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"IT IS GOOD TO DIE FOR ONE'S COUNTRY".

Perhaps these last words of Joseph Trumpeldor are appropriately called to mind in present times. The 20th anniversary of the death of this gallant warrior and chalutz was commemorated on the 20th February - 11th Adar.

Twenty years ago Trumpeldor received a message that settlements in Upper Galilee were being attacked by armed bandits. It was hence that he went with his comrades to till the soil and remain on guard. During the months there several casualties were suffered and no reinforcements arrived. On the 11th Adar, Trumpeldor heard shots from the direction of Tel Chai and with his gallant band of men he hastened thither to lead the defence against the marauding Bedouins. Against overwhelming odds the settlers were determined that Jewish possessions dare not be deserted, whatever the cost. Rifle in hand, girls and men fought side by side for and on the land of Israel, saving for the Jewish People a strategic stretch of territory which would otherwise have been lost.

Together with Captain Trumpeldor the following also made the supreme sacrifice: Sarah Chiziek, Dvorah Drachler, Schneus Shaposnik, Tokar, Aaron Sher, Sharf and Benjamin Munter.

Just as Captain Trumpeldor and his brave comrades were determined not to desert the land, so today are young Zionist chalutzim not relinquishing in their self-imposed duty to their nation. In many instances the supreme sacrifice is being paid. Valuable lives are lost, yet the attitude of these chalutzim is, "What does it matter if a few fall when a country is being built". With words similar to the last words of Joseph Trumpeldor these heroes are bearing the brunt of the burden.



It is up to us in the Diaspora to give them all the support we can. — TRUMPELDOR. —

The cover of The Maitland Echo depicts us in South Africa hearing the call from Eretz Yisrael. In some cases it is the call of those dying for us there. Are you answering that call?

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### STUDY CIRCLE.

A study circle has once again been formed locally. This is a group of a few members which meets fortnightly at private residences to discuss any suitable topic.

A specially prepared paper, which never lasts longer than half an hour, is usually read by someone and the subject is then laid open for discussion. This is the most constructive manner in which any eager person can learn something about the matter which is being treated. In the convivial atmosphere of a drawing room and in the presence of a few

friends everyone feels at ease and an interesting evening is spent.

Briefly these are the facts regarding the study circle. It also explains the reason why those who are sincerely interested in anything Jewish are encouraged to come along to these pleasant little gatherings every second Friday evening.

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## NEWS OF THE MONTH.

### GENERAL ELECTION.

On Sunday, February 11th, the Maitland Junior Zionist Society held its bi-annual elections at the Talmud Torah Hall.

The published Chairlady's report was taken as read, and gave rise to a very little discussion. In reviewing the financial position, the treasurer, Myer Kramer, deplored the apathy of members in paying their subscriptions. Ben Kaufman, representing the "Echo", replied to questions regarding its function and financial position.

Before the elections took place, Mr. B. Barron addressed the meeting for a few minutes. He stated that it was only by a united effort of Jewish youth throughout the world that we could obtain Eretz Yisrael as a national home.

Mr. Barron was appointed acting chairman for the elections.

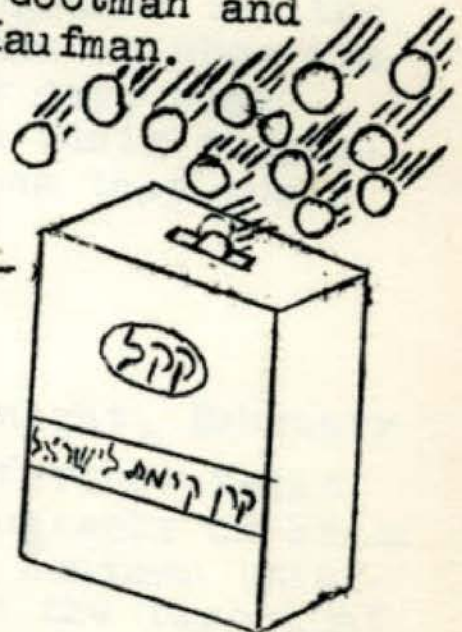
No one was prepared to accept the position of vice-chairman. This position consequently remained unoccupied, and it was agreed that Bernard Barron, who represents the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, should serve on the committee in the capacity of supervisor.

