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PURIM

THE story of Purim as recorded in the Bible has to be read carefully, if we are to derive from it the real inspiration it may furnish in these days. We will always find the type of Haman men who by duplicity and violence seize power, and are prepared to retain it by any means whatever. Any minority may be in grave danger if it should rouse the hostility of such a ruler. In the case of the Persian Haman, his ambitions were foiled. And we have many local Purims in different parts of the world which also chronicle similar victories over the dark forces of reaction.

But the Hamans are not always beaten. Often they crush their opponents and maintain their power, and the forces of liberty and progress are long thwarted. A Hitler may be victorious and the wheels of progress may be turned back indefinitely. We need clearly to recognise the danger, and those who value liberty and humanity need not merely to be constantly on the alert, but they must be prepared to make every sacrifice necessary to avert defeat.

Mordecai and Esther were assimilationists before the danger arose. In the hour of peril they turned back to their people. Speaking in its name, they had to win its confidence. Who were the leaders to whom Mordecai turned? We are told that they requested them to arrange for prayers in their Synagogues. A spiritual revolution had taken place quietly in Israel. The Torah and the prophets had been edited and studied. The returning exiles were rebuilding the Temple and the Motherland. It was from this movement that such leaders as Ezra and Nehemiah arose. They appealed to permanent sources of inspiration. As later they fought under the Maccabees in

a similar period of crisis, so now they gave Mordecai and Esther the powers they needed.

In the long run it is these spiritual forces that will enable us to survive the onslaught of the Hamans and the Hitlers, as they also in truth arm the forces of liberty and progress with hidden but none the less potent forces that make for ultimate victory. If we believe that in the final issue the forces of liberty and democracy will triumph over the forces of reaction, it is because our religion has given us this conviction, and history has demonstrated that reaction finally meets its own nemesis, and that there is an ultimate force, making for righteousness, which determines the onward progress of humanity nearer to its heart's desire. We Jews seem to be helpless. The forces of reaction threaten us with extermination, and we are made the scapegoats of their schemes for world hegemony, for conquest, and for absolute rule in the affairs of men.

We have to be united and to join everywhere the forces of liberty. But we must also arm ourselves with the weapons of the spirit that alone give hope and comfort and faith amidst the darkness. We, too, are building again our ancestral Home amid great difficulties and disheartening setbacks. And we are being reminded on all sides that we must return to the faith that expressed itself just in that old Persian period in the great words "Not by power and not by right, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

We shall celebrate our Purim in a time of desperate danger, but if we keep in mind the faith that saved our ancestors in the past from despair, we too may still carry on in a like hope that the night will pass, and the dawn of a better day appear on the horizon.

M. I. C.

A UNITED LEADERSHIP

We in Bulawayo have long prided ourselves on the unity of our community, and in this connection many favourable comments have been made by visitors to our city, who have noted the completeness of our organisation, and the smoothness of its working, and the public spirit with which it is administered. We have indeed learned to prize this unity as our greatest asset, and it is manifest that without it, we could never have provided the abundant facilities which we enjoy in this distant and isolated spot. We have thus been able to absorb newcomers into our growing organisation, and to help them to adapt themselves to the life of the country which they have made their home.

It is especially in times of difficulty and crisis that we most learn to appreciate the importance of a unified and harmonious organisation. This happy state of things involves two conditions, which, however, are closely interconnected. On the one hand we need the loyal support of the members, and on the other hand a leadership that inspires and develops that loyalty. The latter is a vital condition of communal well being. In a vigorous young congregation such as ours, there must inevitably be differences of opinion and outlook. We know for instance how acute were the differences between Beth Hillel and Beth Sham-mai, yet the opinions of both were considered "the words of the living God," for both had one aim in view, the welfare of the people as a whole. And our Rabbis said that all organisations that were administered and governed in the name of heaven were destined to endure. That is the final test. Differences of opinion there must be, and such differences must lead to fruitful results as long as they are based on the one desire of service. If personalities are subordinated to the unity and wellbeing of the community, their very divergence makes for a fuller and richer life. It is in this connection that we need from time to time a warning word, and a note of caution. The very demand for public spirited participation in the affairs of the community involves a welcome to all whose ambitions lead them to strive for leadership in our administration. The more able men and women we can induce to come forward to serve, the better.

We have only the right to ask that the welfare of the whole shall govern their

aims and motives, and that personalities shall not be intruded into public life. Given that fundamental condition, the more the merrier. We want no Achilles sulking in his tent, and we do not desire to see able men keeping away from our public life because of considerations that have no place in the legitimate relations of the individual to the society of which he forms part. We are a democracy, all men have an equal vote, and the character of the leaders will sooner or later win them the confidence of the members. Such considerations of course apply everywhere and at all times, and we make no apology for drawing attention to what is a matter of such importance at the present time.

