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LET US BE PREPARED.

Now that the initial shock of the war has been overcome, the belligerents are telling the world of their war aims. England and France state they are fighting for justice to wronged peoples including, in the first place the restoration to the wronged Poles and Czechs of their own homeland. What now about the Jews? Have they not suffered sufficient injustice?

Once again we fight on the side of the Allies and so it behoves us to be clear about the purpose of it all. This war must produce a free humanity, or it had better never been fought at all. But there can be no free humanity as long as one member remains an unhappy wanderer.

To the Jews, the Great War of 1939 is unique. Unique, because for the first time in 2000 years, our own khaki-clad soldiers stand on the soil of Eretz Yisrael ready to defend what is their own. It is for this very reason that the next Peace Conference will most probably present us with the greatest historical opportunity of the past twenty centuries. When the question is raised as it inevitably must be raised, "What of the Jewish People"? the peace-

makers will have to consider the embryonic Jewish homeland with its 400,000 members of the People of Israel firmly anchored to the soil of Israel.

It may be nothing less than our total emancipation which will yet in our days come within our grasp; but, as always, success will depend mostly on our own efforts. The Great Nations, like the Lord Himself, help those that help themselves. Let us see to it - it is within our power - that at the next conference the Balfour Declaration shall be implemented for the Jewish people with a clear unequivocal internationally guaranteed title of outright possession of Eretz Yisrael. The goal is worthy of a mighty effort - a truly superhuman effort. The hour of decision may strike sooner than we expect. For that hour let us be prepared!

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THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

On Sunday night, February, 11th. 1940, the bi-annual General Elections of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall. The Chairlady's report of the activities for the last six months appear elsewhere in this issue. The Treasurer's balance sheet has also been published. It is not our intention here to comment on these reports, it is rather the duty of members to study them in detail and to air their views at the General Meeting.

Now to look ahead, how can a satisfactory state of affairs be maintained and in some instances improved upon? Obviously by electing a responsible committee to continue the good work. This is what members will be

required to do at the elections. It is for this reason that we remind members that when they nominate and vote for the executive positions they must give the matter serious consideration and not treat the whole thing as lightly as is the custom of some.

The summer holidays are over, examination results are out, and now the incoming committee can commence the new session energetically with a prepared schedule. To them we wish an excellent session of Zionist endeavour.

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AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY
11th 1940.

1. Minutes of Last General Elections.
2. Adoption of Chairlady's Report.
3. Adoption of Treasurer's Report.
4. Adoption of Maitland Echo Report.
5. Election of Chairman / Lady.
6. Election of Hon. Treasurer.
7. Election of Hon. Secretary.
8. Election of 3 Committee Members.
9. General Business.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.

Owing to pressure of space this month's word-puzzle has been held over.

The key letters to last month's word-puzzle comprise the words:-

NEW YEAR FOR TREES.

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YOUNG ISRAEL CAMP.

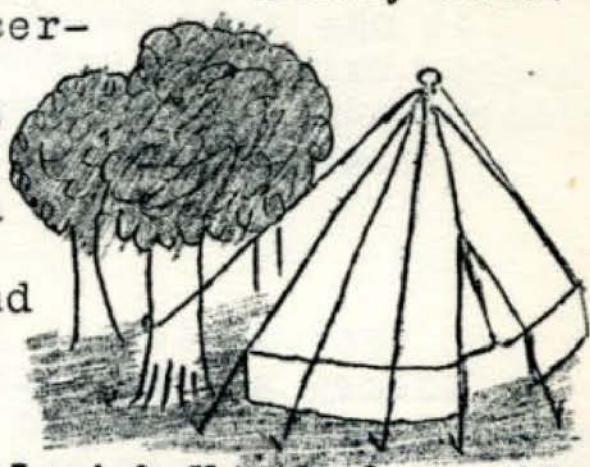
The annual Young Israel Camp was held as usual at the Strand this year from the 28th December 1939 to the 14th January 1940.

Mr. S.M. Levin, organiser-

secretary of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive was head of camp. The usual lively and Jewish atmosphere prevailed.

Concerts, sing-songs and other attractions were held daily, while at night dances and camp-

fires were organised. Jewish Youth from all over the Union attended Camp. Maitland was represented by Miss. G. Saacks and Leslie Kawalsky.



COUNCIL MEETING.

Beneath the shade of the doring-boompies, at 15th Annual Strand Young Israel Camp, the 5th Cape Zionist Youth Council Meeting took place on Sunday 7th January, 1940.

