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VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY.

During August came the sad and unexpected news of the death, at the age of sixty, of Vladimir Jabotinsky. The nation, irrespective of political opinion, mourns the passing of yet another fiery champion of Judah. He was a great Jew.

His was the spirit of revolt against the life of exile - the spirit which led our great Herzl to the establishment of the movement towards our national revival.

Born in 1880 in Odessa, he became a writer of renown in his native Russia while still in his 'teens. His rise to prominence in Jewish life was meteoric. Already at the age of 26 the official leaders of world Zionism pointed to him as the leader of the future.

But in our limited space we can scarcely tell of a few drops in the sea of Jobotinsky's activities. Writer, linguist and orator, he was a man of no half-measures. Uncompromising and determined, he differed from some fellow Jews in the methods to be employed towards reaching the Zionist's goal, but not in the coveted aim.

Although he saw three score years of a

life of super-activity, he was still young in body and mind. In the words of Bialik:-

There lived a man, and see, he is no more;
Timeless to death he went,
And in the middle day
His song of life was rent;
Ah! pity, for he had yet one song more,
And now that song is lost, and lost for aye.



NEWS
OF
THE MONTH.

DEBATE.

On Sunday evening the 11th August, a debate was held at the Hall. The motion proposed was "That to achieve our aim of acquiring Palestine, we would rather use financial than military methods. The proposers were Barney Seidle and Jack Joffe, the opposers Gladys Saacks and Phillip Ozinsky. After an enthusiastic debate the motion on being put to the vote, was lost by seven to eight.

A RALLY.

A rally of all Cape Societies was held in Cape Town this month. On Sunday morning, the 4th of August, delegates were welcomed by Sam Levin, after which Mr. C.K. Friedlander spoke with optimism on the role of the Jews in the war.

The council meeting was then opened. The

delegates from Maitland were Benny Miller and Myer Manasewitz.

After tea various speakers including Louis Sandler, Mrs. Maisel and Sam Levin gave a Symposium of the Jewish position during the war. On Sunday evening a dance was held and the rally was concluded on Monday by a picnic on the pipe track.

In future all Society gatherings will be circularised as "MEETINGS" whether they be dances, socials or lectures etc. These will all commence punctually at 8.15 p.m. every Sunday evening.

ECHO GREETINGS.

The Echo will now accept greetings from members for the forthcoming enlarged Rosh-Ha-shorah number.

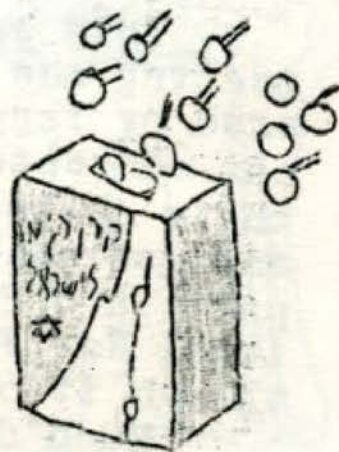
All greetings should reach "The Maitland Echo", Zion Villa, 5 Ferndale Road, Maitland not later than MONDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER 1940.

Greetings must be accompanied by remittance which may be in the form of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage stamps if this is more convenient to the remitter.

J. N. F.

As a result of the clearance of the Milnerton-Maitland Kensington area during August, the J.N.F. will benefit by £12.7.2.

The result of this clearance is good testimony of the efforts of the collectors, who were:- Misses Becky Gootman, Gladys Saacks, Marigold Singer and Messrs. Wolfe Fish, Ben Kaufman, Jehudah Ozinsky,



Phillip Ozinsky, Issy Schwabsky, Monty Singer and Sam Solomon.

The detailed results of the 80 boxes cleared, will shortly be acknowledged in the S. A. Jewish Chronicle.

C. P. S.
FIRST AID.

Classes are now being held regularly in Maitland for men and women who wish to acquire a knowledge of first aid. The course consists of a number of lectures once a week, for which a very nominal charge of a few shillings is made. We feel that those members who have not yet already done so, should take up this course both for their own sakes and that of the community.



Classes for fire fighters are also being held regularly at the Roeland Street Fire Station in town. Any further particulars may be had from the Area Secretary, Mr. H. Immerman.

GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on the 25th August. The meeting was opened with a news-service delivered by Issy Schwabsky. Thereafter Ben Kaufman addressed members for a short while on their duties during war time. He suggested amongst other things that they take an active part in C.P.S. activities and also that National War Funds should be supported, even though it only be very small contributions.

Much discussion followed as to how to be practical in our war effort. As regards to the war fund, that was quickly settled, by members spontaneously pledging small amounts.

which soon totalled £6.12.6.

A talk which was to have been delivered was held over owing to lack of time.

S. A. MENORAH.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

The S. A. Menorah will receive New Year Greetings till September 12th, 1940. Members who have not yet sent their greetings in should do so immediately. The fee for insertion is 2/- for twenty words in English or Hebrew and one penny for every additional word.

CHUG IVRI.

The idea of a Hebrew speaking Circle is to enable a number of people to gather in a semi-informal atmosphere and while learning something about Hebrew, to spend at least part of the evening conversing about general affairs in Hebrew.

It is proposed to hold these meetings regularly. The programme will consist of one or two addresses in English and Hebrew general discussion, musical items, including performances by a specially trained Hebrew choir, Hebrew records (including a Linguaphone Series) and individual items.

The inaugural meeting of this circle was held at Rosecourt on Wednesday evening August 21st. Mr. S. M. Levin was in the chair. Dr. Birnbaum spoke of the value of the Hebrew language. Addresses in Hebrew were also delivered by Miss S. Sofer, and Mr. E. Kluk. Discussion from the floor, was almost all in Hebrew.



'TWIXT OURSELVES

It is surprising how a mistake can "go right" sometimes. This was very ably illustrated at our entertainment evening on Sunday the 25th. Gussy Kawalsky who came to the meeting to see someone, stayed by mistake, I am sure.

During the evening a suggestion was made that members should assist the Governor-General's War Fund.

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A heated discussion followed during which it was put forward that a collection box be used for the purpose. Gussy, ostentatiously showing an empty vest pocket, objected and counter-proposed that pledges should be made. A member sitting nearby and eyeing Gussy's empty vest pocket promptly offered to give five times the amount that Gussy would donate on the spot. Calmly Mr. Kawalsky's hand went to his back pocket and notes made their appearance. However, this member was not held to his promise but proceeded to pledge the nominal amount. In this manner a few pounds were quickly collected from a gathering of 17 members. Good work don't you think? And all through a mistake!



This month my congratulations go to Ray Urdang and Pearly Schwabsky on their marriages.

Good luck and mazel tov!



It appears that the Habonim never tire of work. This struck me while watching them serve at Ray Urdang's wedding. Their reward, however, came in the evening when Gedud Ir Dan had its own celebration performed in the true Habonim style.

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A short prayer opened the feast of cakes, minerals and fruit salad spread on the camp-table - the floor of the hall. They then proceeded to tuck in making a game of it. Each boy was allowed to take as much in his spoon as he could swallow with one gulp without messing, the penalty for which was a missed turn. The mouths of the younger ones watered and went wide open only to find that experience is costly. The older members showed that "sufficiency unto the game is the trick thereof" and neither missed a turn nor messed any.



I was very pleased to hear that Simie Weinstein was appointed Chaplain to the Jewish forces in Kenya. Simie speaks Hebrew fluently, knows the Bible very well and has a very good voice, as those who have heard him sing "Chicken" will tell you.

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To our members he is perhaps best known through the Strand camp of which he was head of the Junior Section for the past three years.

"I well remember Simie in Camp! It was difficult to distinguish in him the father, supervisor, head, cook or lover. Indeed, he excelled so well in the latter that I believe that the beginnings of his matrimonial bliss took place under canvas. Away from camp he was a member of the O.Y.I.S. and was mainly responsible for its high reputation..

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During the recent J.N.F. clearance a few people doubted the advisability of raising Zionist funds in these times. Of course our collectors pointed out how these funds were essential for maintaining an important sector of the Allied war front.

Here are a few figures which will prove the necessity and achievements of our Zionist funds.

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On the outbreak of war close on 136,000 Jews, 40,000 of whom were women, registered for local defence and the Auxiliary services. This is nearly one-third of the entire Jewish population of Palestine and 92% of the Jews between 18-50.

