

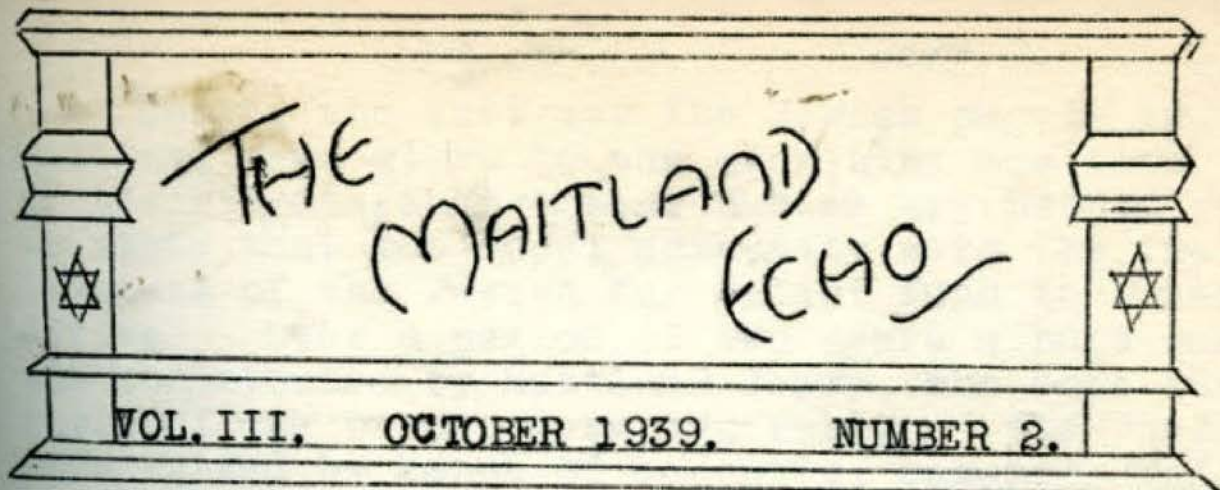
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JEWISH WAR RELIEF.

The plight of the Jews in the war zones is so distressing that something will have to be done within the near future to alleviate their present intolerable circumstances, if they are to be saved from death by starvation. War relief means nothing more than the supply of the bare essentials of life.

The manner in which assistance is rendered to Jews in the zones of war is controlled by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Ort-Oze. These are Jewish institutions with representatives in nearly every country in the world. If necessary these bodies can even negotiate with Governments. They organise the collection of funds and the distribution of food. In order to achieve this, delegates are sent to the actual country where the war is being waged; local committees are arranged on the spot to control the distribution of food. The Jewish Distribution Committee and the Ort-Oze were formed during the Great War owing to the prevailing circumstances, and they have been functioning ever since. Millions of lives were saved by simply supplying the necessities of life. Now again it will be up to the more fortunate Jews to step forward and assist without hesitation, when they will be called upon to do so.

During the last war the Jewish people in Maitland were alert to the agonising position of their brethren overseas and we are proud to state that the local community were the initiators of the Jewish War Relief Fund in South Africa. Over a period of two years a huge sum was contributed by Maitland Jewry, who bore its share of the burden very admirably. The funds were raised by means of concerts, bazaars, raffles, etc., etc., and as can be well understood this entailed much public-spirited work.

