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JEWISH NATIONAL CULTURE.

A question often asked and one which always results in animated discussion is:- "What has kept the Jewish people together for so many years even though they have no country of their own?" Many answer "It is their religion". But, it is wider than that. It is spiritual greatness that is the strength of Judaism.

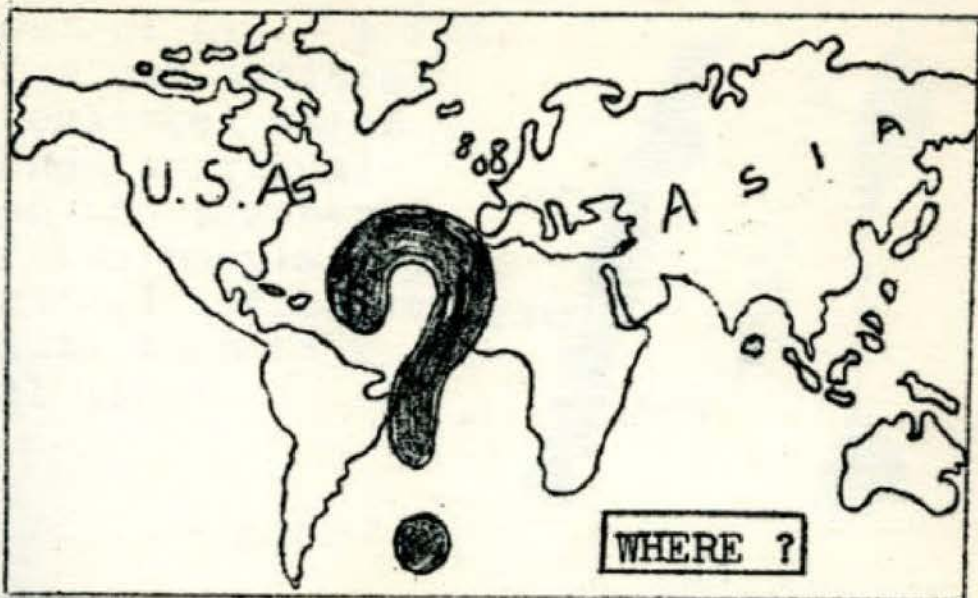
During centuries that preceded the present war, Poland was the centre of Jewish national culture. It was mainly from Poland that the Diaspora was inspired to retain its identity as a Jewish nation despite the lack of a homeland. It was in this country of three million oppressed and down-trodden Jews, living just above the bread-line that the greatest scholars of the time studied and practised our religion, language, literature, history and traditions.

Now with the destruction of Poland the Jewish nation must seek another country where its moral and spiritual traditions can be expressed.

Firstly, we turn to America, that great democratic country in which four million Jews live on an equal footing with other American citizens. Jewry in the United States is gradually adopting the culture of their fore-

fathers but it is not yet fitted to take the place that Poland held.

The individuality of the Jewish race in Russia is not strong enough to take up the mantle of culture that has been destroyed by the Nazis in Poland.



English Jewry must devote every ounce of its resources to the war. So must the French. In any event in these countries the culture has not yet sufficiently matured. The same applies to the Dominions.

Obviously the position of the Jew in Central Europe is so hopeless that bare existence is precarious let alone moral concepts. Apart from any other consideration in the rest of the countries of the world there are not sufficient Jews in one place to form a cultural centre.

There remains but one country only where Jews can live not only in spirit, but also in body, where we can develop our thought and genius free from the degradation of prosecution. That land to which the Jewish soul is indissolubly attached is Eretz Yisrael. Of this country Ahad Ha-am (1856-1927), the first great philosopher of Zionism said:-

"The Jewish National Home is creating through our agency what our national existence requires most of all - a fixed centre for our national spirit and culture, which shall be a new spiritual bond between the scattered sections of the people and by its spiritual influence will stimulate them to a new national life".



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PULL YOUR WEIGHT.