M. I. C.

FATHER RUNGE.

Our readers must have followed with interest the fortunes of the Society of Jews and Christians which has recently been started on the Rand. This society follows the lead of similar institutions in Britain and the United States. Enlightened Jews and Gentiles come together and discuss openly and frankly their differences and their common problems. Such open discussions of the acute issues of the day by men and women of goodwill is bound to lead to desirable results. Prejudice is most often due to misunderstanding and lack of mutual knowledge. The distinguished president of this society, Father Runge, is now on a visit to Rhodesia, and it is hoped that he may find time to address one or two meetings in this country on the aims and purposes of his organisation. Should he do so, he is assured of a great welcome among us. We have nothing to hide, and would welcome open discussion of current problems in a spirit of enlightened sympathy, seeking a path through knowledge to goodwill, which is the greatest, as it seems to-day the rarest, of human virtues and necessities.

We are glad to note that Mr. O. Kaufman has been appointed a member of the new economic commission that is to study how to further the economic development of this country. We are sure that his ability and expert knowledge will be no small asset to the commission.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM.

We have spoken elsewhere in this issue of the eternal spiritual values that have given its specific colouring to Jewish history, and afforded our sorely tried people a never failing source of courage and inspiration amidst trial and danger. When Herzl sought to base Jewish effort on modern political lines, he was opposed by many who emphasised the cultural essence of Jewish life. Events have brought about a synthesis of these two conceptions. And Dr. Weizmann himself, whose main work was of a political character, nevertheless fully appreciated the significance of the spiritual content of Jewish life. He was the beloved comrade and friend of Achad Haam, and one of his greatest achievements was the laying of the foundation stone of our Hebrew University at Jerusalem thirteen years ago.

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone of our Temple." Who could have believed that the so-called university, started thus humbly, and being built by a broken people in times of unparalleled stress and difficulty, could have made such wonderful strides. From the depths of the people came the love and the resources that were to build this great and growing structure. In every country of the world there are societies of "Friends of the University." They have already created a unique library, the greatest in the Near East, to which gifts come from men and women in all parts of the world. Steadily new professorships have been created. The number of students is ever rising. Research work of the greatest importance is being conducted by the scholars in the University. Jerusalem is already the greatest centre of Jewish scholarship in the world. A great hospital and medical faculty are rising on the slopes of Mt. Scopus. The archaeological department is already famous. Many eminent Jewish scholars forced into exile from Germany have found refuge and sanctuary in the new university. Even today the annual budget, cut down to its extreme limits, amounts to eighty thousand pounds a year. Hitherto the bulk of the funds have come from America, but we cannot depend on any one source. The people of Israel itself must build the centre of its intellectual and spiritual life. Only money

stands in the way of the ever more rapid development of this great institution, with which our future is inevitably bound up. There only our genius can flourish, and give to Israel and the world what we are able to give, to make our greatest characteristic contribution to human civilisation. At long last a society of friends of the University has been created in South Africa, though rich contributions have already been made by individual South African Jews to the University.

We recall with special pride that in the very earliest days of the University, the women of Rhodesia raised a thousand pounds and thus enabled our authorities to purchase the priceless Goldziher library for our University. We recall with pride that the late Mr. Weiner from his small means, left a sum of money for this great cause. But as a whole our community has failed to appreciate the vast importance of this institution. The University is asking for annual contributions of five pounds a year for the next few years. Mr. Kaufman has agreed to approach the public in this connection and has already started a collection.

We suggest that the women, who so splendidly inaugurated our work for the University, should take it up again, and should undertake to raise a specific sum throughout Rhodesia during the next few years for the University. They might work for some specific project, such as to endow a new professorship, or to provide scholarships for poor students, or some scheme that might be suggested by the heads of the University. If the Wizo societies of Bulawayo and Salisbury were to undertake this work, we feel convinced that they would meet with as great a success as did their sisters so many years ago, when the Community was small and poorer and less well organised than it is to-day.

M. I. C.

Mr. Shulman, the younger brother of our old friend Nat Shulman, ex-choirmaster of our Synagogue choir, is displaying energy and public spirit as Mayor of Ndola. We welcome this latest addition to the numerous Mayors we have given to Rhodesia.

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HENRY BURNS ELLENBOGEN.