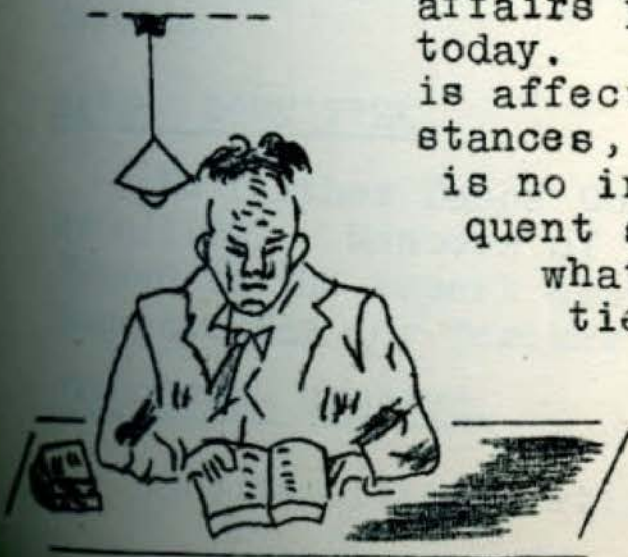
It is here that the local youth must put their best foot forward. Maitland Jewish youth have shown their capabilities in no uncertain manner in organising functions and collecting funds. Here is a supreme test which will be put. It is a matter of life and death to the Jews in Eastern Europe. We must not fail them.

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AN EXPLANATION
OF THE SOCIETY'S PRESENT INACTIVITY.

The Maitland Junior Zionist Society is going through a lean period at present. There are various reasons for this.

Firstly, there is the unsettled state of affairs prevailing everywhere today. Naturally everything is affected by these circumstances, and consequently there is no inclination to have frequent social functions. But what of cultural activities?



The reason for the lack of cultural functions is two-fold. Owing to examinations drawing

near most of our members are unable to devote any spare time to the Society. Then also on account of Yomtovim it has been difficult to arrange a function or to find a suitable date

In view of the sound reasons above-stated the Society is justified for its apparent inactivity. However the routine work is being carried on and as soon as things are a bit more settled, both generally and locally, the Society will continue to be as active as heretofore.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

FINANCIAL RESULT OF THE DANCE. A New Record.

The balance sheet in connection with the Annual Dance reveals that a nett profit of £36.7.5. has been made.

Neither the Convenor's report or the balance sheet is being published, but any member desiring to inspect these statements may do so by communicating with Syd Saacks.

The nett profit shows an increase of £13.0.0. odd on last year's Dance. Although held on a mid-week this year, the Eleventh Annual Dance shattered all previous financial records.

DANCE COMMITTEE.

No further Dance Committee meetings will be called. Members of this committee are referred to the report above and may consult the Convenor for any further details.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

At a committee meeting on 26th September

at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. L. Jacobson, it was decided to make the following donations:-
 To the Cape Zionist Youth Executive 10% of the nett profit on our Annual Dance. This will work out to be £3.10.0 approximately. To the Kofer Hayishuv (Eretz Yisrael Defence Fund) one sixpence for every couple present at the dance. There were 85 couples present and the Kofer Hayishuv will thus receive £2.2.6.

NEXT FUNCTION.

The next function of the Society will take place on Shimchas Torah evening after Shul. The Chairlady - Becky Gootman - will then be "At Home" to members at her residence.



Members are invited to bring friends. A variety programme has been arranged and should prove entertaining.

ILLUSTRATED CALENDARS.

The Cape Zionist Youth Executive have now received the illustrated Jewish - English Calendars for the year 5700. Each page covers a week and bears a beautiful picture taken from Jewish life in Eretz Yisrael. The calendars are being sold at 2/- each.

Society Social Skits.

You can all now breathe a sigh of relief. No longer need you open your Echo gingerly and wonder whether I have discovered some daring, dark deed of yours, no longer need you talk in hushed whispers about what you did last night, no longer need you suppress facts. But on the contrary you can pass them on to me. As you will observe I have changed the tone of my column.

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Until I obtain a more suitable title for my column, I will continue to use the present one. I am awarding a prize of 2/6 or one year's free subscription to **The Maitland Echo** to the person who sends in a title that will be used to replace the one above.

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Send in as many suggestions as you please to "The Wandering Jew", c/o The Maitland Echo, Zion Villa, Ferndale Road, Maitland.

Just to give an idea of what I want, I already have these suggestions before me, "About Ourselves", "Topicalities".