The following is the result of the election:-

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| Chairman                     | - Issy Schwabsky.                    |
| Supervisor                   | - Mr. Bernard Barron.                |
| Joint Hon. Secretaries       | - Gladys Saacks and Myer Manasewitz. |
| Hon. Treasurer               | - Myer Kramer.                       |
| Additional committee members | - Becky Gootman and Ben Kaufman.     |

J.N.F.

The J.N.F. commissioner and her assistants are to be congratulated on a record collection of £7.5.4., which took place on Sunday morning February 11th.



LATEST PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

Only one pamphlet was received during last month. This describes the story of Tel Chai. It contains, amongst other things, an account of the life of Joseph Trumpeldor and an eye-witness account of the heroic defence of Tel Chai.

Every month a list of the latest pamphlets received will be published. Members may borrow these on application to the Hon. Secretary - Gladys Saacks.

SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The first meeting of the newly elected committee was held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. B. Schwabsky on Wednesday, 14th February. There was a full attendance. The following commissioners were appointed:-

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| Menorah | - Myer Manasewitz.                 |
| J.N.F.  | - Becky Gootman and Wolfie Fish    |
| Sports  | - Myer Kramer and Phillip Ozinsky. |

A new system of collecting subscriptions was decided upon, in which each committee member would collect subs from five of his friends. If members however bring their subs to meetings it would be more convenient for the collectors.

Functions. The Society's programme for the next three months will be drawn up when the committee meets again in a few days time. Members are invited to send in their suggestions for the types of functions they would like to have arranged.

### STUDY CIRCLE.

This group met on Friday night, February 23rd. As an introduction to further talks about the Geography of Eretz Yisrael, Ben Kaufman briefly dealt with the layout of the country.



The next study circle meeting will be held on Friday, March 8th. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. A. Kaufman at 8.30 p.m. sharp. Anyone who is interested may attend.

### WATERMELON FEAST.

On Sunday night, 25th. February, about 25 members and a few of their friends set out from Maitland to polish off the last of this season's watermelons on 4th. Beach, Clifton. Khaki shorts and slacks were definitely in the mode.

The Moon turned out in full force for the occasion and shortly before 9 o'clock the fun began. It was not long before the peels were used for washing the faces of many

unsuspecting persons. The outing was also spent in playing games and community singing.

### SHEKEL DAY.

Sunday, 31st. March, has been declared Shekel Day in South Africa. All Jews over the age of eighteen are expected to acquire the shekel and thereby show their allegiance to the World Zionist Organisation.

### MAITLAND-BROOKLYN HEBREW CONGREGATION.

At a Special General meeting at the Talmud Torah Hall on 13th. February, the following committee was elected:-

Chairman - Mr. A. Saacks.

Hon. Sec. - Mr. M. Kramer.

Hon. Treas. - Mr. H. Immerman.

Additional Committee Members:-

Messrs. L. Aronson, R. Freedman, G. Joffe, A. Kaufman, P. Kawalsky, M. Odes and M. Singer.

Mr. Aronson and Mr. Singer had an equal number of votes for the position of vice-chairman and it was decided to leave this appointment in abeyance.

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### WORD-PUZZLE NO. 6.

( The first letter in each of the answers to the following make up the answer to No. 13. )

### WHICH FUND BUILDS ?

(1) The forerunner Rabbi of Zionism and precursor of the Mizrachi movement.

(2) A valley in Eretz Yisrael.

- (3) Eleazer met the wife of his master at a well.
- (4) One of the twelve tribes of Israel.
- (5) Her Book is a story of pastoral life in Eretz Yisrael.
- (6) Our National Anthem.
- (7) The month which occurs twice in a leap year.
- (8) A tributary of the Jordan.
- (9) The heroine of Purim.
- (10) The Lord gave him wisdom.
- (11) A late Capetonian Jewish philanthropist.
- (12) A settlement near Lake Kineret and on the road to Damascus.
- (13) This fund builds settlements on Jewish land in Eretz Yisrael.

