

## Woodstock couple going on Aliyah c1957



Photo caption: Mr. L. Dragon (centre) receives a presentation from the president of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation, Mr. M. Gelbart, on the eve of his departure to Israel. Mrs. Dragon is seen on the right.

From Our Correspondent

CAPE TOWN:- Mr. and Mrs. L. Dragon are the first members of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation to go on Aliyah.

About 70 people attended a special farewell function given in their honour by the Congregation last week.

The. President, Mr. M. Gelbart said that the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Dragon was a loss to the congregation, as Mr. Dragon, in his capacity as honorary "Bal-Shachris", committee members, Shul supervisor, chairman of the Chevra Tilim, and worker for the Magen David Adom, was difficult to replace. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Dragon that they may find peace and joy together with their children and grandchildren in Israel.

Greetings on behalf of the officials of the Synagogue were conveyed by Rabbi M. Grawitzky, and the good wishes of the executive and committee were brought by Mr. B. Katzef, a past vice-chairman.

Other greetings were brought by Mr. Wulfie Levin, for the youth, Mrs. Ehrlich and Mr. M. Kapelus. The chairman made a presentation to Mr. Dragon on behalf of the congregation.

In reply, Mr. Dragon said that he was particularly grateful to the youth of the congregation for attending the Synagogue services, and giving their support. The services he had rendered to the congregation had always given him great pleasure.

"I pray that the congregation will continue to be of service to the community in which my wife and I have lived happily for these past 30 years. Above all, I hope to welcome each and everyone of you in our homeland, Israel", he said.

(Kindly transcribed by Jeremy Hodes 2025)