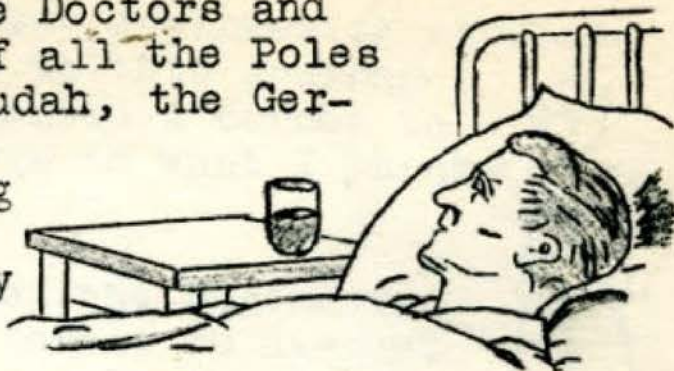
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Young Yehudah Ozinsky had an operation at the Woodstock Hospital at the beginning of September for the removal of a cartilage from his knee. Yehudah, who is Polish by birth suffered great pain, but not a single word of complaint was heard to come from him.

This caused the Doctors and nurses to remark "If all the Poles are as brave as Yehudah, the Germans have not got a chance of conquering Poland".

Yehudah Ozinsky is a prominent member of the Young

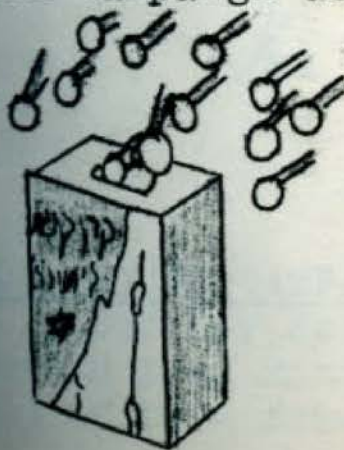
Israel Society and a Rok (section leader) of the Haabonim. They can well be proud of him.



Sam Solomon's New Year Greeting arrived after Rosh Hashanah. He has asked me to insert it in this issue, and now that his year starts a month late it will end a month after next Rosh Hashanah, so you cannot expect a greeting from Sammy until then. Here is his greeting:-

SOLOMON, Sam, extends best wishes for a happy and peaceful year to Mrs. Urdang, Raie, Sylvia, Solly, Abe, "Good Morning Boys", Ben, Becky, Lily, Gladys, Fanny, Peggy, Freda, etc., etc.

One of the contributors to the J.N.F. Youth Campaign donated the sum of £1.10.5.



Everyone has been wandering why the odd amount? Seeing that no one seems to have guessed correctly, I took the trouble to find out. The answer is 365 pence, i.e. a penny a day for a whole year to the J.N.F.

There are so many engineering students who are subscribers to this Journal that they have requested a corner to air their views. This is what I think about it:-



Our mathematicians, the Engineers,
Have asked for a corner to discuss
their affairs.

Then the Medical men'll want to
rush into print,

While a corner for the Lawyers we dare not
stint.

The pen pushers will desire to reveal their
books

And everybody else will require some nooks.
If we have to make corners of each edition
We're bound to end up by going to perdition.

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There are many members who would have featured prominently in the skirts this month; they are fortunate that this column has been altered. I am referring particularly to those who went dancing on Yom Kippur night.

Show your gratitude at this "let-off" by sending in any items which you think will be of interest to members such as those above.

The Wandering Jew

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J.N.F. YOUTH CAMPAIGN.

A further donation of £1.1.0. has been received from Bennie Miller. This brings the total of this fund to £15.10.5.

MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

Due to the High Festivals, the Maitland Young Israel Society was unable to hold any affairs during this period.

The first affair held since the last report in this paper, took place on Saturday evening 23rd September. About 30 members attended this Social Evening. Table tennis was played and there was a little dancing later in the evening. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed.