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STOP PRESS.

Myer Kramer on Transfer.

Myer Kramer, artist to The Maitland Echo, treasurer and sports convenor to the Maitland Junior Zionist Society and Sagan (Deputy Leader) of the Maitland Habonim, is leaving for Port Elizabeth on transfer on March 29th.

Myer is in the Customs Department and has to assume duties at Port Elizabeth on April 1st.



# TWIXT OURSELVES

The local Chancellery of the Exchequer is situated in Camden Road, Maitland, where three treasurers in one family reside. I refer to the Kramer family. Mrs. R. Kramer is the treasurer of the Bnoth Zion Association, Myer is the treasurer of the Junior Zionist Society and Miriam is the treasurer of the Young Israel Society.

Myer has suggested that another society be formed so that his younger sister can hold the purse strings.



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A member of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive who has come to Maitland is Bernard Barron. He assures me that if he receives the co-operation of the members the Maitland Junior Zionist Society could be made an example to other Societies.

Mr. Barron has had considerable experience with Junior Zionist Societies in various parts of this country and also overseas.

"Junior Zionist Societies in South Africa" he says, "compare favourably and are in some instances better than those in England".

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Now that Archie Sieff has left Maitland for Paarl his younger brother Percy has taken his place locally in the Young Israel Society and also in the Habonim.

It is a strange fact that although we have

on a number of occasions augmented our Jewish youth at the expense of Paarl, yet this is the first time that we have reciprocated.

Amongst those that have come to Maitland from Paarl at one time or another were A.J. Volks, M. & H. Bass and more recently the Steinberg family

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In keeping with the spirit of the Habonim, Herbert Saacks held the attention, for a brief spell, of the large number of spectators at the Gordons' Gala on Wednesday evening, 21st. February. This was when he fell into the water with clothes and all at the Long Street Baths.



As he had no change of clothing after being pulled out Herbert was given a free Turkish Bath to enable him to dry.

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Quite a few yellow ties will be seen in Maitland when the new term at 'Varsity commences on March 5th.

Gladys Saacks will be taking a course in librarianship, while Jack Joffe will study medicine and Phillip Ozinsky, engineering.

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My name has been used in vain and by none other than Sam Solomon. While at Roberts' Heights he decided to make the most of his month at camp. All and everything he wanted to see more particularly the night life

of Pretoria and Johannesburg. After having such a night out Sam would be awoken none too fresh at 5 a.m. the following morning and he well earned the nickname "Sleepy".

This roving spirit possessed him even while on parade. On one occasion "Sleepy" was startled to hear the Sergeant-Major roaring at him, "Hey you! Stand still! You Wandering Jew!"

## The Wandering Jew

### OUR MONTHLY ALMANAC.

#### MARCH 1940.

All Jewish holidays commence at sunset on the day previous to the date mentioned below.

<u>English Date.</u>		<u>Jewish Date.</u>
March 10th.	ROSH CHODESH ADAR(II)	Adar 1st.
and 11th.		and 2nd.

These two days mark the beginning of the Jewish month Adar.

March 21st.	FAST OF ESTHER.	Adar 11th.
March 24th.	PURIM.	Adar 14th.

Celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from Haman.

MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

At the bi-annual general elections of the above Society held on the 3rd. February, the following were elected:-

Chairlady - Marigold Singer.  
 Vice-Chairman - Joe Carlin.  
 Hon. Treas. - Miriam Kramer.  
 Hon. Sec. - Naomi Rosenbloom.  
 Additional Committee Members:-  
 Zalman Ostrin,  
 Michel Lang,  
 Max Berman.

