

## Message from the Metaqued Maoz



Leon Codron

The Metaqued Maoz of Salisbury Betar, Leon Codron, is very active and deeply admired for his enthusiasm. He is a keen sportsman who is also anxious to participate in cultural activities. He writes 'A' levels in English and Economics after which he hopes to attend university to study law and settle in Israel. Leon participated in the Hadracha Tseira Course in Israel in 1969.

It is amazing how many parents send their children to Betar without knowing what this Zionist Jewish Youth movement really accomplishes. The purpose of this magazine is to bring home to parents exactly what we stand for and in fact achieve. We also intend to show unaffiliated youth how much they are missing by not attending Betar functions.

Betar caters for all Jewish Youth from the age of 8. We are the disciples of Ze-av Vladimir Jabotinsky, that great 20th Century poet, writer and Zionist leader. We have a history of our own which is embodied in the History of Israel. From the ranks of our movement arose such eminent figures as Shlomo ben Yosef, Dov Gruner, Menachem Begin and David Raziel.

Naturally we believe that every Jewish youth should make Eretz Israel his or her home. Our philosophy and ideology guide us on a certain path of Zionism which ensures our becoming healthy citizens in Jewish Society.

In Salisbury various activities are held which cater for the many different tastes of our members. Five age groups called Shichavot exist and these meet every Sunday morning or evening according to age. Every Friday night a guest speaker is invited to lecture our two senior groups which meet in the comfort of private homes for this purpose. Greater detail of our many and varied activities is given in the articles which follow.

Betar exists in countries throughout the world. Rhodesian Betar is affiliated to South African Betar whose Head Quarters are in Johannesburg. Each December all the various centres in which Betar exists meet at Port Elizabeth for the annual Machaneh (camp).

Salisbury Betar has been most fortunate in producing leaders of a very high calibre who have been able to guide their Chanchim in the true spirit of Jewish Youth. A sense of belonging and a deep insight into Judaism is the key-note of every Betari.

We in Salisbury are pleased to state that we continue to maintain the high ideals of our great founder and first Rosh Betar, Ze-av Vladimir Jabotinsky, whose ideals we proudly uphold.