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An explosion on board caused the ship to founder and 276 of the people aboard lost their lives. The "S.S. Atlantic" had tossed for months on stormy seas, but when it reached the shores of the desired land, the 1,800 people on board were forcefully removed by British forces and transported to the island of Mauritius. The "S.S. Struma" was lost at sea and of its 762 passngers—Jews from Rumania who had sought refuge from Nazi persecution and had hoped the world would take note of their suffering—702 lost their lives.

Many of the "maapilim" were transported to Cyprus where they were kept in detention camps until the day the State was declared.

Illegal Immigrants Year will serve as an occasion to reveal many of the still unknown chapters of heroism and ingenuity accompanying "haapalah" by sea and overland. The body which organised and planned this "illegal" immigration movement and which came to be known as "Hamossad L'aliyah Bet" became an instrument for the struggle and succour of the Jewish people. Nor was the role played by the Jewish Brigade in these activities insignificant. The soldiers of the Jewish Brigade brought the message of aliyah and redemption to the inmates of the DP camps; they infused in them a spirit of hope for a life of honour in the Jewish homeland and many of them lost their lives organising the "haapalah" movement in the various countries of the Diaspora.

### Change in Kol Israel Broadcast

The Israel Broadcasting Service is combining its two English overseas broadcasts, previously heard at different times in Southern Africa and Western Europe, into a single transmission in both directions.

Commencing Sunday, April 19, this English broadcast can be heard from 10.15 to 10.45 p.m., every night, on 31.2 metres—9625 Kc. As in the past, the news will be broadcast at the beginning of the programme.

## SEDER CEREMONY ON RTV

At the initative of the Rhodesian Jewish Board of Deputies, a Pesach Seder Ceremony was screened by RTV in Salisbury, on Sunday, March 22. Those participating in the programme were Rabbi M. Konviser, Minister of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation, who explained the Seder ceremonial, and the pupils of the Sharon Jewish Day School, who read portions of the Haggadah and sang the Seder songs.

This highly successful programme was arranged by Mrs. Aliza Hatcheul, the Hebrew Teacher at Sharon School and the piano accompaniment was by Mrs. R. Court.

In the picture, Rabbi M. Konviser, O.B.E., with the children of the Sharon School during the televised "Seder".







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Thirteen girls, all of them either present pupils or graduates of Sharon School in Salisbury, took part in an impressive and colourful *Bnot Mitzvah* ceremony, held at the *Sha'arei Shalom* Synagogue, on Sunday, November 2.

Some six hundred people comprising relatives and friends, well-wishers, and representatives of local communal institutions crowded the Synagogue.

Rabbi I. Zwebner, Minister of The Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation, travelled specially to Salisbury to officiate at the ceremony, and to address the girls. direction of Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel (Head of the Hebrew Department of the School), sang superbly.

Certificates and gifts marking the occasion were presented to the *Bnot Mitzvah* girls by the Chairman of the Sharon School Board of Governors, Mr. B. Salkind, while Mrs. M. Hirsch, Chairlady of the Salisbury Women's Zionist League, presented J.N.F. Certificates to the girls, all of whom had been inscribed in the Sefer Batmitzvah of the Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held in the adjoining Rhodes Community Memorial Hall.





In the picture from left to right are: Back row: Wendy Friedlander, Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel (Hebrew teacher), Judy Stiel, Janine Treger and Lauraine Fish-Halfon.

Middle row: Ruth Hatchuel, Doreen Alhadeff, Rita Davis, Cheryl Kaplan and Jennifer Robinson. Front row: Ingrid Haskal, Evelyn Blacher, Cheryl Landy and Suenette Abrahamson.





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# Salisbury school wins J.N.F. trophy

The Friday morning Service of 24 July, 1970, at Sharon School, Salisbury, was marked by a special ceremony, attended by Mr. Mervyn Lasovsky, President, Mr. Gaby Haimovitz, Secretary; Mr. Alf Alhadeff and Mr. M. G. Hatchuel, representatives of C.A.Z.O. on the Schools Board of Governors. The Chairman of the Board, Mr. B. Salkind was also present.

At the conclusion of the Service, conducted by the children of the School, Mr. Hatchuel addressed the assembly and congratulated the children on their achievements in Hebrew and especially on their success in becoming the first school to win the Shield, awarded by the J.N.F. Education Department for Southern Africa (having tied with their sister school— Carmel, of Bulawayo).

The 1969 competition, which

was held throughout Southern Africa in both Jewish Day Schools and afternoon Hebrew Schools, was based on a history quiz—"Builders of the Nation"—and children who had obtained 75% and over at Sharon School had already received their individual/prizes.