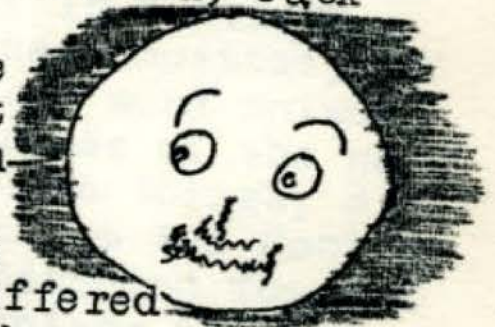
The committee appointed the following Sports sub-committee:- Freda Diamond, Jack Frumer and Solly Braudie.

The first function of the session was a Watermelon Feast on Saturday night, 10th. February. This was a success.

The first defeat at Sport which this Society has ever suffered was a Table Tennis match on February 17th. against the Tel Hai Gedud of the Cape Town Habonim.

During the month Messrs. W. Sebba and P. Zuckerman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive met the committee. Matters of mutual interest were reviewed. The attitude and conduct of certain members of this Society was discussed and we were advised to take drastic measures in this direction.

On Sunday, February 18th. there was a cricket match between members residing in central Maitland and those living at the two extremes. Michel Lang was captain of the Centrals and Jack Frumer skippered the Extremes. It was a good game and Centrals won by 17 runs.



LETTERS TO  
THE EDITOR.

BUCK UP!

The Editor,  
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

Now that the Society has had its elections and the new committee is still feeling ready for work, it is time for reforms in our system of getting things done. There is unfortunately in Maitland a tendency to leave things to the committee, as though the mention of that magic word solves all difficulties. The committees of the past, I am afraid, although they did do things, did not as it were leave their mark on the Society. Admittedly we have bought a piano and founded our own newspaper, but these things are not enough.

The Society "The best financially in the Cape Province" cannot offer any other attraction than table-tennis on Tuesday nights. Do we cater for seven members who play table-tennis or do we want Tuesday evenings to be an attraction for those members who form the majority of our Society?

Time it is Sir, that a Society as old and financially successful as ours provided more attractions for its members, such as a new table-tennis table, dancing at Hall on Tuesdays, novelties in the form of a few speeches or talks by members on not necessarily Zionist subjects.

PHILLIP OZINSKY.

Main Road,  
MAITLAND.



The Sports' Corner will only be published when the amount of news warrants it. - Sports Ed.

Sports Convenor.

At the committee meeting held on Wednesday, 14th. February, Myer Kramer was appointed Sports Convenor for the ensuing session.

Tennis.

Now that the second half of the Tennis season is well under way it is interesting to note how our members are faring at the Maitland Tennis Club in the mixed doubles competitions.

Myer Kramer is playing for the 1st. team, Syd Saacks is captain of the 2nd. team, while Pauline Katzenellenbogen captains the 3rd. team. Two members who play in Pauline's team are Monty Singer and Bernard Barron.

There are other members who also play tennis but not for the local club and in view of this keen interest in the game it has been suggested that another tennis match be arranged for the Society.



Badminton.

Enquiries have been made by committee members with a view to starting a Badminton section at the Hall. Unfortunately it was found that the Hall was too small.

Swimming.

Of the younger crowd in Maitland the following represent their respective schools at

swimming:- Morris Munitz - S.A.C.S.  
 Michel Lang - Maitland Secondary.  
 Basil Jacobson - Maitland Secondary.  
 Julie Buchinsky- Maitland Public.

### Table Tennis.



Approximately twelve to fourteen people turned up to the Hall on Tuesday, 20th. February, to table-tennis. The standard of play was high. Members show much enthusiasm for table tennis and it is hoped to arrange a match shortly.

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### VOLUME II.

