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## THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

On Sunday 7th July 1940 the bi-annual elections of Maitland Junior Zionist Society will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall. A brief summary of the Chairman's report and the Treasurer's balance sheet appear somewhere else in this issue.

Due to present day abnormal conditions, the coming elections must necessarily assume an equally abnormal character. A number of the more mature members have already been called up, and there is the possibility of others following. This needs that the management of affairs fall on the shoulders of the younger section of our Society and others who are not liable for Military duty. We have fortunately had an influx of young blood and there should be no difficulty in selecting suitable office-bearers.

It is therefore the duty of those who have the welfare of the Society at heart to realize that its destiny is in their hands. We urge them to use their voting power to elect a well balanced committee which will be able to withstand the vicissitudes which are bound to arise.

NEWSOFTHE MONTH.SHEVUOTH EVENING.

On the 16th of June, a meeting in the form of a Shevuoth Evening was held at the Hall. After the minutes, a news service prepared by Mr. B. Barron was read by Miriam Schwabsky - Mr. Barron being unable to be present. Gladys Saacks then read a short story "The White Flower", which dealt with the adventures of Ruth and Naomi after they had left the land of Moab.

After tea Sylvia Rochman ably read a poem on Shevuoth, which stated the reasons for celebrating the festival. Sammie Solomon delivered a talk on "The Significance of Shevuoth" and Philip Ozinsky read an article on "The Jews of Holland". Five minutes heckling followed and the meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SESSION.

A committee meeting was held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. E. Gootman on Sunday morning the 24th of June. A letter concerning the wearing of badges and Zionist colours, which was received from the executive was discussed. It was approved that a member should go to the classes for Zionist work which were to be held in Cape Town shortly.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

Wolfe Sebba of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive has taken over the control of the Maitland Young Israel Society. Interesting

meetings are held every fortnight . Under Mr. Sebba's supervision, the Society's chances of having a successful session are increased.

### ZIONIST YOUTH BADGES AND COLOURS.

NOT TO BE WORN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



It is announced that the South African Zionist Youth Council has responded to the appeal made by the Union Department of Defence, to the effect that organisations which are able to carry on without the use of badges or tokens should refrain from using them and not apply for exemption under the regulations.

Members of the Zionist Youth Movement have accordingly been instructed not to wear badges, blazers or blazer badges until further notice.

#### NOTE.

The instruction does not necessarily apply in the case of Habonim Uniforms. We understand that Habonim are asking for exemption of their uniforms which play an important role in their organisation and can really be regarded as indispensable.

### STUDY CIRCLE.

The study circle met on Friday 21st June at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. E. Gootman . It was decided to discontinue the meetings for a while, as the members were not sufficiently interested to prepare subjects for discussion.

### KEREN HAYESOD.

Gladys Saacks is raffling two books

"Noah Pandra's Village" and "The Bridal Canopy" in aid of the Keren Hayesod. As the tickets are only 6d. each person should feel it his or her duty to purchase at least one. Remember that in addition to standing a chance of winning a book, you are supporting a good cause.

### HABONOTH.

On Sunday 23rd of June, a Habonot Gedud was started in Maitland. There are about sixteen girls joining and Miss G. Brodie of Wynberg is to be in charge. The Gedud will probably be called Beer Sheva and as the Maitland Habonim are called Ir-Dan, the well-known saying in the Bible - from Dan to Beer-Sheva - is brought to mind.



### THE MAITLAND ECHO - EDITORIAL BOARD.

During the last few months the board has been considerably reshuffled, owing to unavoidable circumstances. Myer Kramer and Syd Saacks have both left Maitland and Becky Gootman and Pauline Katzenellenbogen, who were until recently members, have tendered their resignations. The board is at present constituted by Marigold Singer, Wolfe Fish, Bennie Kaufman, Phillip Ozinsky and Barney Seidle.

### CAMPFIRE CONCERT.

A campfire concert was held at the Hall on Sunday, 30th of June. The audience sat round the campfire and participated in community singing. A short amusing sketch, "The Proselyte" was

produced by a few members of the Society, the artistes being Sylvia Rochman, Marigold Singer, Sammie Fish, Sammie Solomon and Bennie Kaufman.



Mr Joe Hanson, of the Green and Sea Point Jewish Guild, spoke on the task confronting present day Jewry. He pointed out that the only Jewry left were those in England, U.S.A., and the British Empire. He said "when the J.N.F. box comes round think of the stream of refugees marching across the wastes".

After the serving of refreshments, the Hall was cleared for dancing and the meeting dispersed at 11.p.m.

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OUR MONTHLY ALMANAC.

JULY 1940.

TAMUZ 5700.

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

Tamuz 17 THE THREE WEEKS.

to Av 9.

July 23 to  
August 13.

This period marks the seige of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus in 70 C.E. DURING THIS PERIOD NO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS ARE HELD.

Tamuz 17  
July 23.

FAST OF THE 17th OF TAMUZ.

Tamuz 20  
July 26.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THEODORE HERZL (5665 - 1904).

# TWIXT OURSELVES

I was very pleased to note that Myer Kramer has made a name for himself in sporting circles at Port Elizabeth

While he was here we all followed his progress in Table Tennis with interest and it was indeed a fitting culmination to his efforts when he carried off the Eastern Province Table Tennis Championship.