A report of a general meeting held on Saturday 30th September, may be found in the Stop Press.

SPORT.

The new sports sub-committee has now been appointed and consists of the following:- Jack Frumer, Solly Braude, Zalman Ostrin and Phillip Ozinsky. Each of these is a captain of one of our Table Tennis teams. These teams, by the way, have been named after Palestinian towns.

The sub-committee will be acquiring a few new sporting accessories for the coming cricket season. These will be ready for use at the beginning of the holidays. A cricket league will be formed in conjunction with neighbouring societies.

The first match of the season will be played against the Maitland Habonim on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.30. p.m. The following team will represent the Young Israel Society:- M. Berman, A. Katzef, M. Braude, Z. Ostrin, J. Carlin, I. Shulman, J. Odes. Reserve:- E. Mendelowitz.

For a report of the latest meeting of the above Society, see Stop Press on page 11.

A WORD-PUZZLE.Who Was The Hero Of Tel Hai?

(The first letter of the answer in each of the ten questions together form the answer to the last question).

- (1) The Roman General who sacked the Second Temple was -
- (2) "The First in Zion" is the meaning of the wine producing settlement - in Eretz Yisrael.
- (3) The President of the Keren Kayemeth L'yisrael is -
- (4) From Moses until Moses - there was none like Moses.
- (5) Dr. Leon - convened the first Zionist Conference in Kattowitz in 1884.
- (6) - the Scribe led the return of numbers of Jews from the Babylonian Exile.
- (7) Dr. - is the Chief Rabbi of South Africa.
- (8) Captain - was banished from France to Devil's Island.
- (9) The counting of the - takes place during the 49 days between Pesach and Shevuoth.
- (10) As - Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac, the great Jewish scholar of the Talmud (1040-1105), was famous.

THE HERO OF TEL HAI WAS -----.

LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR.



S. A. ZIONISTS AND THE WAR.

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

I have been wondering to what extent Zionism would be affected by the war, consequently I read with interest in your Rosh Hashanah number your leader entitled "The War".

My first impression was that you were adopting a selfish attitude. How can we even contemplate doing Zionist work when our country is at war? Are not all our resources needed to bring this greater war to a successful end? Our Zionist efforts would be so much waste of time and energy if Germany won the war. Time and energy which might have been used against Germany rather than to foster our own selfish ends. That was my first impression.

But on reconsidering the position so far as we in South Africa are concerned, the war has not affected us directly and we are still leading normal lives. Why then should we not carry on with our Zionist activities? Then when the war is over we will not have to start rebuilding afresh. That was my second impression.

Finally I concluded that while we are not being directly affected by the war we should proceed with our Zionist work. But Zionism must take second place when the call comes to render assistance to South Africa. When this

call does come we must not divide our energies
we must devote every bit of our resources to
the defence of our country.

SOLLY BERNBERG.

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Albertyn Road,
MUIZENBERG.

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The following is the solution to the Yomtov
Word-Puzzle published on Rosh Hashanah:--

- (1) Yom Teruah.
- (2) Omer.
- (3) Musaf.
- (4) Hadin.
- (5) Atonement.
- (6) Zionism.
- (7) Israelites.
- (8) Kol Nidre.
- (9) Aseres Yme T'shuvah.
- (10) Rosh Hachodesh.
- (11) Oneg Shabbat.
- (12) Neilah.
- (13) YOM HAZIKARON.

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MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

Latest Meeting.

At a general meeting held at the
Hall on Saturday evening, 30th
September, Jack Joffe delivered
an interesting lecture on Succoth.
He related the significance of the
Lulav and the Esrog.

AFTER
ON SHUL
SIMCHAS TORAH,
THE CHAIRLADY
OF THE MAITLAND JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY

WILL BE
" AT HOME "

TO ALL MEMBERS
AND THEIR FRIENDS

AT " GOR-GOOT, "
MAIN ROAD,
MAITLAND.