounds like a City.
3. The Jew says "hallo".
4. The Great King of the Franks of the 9th Century A.D.
6. Not mother.
7. An Arab town in Southern Palestine.
14. Rabbi Jehuda's compilation of the oral commentaries of the Bible.
15. In the same book. (Latin)

LETTERS TO

THE EDITOR.

THE COMMITTEE REPLIES.

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

In your last issue you pointed out that our Society functions were attended by 50% of the members, and suggested that the committee do more to cater for their wants.

Up till now the committee have been badly hampered by changes in their personnel, but have, nevertheless, held functions on the average of two a month; collected J.N.F. contributions (with the assistance of members of the Young Israel Society); helped in the sale of shekolim; enrolled subscribers to the "Menorah"; organised Tuesday evening gatherings; and a Ma Nishtana evening to which the seniors were invited.

From the above it will be noticed that members do not assist the committee. 50% or less is a **bad** attendance for any society. The

committee need the co-operation of their members for successful functions. Unless members support us whole-heartedly and willingly when called upon to do so, our Society will never be much of a success.

May I make a personal appeal to every member of the Society to do his (or her) share towards the achievement of our Zionist aims. If functions are arranged which members do not appreciate, demand those which you wish. Roll up on J.N.F. Sundays and help in the collection. Attend Tuesday evening gatherings and Sunday functions. Let no work be too mean and no lecture too laborious.

If our Society is then still lacking in organisation and activity, it is your duty to see it be improved. Don't wait for anyone to take the lead. Do it yourself. It will work wonders.

F. GOOTMAN.

(Chairlady.)

Gor-goot,
Main Road,
MAITLAND.

THE MENORAH.

Sir - Since the Menorah is the official organ of South African Junior Zionists, I would like every Zionist to avail himself of the opportunity of taking advantage of this paper.

Many of our members, although being subscribers, have the conception that the Menorah is another means of charity, while others who do not subscribe take cover under various excuses. This when analysed, is proof that it is nothing else but lack of interest; and not being interested in the Menorah means not being interested in Zionism in spite of what they say.

May I suggest as an inducement that at our

Tuesday evening gatherings the instructive parts of the Menorah be read aloud so that those who do not see eye to eye with us will be brought to realise its importance and ultimately offer their subscription.

BENNIE MILLER.

St. Anne's Road, (Menorah Commissioner)
MAITLAND.

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LETTERS WITHHELD.

Owing to insufficient space other letters have been held over and will be published next month.

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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

All letters and articles should be addressed to:-

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Ferndale Road,
MAITLAND.

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STOP PRESS.

The Maitland Young Israel Society celebrated their First Anniversary during last week-end, April 29th and 30th.

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THE

PEOPLE.

A PENNY A DAY means so little
to YOU but so much to the
REDEMPTION OF THE HOMELAND.