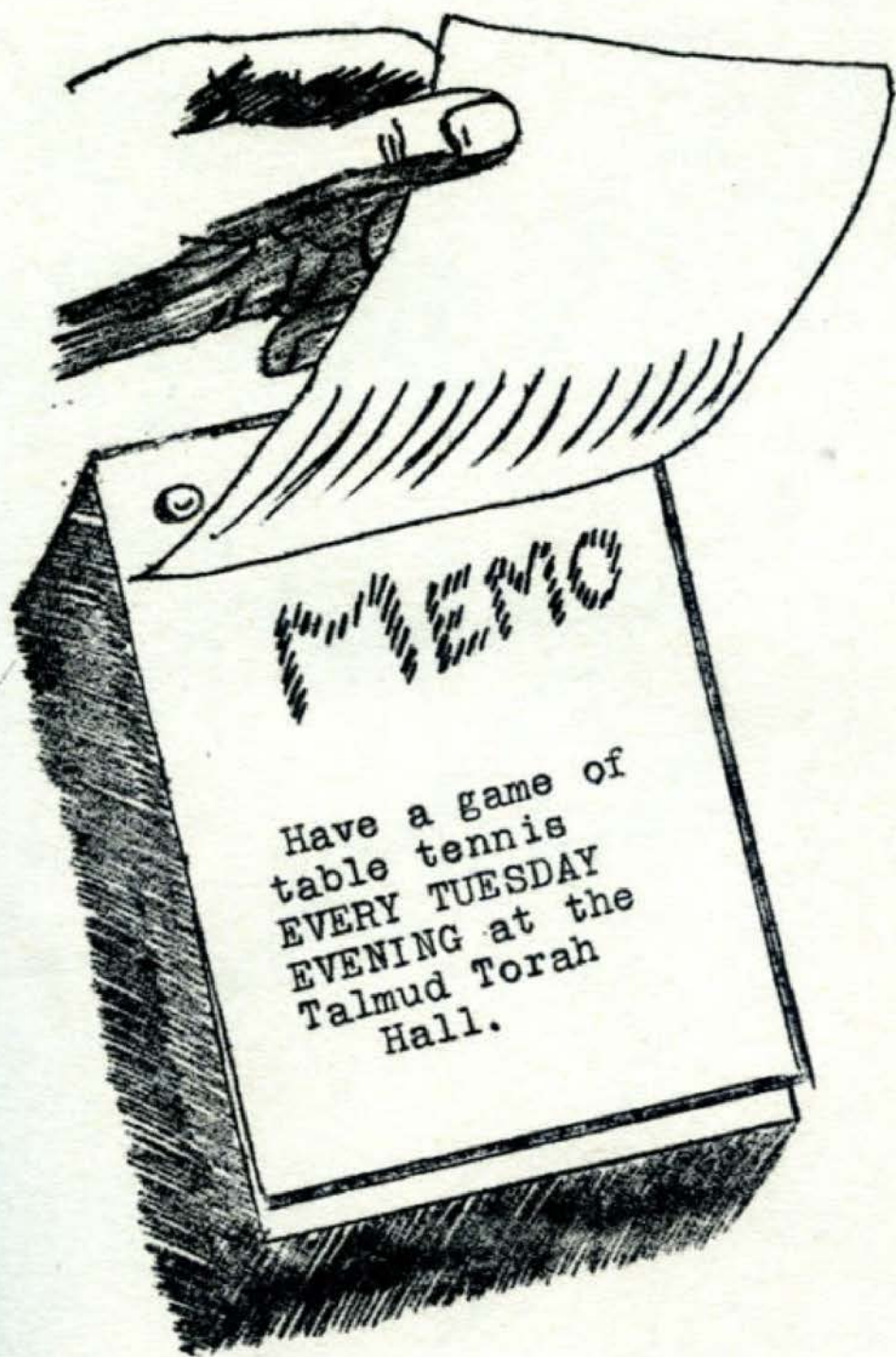
A comprehensive seven page index of Volume II (November 1938 to September 1939) of The Maitland Echo can now be obtained. On application this will be supplied gratis to any subscriber.

There are still some back numbers of the Echo in print and anyone who requires these may purchase same at a cost of one penny each.

Readers who contemplate binding past issues into book form should consult the Editor who will advise them as to the most expedient method in which this can be done.

Note: All correspondence, etc., should be addressed to:-

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TUESDAY  
Have a game of  
table tennis  
EVERY TUESDAY  
EVENING at the  
Talmud Torah  
Hall.