For well over a year now The Maitland Echo has been in circulation. The amount of and time entailed in the publication of each number is enormous, and its extent is not generally realised by most members. Nevertheless the editorial board have unflinchingly persisted and by now most of the initial difficulties have been overcome. The technical side of this publication has reached a standard higher than that which was contemplated.



What about the literary side. It is in this sphere that members can and should render more assistance than they have hitherto given. The

editorial board have done their best to bring this to as high a standard as can be expected from a few people; but improvements can still be accomplished if more members co-operate.

Some members have come up to scratch, notably amongst which is our Poet Laureate,

and their influence upon our small journal has been evident. There are however many who do nothing more than express their satisfaction on reading The Maitland Echo. Surely an occasional short article, poem or letter is not too much to expect from a member of the Society? If more members would offer practical assistance in the publication of this journal, still further progress could be made. Now that the exams are over, there could not be a more opportune occasion to come forward with some small contribution.



Play the game and pull your weight!

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

J.N.F. BOX CLEARANCE.

The last J.N.F. Box Clearance took place on the 12th November. It was one of the best clearances ever held, £6.8.5. being realised. 53 boxes were cleared and 8 new ones placed.

THE S.A. MENORAH.

It is officially announced that as from December the price of the S.A. Menorah will be raised from 5/- to 6/- per annum. This step was necessitated by the increase in cost of paper.

The November issue of the Menorah which appeared during the month is 4 pages larger than usual. An article on "Zionism During the World War" is worthy of special note. Of particular interest to our members should also be the crossword puzzle compiled by

Wolfe Fish, for correct solutions of which a prize is offered.

CAMP FREE HOLIDAY SCHEME.

A few months ago some members received books of raffle tickets for the above scheme. As the closing date of this scheme is now on hand will all those who still have unsold tickets and cash on hand please forward it immediately to B. Kaufman.

COUNTER ATTACK!

On Thursday evening December the 7th, under the able leadership of General Merrymaker the society will deliver a counter attack on the after-effects of the examinations.

YOU deserve some fun after all that swotting - so don't miss this affair!

REMEMBER! it's on December the 7th.

REMEMBER! To bring your girl friends and boy friends.

REMEMBER! To watch your post for further news of the counter attack.



WEEKLY SOCIAL MEETING.

At a committee meeting on November 27th no decision could be reached as to whether the weekly social meetings should be resumed again. It was consequently decided to leave the decision to the general body of members.

If you have enjoyed the Tuesday evening

meetings in the past and feel you would like to have them again, don't fail to tell the committee so. If there is a sufficient demand it will be satisfied. At the same time all constructive suggestions for improvements will be appreciated.



PROVISIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Negotiations are now in hand for an interfunction with another society on December 17th. If they prove successful members will be notified by circular and will also be acquainted with particulars.

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TWIXT OURSELVES.

The above title has been chosen by the popular vote of my readers. It was sent in by Wolfe Fish and he accordingly wins the prize of 2/6 that I offered.

A popular meeting place for professional men these days is at Seidle's. The other day I noticed no less than 2 doctors, 2 engineers and a lawyer hanging around the shop. If you want to spend an entertaining evening drop in there at any time. The phone is continually on the buzz as one girl after another phones up. And the banter and the chatter that

goes on there!

The other day someone came in when the above 5 intellectuals were conferring and said, "What do you sell biltong for". The engineer in charge replied "For money of course".



Here's a true story which takes some beating. A short while ago Jackie Kramer went to a dance in a party of four couples. Fancy caps were being sold at this dance. "Who wants a cap?" asked Jack very generously of the party. "We all do!" they yelled in return. Imagine the expression on his face when Jack received 4/- change from £1 after paying for eight caps.

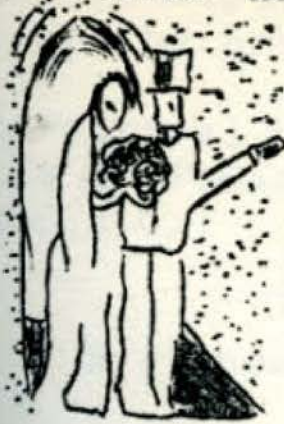
This reminds me of the time when Jackie put half-a-crown in a penny slot machine and expected thirty chocolates to come rolling out!