The Rosh Machneh, Mr. S.M. Levin, in opening the meeting extended a hearty welcome to the chairman of the South African Youth Council, Mr. Israel Dunsky.

Mr. Dunsky addressed the Meeting on "Zionism and the War at the moment". The discussion arising from this lecture dealt with the Youth Council's attitude towards National Service.

After an interesting discussion, Mr. Dave Meyerowitz, chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive delivered his report. He remarked that he was satisfied with the Kofer-Hayishuv, and said that apart from the money value, the propaganda value was to be

stressed.

The chief complaint that Mr. Meyerowitz had was the inactivity of societies. There were only one or two which were functioning properly. He said that now that Mr. S.M. Levin was full time organising-secretary to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive much of the executive member's work would be taken away and it would be possible for every executive member to hold a responsible position in his society. New Societies were also to be formed.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY

The Maitland Young Israel Society commences its 1940 activities with a general election to be held on the 3rd February. The society has been in recess since the beginning of December. Reports of activities will once again be published in this journal from the next issue onward.

BREVITY EVENING.

On the 28th January 1940, a meeting of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society, the last before the elections, was held at the Talmud Torah Hall. The function took the form of a brevity evening. For details see Stop Press.

COMMITTEE.

As the society was in recess the Committee did not meet during January.

INTER-FUNCTION.

The Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild invited our Society to an inter-function held at their club rooms on Monday night, 29th. January.

This function took the form of a Conversazione and the evening ended with a dance.

TWIXT OURSELVES

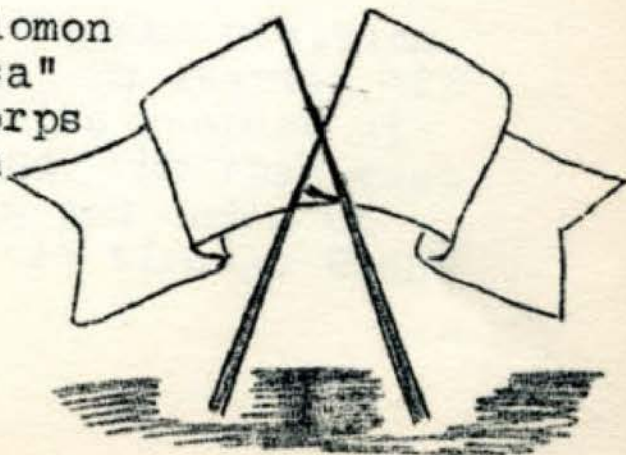
Syd Saacks has come back from Durban highly enthusiastic about the Durban Jewish Club. He went one night to see an amateur play staged by members of the dramatic art section. He took the opportunity of looking around.

"There is a library, a billiard room, tennis and squash courts and in fact there are all the facilities of a modern club, they even have a liquor licence", he said.

This is not the first occasion that I have received such a glowing report about this club. The D.J.C. also has amongst other sections a debating society and they have their own publication, called "Hasholom".

It is reputed to be the finest association of its kind in this country and I can well recommend members to visit it when in Durban.

Wolfe Fish and Sam Solomon are now "Somewhere in Africa" with the S.A. Signallers Corps learning how to converse in the deaf and dumb language.



Alan Nash of the Cape Times reports that the troops of the Active Citizen Force will be able to concentrate on military training at Oudtshoorn because there are fewer pretty girls there than at any other place in the Union. If that is the reason, why weren't the troops sent to Maitland?



We are, unfortunately, losing another member of our society. Charles Kawalsky, after a brilliant career at Varsity, is leaving for Bloemfontein, where he is taking up an appointment with the S.A. Railways. Good Luck Charles!

Some of the impressions I obtained of the Y.I. Camp were:-
 Gladys Saacks - "Not so hot! No spirit".
 Sammy Fish - "Not so dusty. Why?".
 Leslie Kawalsky - "Fine! Fine! Fine!"

Max Bledin spent his vacation visiting the various holiday resorts. He started off by spending a week end with the campers at the Young Israel Camp, Strand. He then went to Muizenberg for a few days and ended up his holiday by having a hectic time at Glen-eagles.



1940 promises to be a good year for marriages in Maitland. Firstly I have to congratulate Nancy Schwabsky on her marriage to Reuben Milun, then Bessie Gootman married Louis Maisel, and thirdly Hilda Carlin walked up the aisle with Barney Rosengarten.

Mazeltoy and Good Luck!