Despite the war more than 13,000 immigrants, mostly refugees entered from September



1939 to February 1940, thus absorbing more Jews in the first months of the war than any other country. In addition, large sums were expended on relief and on settling these people by the Jewish Agency.

The Wandering Jew

OUR MONTHLY ALMANAC.

SEPTEMBER 1940.

ELUL 5700.

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

Elul 1 ROSH CHODOSH ELUL.
to 2.
Sept. 3
to 4.

OCTOBER 1940.

TISHRI 5701.

Tishri 1
to 2. ROSH HASHANAH.
Oct. 3 to
4.

Tishri 10 YOM KIPPUR.
Oct. 12.

Members who made promises to the Governor General's Fund are requested to fulfill these at our next meeting.

LETTERS TO

THE EDITOR.

JUDAISM!

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

Could you please tell me if, at any time, the "Aims and Objects" sections of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive has been altered so as to delete

subclause 5(b) which reads:-

"To strengthen and foster sentiment and Jewish National Culture".

If subclause 5(b) has been altered, then I demand that the Maitland Junior Zionist Society discontinue its affiliation to the Executive. The Executive, by trying to further the aims of Zionism and forgetting about Judaism, have made their policy incompatible with ours.

If subclause 5(b) has not been deleted then the following calls for explanation:

Why did the Executive wilfully show disregard for the traditions of our people? This was done by notifying delegates that a dance on August 4th would form part of a week-end rally programme, in spite of the fact that this date occurred during the nine days of mourning.

Ignorance cannot be pleaded. I advised (through correct channels) both the chairman and vice-chairman of the Executive personally, that August 4th occurred during "The Nine Days". And also that in spite of August 5th being Rosh Chodesh Av, it was improper to hold a dance. Nevertheless the dance did form part of the

rally programme.

Sir, as a member, I demand either action or a sound explanation, depending upon which of the above instances is correct.

Chapel Street,
MAITLAND.

BARNEY SEIDLE.

The above letter was shown to the C.Z.Y.E. who have offered the following note in reply - Ed.

The Executive points out that "authorities other than your correspondent whom the Executive consulted were prepared to sanction a dance on Rosh Chodesh Av." The Executive further comments that "the suggestion that Clause 5(b) has been dropped is obviously and totally without foundation".

The feelings of Barney Seidle enjoy our full concord. Too often is Judaism merely spoken about but not acted upon. After having ascertained the views of every known authority in the Peninsula we have no hesitation in challenging the Executive to produce one who was prepared to sanction the above dance. We feel that the grievance could far more easily be settled (and it is not yet too late to do so) by a public statement from the Executive, admitting improper action and giving an assurance that similar happenings will not occur again - Ed.

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Have YOU made your contribution to the
KEREN HAYESOD?

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NEWS FROM

FRIENDS

IN KHAKI

Last month my list of members and friends away on active service was:- Barney Aronson, Abe Kawalsky, Marky Levin, Sime Master, Syd Saacks, Isaac Shapiro and Abe Urdang.

Nowadays however, it is difficult for the male element to monopolize any particular sphere. Even so be it with the army. To the above list you can now add Lily Saacks' name. Lily left Maitland in the last half of August and is at present in the Air

Force "somewhere in the Union". I learn that she gets three afternoons and a week-end leave each week and is consequently still able to enjoy the civilian side of life.

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Two more of our boys are now in Kenya. Judging from their letters the place must certainly be blessed by nature's beauty. Here in their own words are a few facts about the place. "The scenery is something marvellous to see", writes Abe Kawalsky. Describing a train journey he says, "it was through beautiful green country teeming with wild game such as zebras, gazelle, etc. No such things as lions or tigers". Pineapples as big as footballs can be seen up there.

Contrary to popular belief there is a white population of fair size up there, and these are described by one of our boys as being "extremely hospitable and very decent folk". Generally speaking things are

expensive except laundry work, for as I learn, "trousers, shirts, etc. can be washed and pressed for only 2d.

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During last month I saw Abe Urdang who was down here on special leave. Abe looks as fit as a fiddle. This all in spite of having spent a few days in hospital with a severe cold, just before coming down here. Those of you who saw Abe will agree that his physique speaks well for the invigorating life led in the army. Says Abe:- "Up there it's cold. Brr.....r. You work hard, but eat and sleep well..... Duty is not bad but getting up is a bit unpleasant.... It's all a jolly fine holiday".