Gus Kawalsky seems to be doing nothing else but travel up and down between here and Jo'burg. This is the 3rd time that Gus has done this in the last few months. I suggest you buy a season ticket Gus.

As I predicted Charles (110%) Kawalsky has qualified as an engineer. He will receive his B.Sc. degree in a few days time.

Another member who has done brilliantly

at Varsity, is Ethel Drus who will receive her M.A. degree next week.



Congratulations to Tilly Samson, an ex-member of our Society, on her marriage to Myer Stakol, during last month.

It is a good thing for Pat that Seidle closes when Pat gets busy. Is there a member of our Society who has not been to Pat's? If so let him or her get in touch with Porky who will show you where it is and how to put it away.

Porky has not missed a single night at Pat's for a long time now though there are many others who run him a close second.



The Wandering Jew

MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The monthly report of the M.Y.I.S.'s activities will not appear until February 1940 as this Society has gone into recess for three months.

WORD-PUZZLE NO. 4.

(The first letter in each of the following make up the answer to No. 9.)

What Festival commemorates the successful revolt of Judas Maccabeas against the Syrians in 136.B.C.?

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- (1) A pioneer to Eretz Yisrael is called a -.
 - (2) The conception of modern Zionism was conceived in -'s mind.
 - (3) Noah survived the Flood in an -.
 - (4) The primary purpose of the Jewish - Fund is to buy land in Eretz Yisrael.
 - (5) On Mount Scopus in Eretz Yisrael stands the only Hebrew - in the world.
 - (6) The Hebrew name for a village in Eretz Yisrael is - .
 - (7) Baron Maurice de Hirsch unsuccessfully attempted Jewish colonisation in -.
 - (8) The schools of Rabbi Shamai and Rabbi - first gave shape to Jewish Oral Law.
 - (9) The Festival of - commemorates the successful revolt of Judas Maccabeas against the Syrians in 136.B.C.

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TOP PRESS. The provisional interfunction for December 17th, has now definitely been arranged.



BARNEY SEIDLE
OUR
POET LAUREATE

LET YOURSELF GO.

Happy days are almost here,
 Exams are over and the
 vac is near,
 The books in stacks
 are packed away;
 Then let's be merry,
 let's be gay.

Just think of the chances
 that all slipped
 by,

By gad it's enough to
 make one cry.

So make up your mind
 to give it a go
 And in getting off the
 mark don't be too slow.

Just catch up those things
 that you missed from before,
 I don't mean less, but a little bit more.
 You'll have to go easy your technique's all shot
 And you'll get into trouble as likely as not.

Whatever you do just you take my tip,
 Don't take out a girl that gives you the pip,
 Patronise those that please you the best,
 Relax in the back seat - you'll welcome the
 rest.

-- Barney Seidle.

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SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S WORD PUZZLE.

- (1) Solomon. (2) Idols. (3) Graetz. (4) Merom.
 (5) Usury. (6) Napoleon. (7) Daniel. (8) Flood.
 (9) Rehovoth. (10) Edmund. (11) Uganda.
 (12) Deborah. (13) The Jewish founder of
 Psycho-Analysis was SIGMUND FREUD.



LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR.

A SUGGESTION.



The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

In last month's Society Social Skits "The Wandering Jew" concluded one item with the words: "It now remains for the sports convenor to arrange a tennis match". I, for one, am rather disappointed that this bright suggestion has not been considered by the Sports Convenor, or, if no such convenor has been appointed, by the Committee itself, and I appeal to the committee to arrange a tennis match in the near future.

Conditions for such a match are very favourable. Exams are now over, holidays will be with us soon, courts are easily accessible and we have more than the amount of players required to complete a team.

Finally, if the committee should decide to arrange such a match, I will give them whatever help I can in the matter.

MYER KRAMER.

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MAITLAND.

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All letters and other contributions,
should be sent to "The Maitland Echo",
Zion Villa, 5, Ferndale Road, Maitland.

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