The Wandering Jew

STOP PRESS.

BREVITY EVENING.

Between 20 and 30 members, their friends and habonim were present at the Hall on Sunday night, 28th January, at the Brevity evening.

Issy Schwabsky was in the chair.

Various interesting pencil and paper games were played, each game lasting only a few minutes - hence the brevity.

The meeting closed at 11.30 p.m.

RESULT OF BREVITY CONTEST.

Fanny Gootman and Barney Seidle tied for 1st place.

The results, which were arrived at by popular vote, proved to be very close. Only one mark behind the winners were Gladys Saacks and Philip Ozinsky, who tied for second place.

The talk on Mussolini was voted the best as it disclosed interesting facts, was very descriptive and easy to listen to.

The second most popular talk was that on Film Censorship; this was also only one mark behind "Mussolini".

LETTERS TOTHE EDITOR.WHY SO LATE?

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

It has been the proud boast of your Editorial Board that it issues its publications regularly on the first day of each month. No mat-

ter what difficulties presented themselves they were overcome and subscribers could look forward with certainty, to receiving their copy of The Echo on due date.

What excuse, Sir, if any, have you to offer for issuing the first number of this year nine days late?

The New Year holidays should not have been the cause, on the contrary it should have afforded an extra opportunity for carrying out the necessary work.

You are not by any chance laying the blame for the late delivery on the G.P.O. ?

SYDNEY SAACKS.

Main Road,
MAITLAND.

(Peccaverimus - Ed.)

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W. Z. O. vs. N. Z. O.

Sir,- In your last issue a correspondent - an All-Round Zionist - again harps on "the

present feud between the W.Z.O. and the N.Z.O." There is no danger - as my friend fears - that "one half of Jewry will become the sworn enemies of the other half". Nor are any of us in a position to say who is right or wrong, who is to make compromises or not. And it is not important either.

The N.Z.O. have undoubtedly interested - and actively too - many Jews in the Zionist Movement, Jews who had never even had a thought for Zionism. They have opened our eyes to the certain amount of staleness and "rotteness" of our movement and that for our benefit too. But also have they shown - as our history more than often does - the undying spirit of the Jew. He is always alive and will never be allowed to fall asleep.

Interpreting the "feud" in this fashion one can only foresee everlasting good coming from it. Though some money may be wasted in propaganda the very "competition" keeps the movements going. The "Top Dog" idea is nonsense.

Only when Jews - and sufficiently great numbers whether rich or poor, great or small - realise their long neglected duties and actively participate in the work for the rebuilding of Eretz Yisrael, will our (and their) aim be achieved, and not necessarily - as my anonymous friend suggests - by complete union.

Thanking you,

WOLFE FISH.

VOORTREKKERHOOGTE,
TRANSVAAL.

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DIRECT REPLY - SINE-NOMINE.

We cannot consider your contribution unless you disclose your name and address. This is only for Editorial purposes.

THE WANDERERS.

So many people were off this year



To spend their holi-
days here and there,
And now that all are
safely back,
Their movements we will
try to track.

The first to leave was
Master Syd,
He may look young but
he's no kid,
He says much experience
he has had,
Just try him girls,
he isn't bad.

When I asked Abe the darkness to light,
His mem'ry went into fanciful flight,
And all he could say was a hoarse "Champ!
Champ!! Champ!!!
No one was there my unique style to cramp".

Sylvia Urdang for her annual rest
Liked East London by far the best.
Just what happened she will not tell,
But we're pleased to see she's looking well.

And here's to good old trav-
ellers, like Becky, Max
and Fanny,

You ask them where they
went to, they say, "To
see my Granny".

But don't you be mistaken,
for that is not quite
true,

Those three happy travel-
lers just aren't tell-
ing you.



Maitland
Junior
Zionist
Society.

GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Sunday 11th February 1940.

REPORTS.

CHAIRLADY'S REPORT TO BE DELIVERED AT THE
20TH BI-ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF THE MAIT-
LAND JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY ON SUNDAY 11TH
FEBRUARY 1940.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the following report of the activities of our Society during the past six months, although, due to examinations and subsequently to members leaving on vacation, we did not function regularly during the last two months. However, the amount of activity during the whole of this session, compares very favourably with that of the corresponding period of last year.

PERSONNEL:

After the last General Elections the committee appointed Norman Jacobson as Menorah Commissioner, Becky Gootman and Wolfe Fish joint J.N.F. Commissioners. A sports convenor was not considered to be necessary.