I have much pleasure in congratulating two ex-members of our Society this month. Sybil Kramer got married to Dave Shrand and Pauline Katzenellenbogen announced her engagement to Simmy Lewis. Pearl Schwabsky also became engaged. Mazel Tov and good luck to all of them.

The consistency of the Kramer family was ably illustrated by Miriam, Ethel and Sylvia Kramer who were all placed fourth in their respective classes at school. Gertrude however, was not satisfied with mere consistency so she came first.

It is gratifying to see that we have another new member in our midst. Sammie Fish has given yeoman service to the Society at Ceres where he stayed before his arrival in Maitland. That he has ability was

demonstrated by his performance in a sketch put on at the Talmud Torah Hall on the 30th of last month.



The above meeting also brought home to me the fact that we perhaps do not make the most of the facilities and opportunities presented to us.

The acting of the cast was so impressive that I realised that we could undertake a bigger production with some success.

The Maitland youth has suffered further depletion due to the departure on Military duty of Abe Kawalsky and Izzy Shapiro. To both we wish good luck and a speedy return!



*The Wandering Jew*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO BE DELIVERED AT THE 21ST.  
BI-ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF THE MAITLAND  
JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY ON SUNDAY THE  
JULY 1940.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the following summary of the activities of your Society for the past six months. We have had



five cultural and four social functions during the period. There have been two changes in the personel of the committee. When Myer Kramer left Ben Kaufman took over the treasurer-ship and Phillip Ozinsky became sports convenor. Attendance at committee meetings has been very good.

The Maitland Echo has been going from strength to strength. The Editor will give a fuller report later.

There has been a slight increase in the number of subscribers to the Menorah, but this number could be increased considerably.

At the J.N.F. box clearances over £7.0.0. was collected. I have much pleasure in announcing that we were joint winners with Worcester of the J.N.F. Trophy.

I regret that official figures of the Keren Hayesod Campaign are not yet available.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the committee for their close co-operation during the session.

On behalf of the Committee,

I. Schwabsky.

HON. CHAIRMAN.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO BE DELIVERED AT THE 21ST.  
BI-ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION OF THE MAITLAND  
JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY, ON SUNDAY THE  
JULY, 1940.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the income and expenditure account the amount opposite Annual Dance represents advance expenditure. As the dance however, was cancelled, we will be refunded £4. 3.0. of this amount. Expenditure on printing is larger than usual, as we printed circulars

during this session at a cost of £3.0.0.

All subscriptions up till June 30th 1940 have been collected and I wish to thank the members for co-operating with me in this task.

B. Kaufman.

HON. TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE J.N.F. COMMISSIONERS TO BE  
DELIVERED AT THE BI-ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTIONS  
ON JULY 7TH 1940.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the day of the last general elections the Blue Boxes were cleared. This was the first time that Milnerton was also done and the total collection reached the high figure of £7.5.4. No amount collected during the last few sessions ever neared this total.

Three months later another clearance totalled £7.0.0. In this case neither Kensington nor Milnerton were cleared.

It is not only a matter of hard work put into it by the collectors that keeps the collections at the above figure; but also the fact that more members are putting their odd coins into the Blue Box.

It is further necessary to stress, as stated in the June issue of the Echo, that very much more could be done for the J.N.F. We maintain that if more members would put their pennies into the boxes regularly, the clearances would not only yield much more, but the task of the collector would also be considerably eased as would also be the burden of the contributor.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 30TH. JUNE. 1940.

EXPENDITURE.

INCOME.

	£.	S.	D.		£.	S.	D.
Postage.	2.	8.	0.	Cash on Hand	26.	10.	10.
Printing and Stationery.	4.	7.	0.	at 31.1.40.			
Donations.	1.	2.	6.	Subscriptions.	8.	9.	6.
Sports.		2.	0.	Interest.		4.	11.
Conference Fees.		10.	6.				
Functions.	5.	3.	11.				
The Maitland Echo.	6.	15.	0.				
Annual Dance.	4.	3.	6.				
Cash on Hand.	1.	6.	5.				
Cash at Bank.	9.	6.	5.				
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	<u>£35.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>3.</u>		<u>£35.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>3.</u>

MAITLAND.

June 30th 1940.

BENNIE KAUFMAN.  
HON. TREASURER.

A LETTER  
FROM  
THE EDITOR.



DIFFICULT TIMES !

Dear Readers,

Owing to the general rise in the price of materials our task of keeping the expenditure of the "Echo" within our financial limits, has been considerably increased. As a result, we have reluctantly been compelled to decrease the size of this journal.

This does not mean that the literary standard of the "Echo" will suffer similarly. On the contrary we shall our endeavours to uphold and improve the quality of our infant journal.

Not only are expenses higher; but we have also lost the services of a few experienced members of the editorial staff. This setback we are at present overcoming by training members who are not liable for military duty.

You will therefore realise, dear reader, that our difficulties have been increased. Should perchance our handicaps be reflected in this publication, we ask your kind indulgence until conditions again return to normal.

- THE EDITOR.



MEMO

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>  
General Elections  
at the Hall.

STOP PRESS.

THE DIFFERENCE IN  
COLOUR IN  
THE PRINTING OF  
VARIOUS PARTS OF  
THIS PAPER IS DUE  
TO THE BREAK DOWN  
OF THE MACHINE  
WHICH PRINTED THE  
FIRST FEW PAGES.