"The Shield", Mr. Hatchuel explained, "would now be held and displayed by Sharon School for the second half of the year." In complimenting them, he expressed the hope that the pupils would work hard again next year and aim at retaining it for themselves. He then asked Mr. M. Lasovsky to present the Shield to Mr. Cliff, the Headmaster of the School, on behalf of the pupils.

The Board of Governors, as well as C.A.Z.O. and the whole of the Jewish Community of Salisbury, were  $\int oud$  to see this trophy at the kehool.

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# School trains Rhodesian children<sup>47</sup> Herald Reporter A Stood on tiptoe, lisped in Hebrew traditions

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a sentence carefully in Hebrew, and put two coins in the "blue tin for Israel"

- This child is a Rhodesian—and she is also Jewish. Six months ago she could not speak a word of Hebrew. But today she greets her teacher in Hebrew and can obey instructions in that language.
- with her classmates she sings dozens of Hebrew songs and can recognize an increasing number of Hebrew words which to the average Rhodesian look like a series of weird squiggles.

### EARLY START

- She is one of 200 children—most, but not all, of them Jewish who attend Salisbury's Sharon School.
- This primary school, founded 10 years ago with 12 pupils, follows the principle that the time to start teaching a second language is in the infant classes.
- Even the smallest children have a 45-minute Hebrew class

daily, and after Standard I this is increased to an hour. The teaching of Hebrew to fiveyear-olds is not all that makes Sharon unique among Rhodesian schools. The older children also study the Bib'e, history and culture of the Jewish people—all in Hebrew.

When they go on to a Govenment secondary schools the pupils can, if they wish, continue their Hebrew studies in afternoon classes at Sharon.

### THREE TEACHERS

The school's first pupils are now in their third year of senior school and a group of them will be writing O Level Hebrew in July.

The School has three teachers of Hebrew studies. But the rest of the staff, including Sharon's new headmaster, Mr. Stan Cliff, are not Jewish. They instruct the children in the normal chool curriculum.

The non-Jewish pupils—among whom are a few Asians—are in a minority. But each class has at least one or two children belonging to the Christian or to other religions, and they take as readily to the study of the Hebrew language and tradition as their Jewish classmates.

#### **ROOTS IN RHODESIA**

Behind Sharon's vigorous Hebrew studies programme is Israeli-born Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel, who as head of the Hebrew department has been with the School since its foundation.

Teaching a foreign language to young children can be very pleasant and easy, provided one approaches it in the correct manner," says Mrs. Hatchuel. "In fact, the earlier you start, the better it is."

To Sharon pupils — many of whom belong to families with their roots deep in Rhodesia —the Hebrew language, tradition, history and religion play an important part in school life.

- For example, the school observes both the Jewish and the ordinary calendar. Eefore classes each morning one of the senior children conducts a service.
- As Mrs. Hatchuel says: "By the time a child leaves here he knows his Jewish heritage very well."

TWO young Rhodesians—one Asian, the other Jewish—who are learning to speak Hebrew at Sharon School, Salisbury. The girls are five-year-old Calpana Patel (left) and Rachelle Sulam (6). (School trains children in Hebrew—Page 9.)



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SIX-YEAR-OLD Sandra Wulf-sohn (above) reads a Hebrew children's story. Right: Within six months of being introduced to the language, Richard Alhadeff (6) writes his first Hebrew symbol on the blackboard. Richard is wearing a "yarmulke". Ac-cording to Jewish tradition males must cover their heads at times when they are likely to mention the name of God.



MRS. ALIZA HATCHUEL, head of the Hebrew department at Sharon School, Salisbury, goes through Hebrew words for features with the KG I class.

Photos from Cy Jaffe's post in Sharon School Zimbabwe



Junior Boys' Soccer - Mr. N. Quin, Steven Koblenz, Phillip Rosenberg, Darren Wilder, Albert Amato, Barry Rosenfield, Rev. P. Copperman. Daryl Katzenberg, Saul Jaffe, Isaac Levy, Eldad Moraru, Ivan Solomon, Matthew Seftel, Like Avgamenevy.

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K.G. 1 – Mrs. A. Hatchuel, Mrs. D. Banfield. Gerry Favish, Shawn Katzenberg, Lawrence Baeck, And Turner, Daniel Soriano, Kevin Meltzer, Jacques Codron. ce Baeck, Andrew Goldin, S na Mottiar, Mich Charles Summerfield, Antony Arenson, Tracey Barnett, Shaun Sara Borok, Doreen Alhadeff, Monique Levy, Adam Sacks, Ra dite

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