I have pleasure in being able to record that all the Committee Members which you elected in June are still in office.

The following is a record of attendances at Committee Meetings:-

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Possible</u>
B. Gootman (Chair lady and J.N.F. Commissioner)	7	7
I. Schwabsky (Vice-Chairman)	6	8
L. Jacobson (Secretary)	7	8
M. Kramer (Treasurer)	5	8
W. Fish (J.N.F. Commission- er)	5	8
B. Kaufman	7	8

F. Gootman
N. Jacobson (Menorah
Commissioner).

Attended.

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POLICY:

The policy of our Society was elucidated at the beginning of the session, when members were informed that special emphasis would be laid on clause (2) of our constitution, which defines the aims of our Society. This however did not exclude the holding of social affairs. These are dealt with separately hereunder.

FINANCE:

Our Treasurer will deal fully with this branch of our affairs. I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our thanks, which are undoubtedly due to the Dance Committee for making the 1939 Annual Dance such an outstanding success. As a result of this the Society is in complete financial ease. However, I must remind members of the absolute necessity of keeping up to date with their subscriptions.

PUBLICITY:

The "Maitland Echo" provides the main source of our publicity. This is a monthly journal edited and published by our Society and has been appearing regularly since August 1938. This item is fully dealt with elsewhere in these reports.

CULTURAL:

In accordance with the above mentioned policy, extra attention has been given to cultural activities. We are indebted to

the Cape Zionist Youth Executive who provided speakers on four different occasions to address us on topical subjects. In addition we have drawn on our own members for informal talks. This was done with a view both to get them acquainted with the subject they discussed and also to allow them to develop any public speaking abilities they may possess.

An innovation during the last session was an Oneg Shabat and I recommend to the incoming committee to devote special attention to this type of function. There have also been a few functions which had a mixed social and cultural background.

SOCIAL:

Although the Society's programme became culturally inclined, a fair amount of social activities took place.

Amongst the most enjoyable of these were a Shimcas Torah Evening, an interfunction with Sea Point and Muizenberg Societies, and a few games evenings. The latter are a new type offunction introduced during last session which proved to be popular amongst members.

MENORAH:

The number of subscribers to the South African Zionist Youth Official organ is not as many as it should be. I am however satisfied that our Menorah Commissioner did his best, but I still feel that with the co-operation of members 100% of Maitland youth would be subscribers to the South African Menorah.

J.N.F.

The society cleared J.N.F. boxes twice

this session and both clearances yielded excellent results. The main reason for this was, because every house in Maitland was visited. If a car were obtained and Brooklyn and Kensington, which are not done at present, could be included, still better results would be attained. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the Maitland Young Israel Society for assisting us in this work.

Youth Campaign: On approaching members £14.9.5. was promised for the J.N.F. Youth Campaign in September, 1939 of which £8.5.5. has been collected to date.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES:

The Cape Zionist Youth Executive:

By virtue of our affiliation to this body our Society has derived numerous benefits. Useful cultural material and advice has been obtained at the office at 6, Barrack Street, Cape Town and I would like to remind members that they may visit this office whenever advice is required.

The Maitland Brooklyn Hebrew Congregation and The Maitland B'n'oth Zion Association.

Our Society has not had much contact with these bodies and I feel that there should be much more co-operation which would benefit our Society greatly.

Maitland Young Israel Society:

We are not officially connected with this Society, however, as members of the Maitland Young Israel Society are future members of our Society I consider that we should help them in every possible way.

The maximum age for the Maitland Young Israel Society is 16 years, therefore during the next session our Society should benefit greatly by obtaining a large number of their members who are at present nearly 16 or over.

GENERAL:

The year that confronts us is found to be a most difficult one for Zionism. The result of this war will be of such vital importance to us, that we must do our utmost to bring about a favourable victory. At the same time however, it is essential that, whatever energy you can spare from this duty must be devoted towards the maintenance and furtherance of our Zionist ideals and aims.

In conclusion I wish to thank the committee for the work they have put in and without whom no progress could have been made.

On behalf of the Committee,

BECKY GOOTMAN.

HON. CHAIRLADY.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions have to be paid to run the Society and also this Journal. You are not a bona fide member if you do not pay your subscriptions.

Pay up and play the game!

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO BE DELIVERED AT THE 20TH
BI-ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF THE MAITLAND
JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY, ON SUNDAY, 11TH
FEBRUARY 1940.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take great pleasure in submitting a report of the financial affairs of the Society during the past session.