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Most of the boys have tried to describe what it feels like to receive the Echo, but I think Sime Master hit the nail on the head when he wrote that the Echo, "awakens quite a home atmosphere".

Sime has now moved to a new address (supplied on application to me) and you will be pleased to hear that he passed his first exam (a pretty stiff one) and as a result has been recommended for promotion. However this will take some time to come through as the army never hurries departmentally.

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Marky Levin and Syd Saacks have been transferred North. I know that this is just what Syd and his pals have been waiting for. In his last letter he says that they were all getting fed up because although they have had

more training than many 'rookies' they were still stuck down "here". In fact he says they were considering holding a tree competition to see who would be the first to grow a twenty foot tree at their training centre.

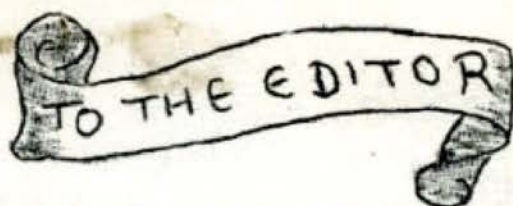
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Finally my last word is addressed as usual to our khaki-clad friends. Many thanks for your letters. I will reply personally to each one if this has already not yet been done. To those who wanted to know the date for Rosh Hashanah -- you will find it on Page 10. From now onwards you will be receiving the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle" and "Menorah" regularly. For this you can thank their respective editors of whose kind offers I have availed myself on your behalf.

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erential treatment. All contributions should reach the Editor not later than 21st September, 1940.



The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

SENIORS OBSERVE!

Sir,

At the last meeting of the Society it was unanimously agreed upon, following an excellent proposal couched in vehement terms by Mr. Gus. Kawalsky, that donations should be made by all members of the Society for the Gov. General's Fund which was to run concurrently with the Keren Hayesod Campaign and on a similar basis.. Now that the Junior members of the Congregation have shown their initiative and can no longer have the scornful finger of the seniors justly, pointed at them, it is consequently the time for someone (a responsible member) to approach the seniors and arouse them out of their apathy and snug complacence.

It seems that excellent editorials both in this journal and in the leading newspapers have no more effect than a flea trying to suck blood out of a reinforced concrete wall, as far as them realising that there is a war being fought, and why it is being fought, besides talking about what other people's sons are doing.

A scheme similar to ours should immediately be undertaken. However, there must be house to house collecting and no banquets arranged similar to the last one which resulted in a direct insult to Rabbi Abrahams and members of the K.H. Campaign and the lowering of Maitland's prestige to zero when all that was required of them (i.e. members of our congregation) was their presence and the consumption of refreshments which were provided gratis. "En-avant".

BROOKLYN. C.P.

MONTY SINGER.

STOP PRESS.

LATEST GENERAL MEETING.

A very interesting meeting was held at the hall on Sunday night September 1st.

Sam Solomon delivered a news service. Mr. A. Kaufman then spoke about Jewish Customs "These could be divided up into different classes", he said, "some were to prevent us from trespassing any further, whilst others remind us of our past history. He illustrated his talk with numerous examples.

After tea the second "Do You Know?" series of general knowledge questions was asked and answered.

Thereafter, Mr. Sam Levin started what was to be a series of a few lectures on "The growth of the Zionist idea." "The following are the main nine points", he said:--(1) Beginnings of Zionism. (2) Zionism traced through the ages. (3) Anti-semitism and attempts to solve it. (4) Early Zionist writings. (5) Practical Zionism. (6) Spiritual Zionism. (7) Political Zionism. (Theodore Herzl). (8) Congress. (9) To-day -- Synthetic Zionism. Mr. Levin then proceeded in an able fashion to fill in the main facts concerning the first four of the above classes. This series will be continued on September 15th.

The meeting was well attended and closed late.

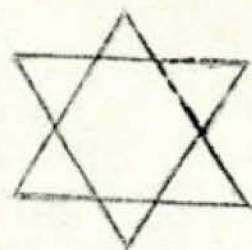
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REORGANISATION OF M.J.Z.S.

Opinions of the letter by "A Member" (who incidently is Wolfe Fish) published in our last issue, have not yet been fully judged. The results will be announced and award made at our next meeting on Sunday 8th inst. at the hall.

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