I regret to state that during the last six months the amount of subscriptions collected (£1.14.1d.) has been relatively low compared to figures for the corresponding period of previous years. This may seem surprising considering that subscriptions were raised from 3/6d. to 6/- per annum, but the fact is that when I went collecting on Sunday mornings most members were either out or asleep.

Our Annual Dance held on August, 30th. 1939, yielded the record nett profit of £36.5.1d. Once again this income placed the Society in a sound financial position. In keeping with the high income the expenditure too was fairly high. Of the sum of £5.12.6d. under 'Donations', £3.10.0d. was donated to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, this being the usual 10% of the profit made at our Dance, which we donate to them every year. The sum of £2.2.6d. was donated to the Kofer Hayishuv Fund (Eretz Yisrael Defence.)

A grant of £6.15.0d. (for 9 months) was made to The Maitland Echo. This represents 15/- per month; the manner in which this sum is made up is fully described in The Echo report. The Echo administers its own financial affairs independently from the Society.

During the session we invested in our own crockery for use at meetings. We also fulfilled our annual obligations in respect of Conference and Affiliation fees.

Only 1/- was spent on Sport. This is very little and I feel that our sporting activities should be given more attention in the future.

MYER KRAMER.

HON. TREASURER.

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AFRICAN ZIONIST
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MAITLAND JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY.INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST. JAN. 1940.EXPENDITURE.

	£.	s.	d.
Postages.	1.	13.	6.
Affiliation fees.	2.	2.	0.
Donations.	5.	13.	6.
Sports.	1.	0.	0.
Printing.	5.	5.	0.
Conference fees.	10.	6.	0.
Dances & Junctions.	4.	13.	8.
The Maitland Echo.	6.	15.	0.
Crockery.	9.	9.	0.
Cash on Hand.	1.	0.	4.
Cash at Bank.	25.	10.	6.
	<u>£48.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>2.</u>

INCOME.

	£.	s.	d.
Cash on Hand at 30.6.39.	10.	13.	7.
Subscriptions.	1.	14.	1.
Interest.	1.	5.	0.
Annual Dance.	36.	5.	1.
	<u>£48.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>2.</u>

MAITLAND,

January, 31st. 1940.

MYER KRAMER.

HON. TREASURER.

MAITLAND ECHO REPORT.

In presenting The Maitland Echo report to you it gives me much pleasure to advise that generally speaking there has been a consolidation of the status which the Echo occupies locally.

ADMINISTRATION:

The contribution of subject matter and all other work necessary to ensure publication, is entirely done by members of our society. The controlling body of the Echo is an Editorial Board which consists of six society members.

FINANCE:

The total cost of a normal issue is approximately £1.0.0. Of this sum the society pays 9/- . Members, in the form of an increase in subscriptions, pay a total of 6/- monthly, and the remainder is obtained from non-members' subscriptions.

POLICY:

The Maitland Echo only caters for local requirements. It cannot be overemphasised that it is the society's official publication and as such members should make every effort to use it.

The Echo in its Editorials and articles serves both as a link and a guide to members and any others who are interested. It is therefore not just "another magazine" but an integral part of Maitland Jewish Youth. For that reason alone, not only every member but every Jewish family in Maitland should subscribe to and take an active interest in our small journal.

BEN KAUFMAN - for EDITORIAL BOARD.

THE MAITLAND ECHO.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST. JAN. 1940.

INCOME.

	£.	s.	d.
Maitland Junior Zionist Society.	9.	7.	6.
Advertising.		1.	6.
N. Year Greetings.	2.	1.	6.
Subscriptions.	3.	6.	0.
Maitland Young Israel Society.		10.	0.
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	<u>15.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>6.</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£.	s.	d.
Printing.	2.	7.	0.
Postage.	2.	6.	6.
Stationery.	8.	4.	7.
Sundries.	1.	0.	9.
Photography.	1.	7.	6.
Cash on hand.			2.
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	<u>15.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>6.</u>

LIABILITIES.

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.	2.	6.	
Expended in ad- vance on stock	1.	10.	0.
Surplus	1.	2.	6.
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	<u>2.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>0.</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.

Stock of Stationery.	2.	4.	0.
Sundry Debtors.			
M.Y.I. Society.	10.	10.	
Cash on hand.			2.
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	<u>2.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Maitland Juniors Zionist Society.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

Talmud Torah Hall

ON

SUNDAY, 11th FEB, '40

ROLL and UP

ELECT

your

EXECUTIVE.