Since the appearance of our last issue our little community has had to lament the death of many an old friend. We will not soon cease to mourn the early death of that lovable personality, the late Nathan Rabinovitch. And there are many others, whom we need not mention individually, but who have left bleeding hearts behind them, and a host of friends and admirers, and whose loss we all lament. To the dear ones left behind we offer our sincerest condolences. Time heals many wounds, and in the long run such men and women live on in a society made better by their presence; they, too, have joined the celestial choir of those "whose music is the gladness of the world." If we are, however, impelled to pay some more specific tribute to our dear old friend and comrade, Henry Ellenbogen, it is because he was one of the most conspicuous builders of our community. And though fitting expression was made to our sense of debt at the Memorial Service held at the Bulawayo Synagogue, we feel that this organ of Rhodesian Jewry as a whole could not let pass the wider opportunity which our columns offer of paying brief tribute to his memory.

We remember well that distant day when Mr. Jack Ellenbogen informed us that he was bringing over his young brother Henry to Bulawayo. We joined in welcoming the cheery youngster on his arrival. He had to work very hard at his business, but nevertheless he immediately threw himself whole-heartedly into the work of the young congregation of those days. He revelled in his public work, whether for the Shool or for the Zionist Society or the Idlers. By his never-ceasing loyal work and faithful service, he rose to the highest positions in our community, and his experience in our own institutions enabled him later to place his energies and abilities at the disposal of the general community.

We recall with appreciation his long services to the town and especially as Mayor of Bulawayo. His support could always be relied on for every worthy movement or cause. But he continued his Jewish work to the end, side by side with his general work as a citizen of this country. He was instinctively constructive in his outlook and always sympathetic and helpful. However busy he might be, one could always depend upon ready access to him, and be sure of

a kindly hearing, and of a readiness to help to the utmost of his ability. He was a generous giver, whether of time or of money. He was as ready to laugh at himself as at others, but always in a kindly way. He was incapable of malice or unkindness. And his wonderful gaiety and cheeriness were an index of a golden heart. And in his own home his loving spirit was most deeply evidenced, though he did not believe that charity either begins or ends at home. His wife loyally supported him in all his public work, and we deeply sympathise with her in her grievous loss. We trust that his son will resolve to follow in his father's footsteps, and to further the lustre of the name he has inherited. Mr. Ellenbogen was a self-made man. He won his position after many years of hard and thankless drudgery. And he continued to work to the end and to find happiness in that work. There is no other road to happiness or to honour, and Mr. Ellenbogen has especially deserved well of the young generation by his example. As a Jew and a man he has left an honoured name, and no man can do more.

The name of Henry Burns Ellenbogen will always be honoured in our midst; he was one of the creators of our community, and we sincerely trust that in good time some permanent memorial of him will be established among us.

M. I. C.

THE FORUM.

We are glad to welcome the forthcoming issue (April 4th) of what is bound to be a most important publication. A weekly S.A. Journal, competently edited and produced, and devoted to the interests of democracy and liberty, and opposed to Fascism, will supply a much felt want in this country. It will deal with all matters of interest to South Africa and Rhodesia, in a free and objective manner, and coming as it does just at this moment of crisis in the fortunes of democracy, it will be welcomed by all lovers of liberty, and not least by members of our own community, who have had so much to suffer from Fascist or semi-Fascist regimes. We hope that our community will provide many subscribers to this timely publication.

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IS THERE A SOLUTION?

BY E. P. BRADLOW, B.A.

Jewish history is a strange and tragic history. For two thousand years the Jews have existed as a unique people, scattered all over the world. Not a nation in the sense we usually understand that term, yet not of the same nationality of the people among whom they have dwelt. For two thousand years they have been hated and despised by almost the whole world. During most of this long period they have been denied the most elementary human rights of human beings, and frequently have been persecuted in the most savage and cruel fashion. The question which is dominating the minds of most thinking Jews to-day is whether this unhappy state of affairs can ever be ended. The attitude of mind which accepted Jewish suffering as natural and inevitable, is fast disappearing. To the young Jew of to-day it seems cold comfort to be told that "The Jews have always stood by the graves of their persecutors," if the descendants of these persecutors are to become his persecutors anew. The mere fact that we go on existing is not in itself a triumph: If we had indeed outlived persecution and attained freedom, the position would have been different. It is the lot of many peoples to have suffered for a cause which has eventually triumphed. Such a triumph makes past suffering seem worth while. The Jew, however, seems to have gained nought from all his suffering. All that he said is that it has not been possible to obliterate him. Is there any method by which the present unhappy position of the Jew can be bettered and his position among the peoples of the world normalised?

In the age which began with the French Revolution and ended with the coming of power of the Nazis in Germany, it did seem as if a solution of the problem had at last been found. It was an age when the middle classes were fighting for political rights. In this fight for rights it is only natural that the whole question of oppressed peoples should have been dragged into the light. The new political movement had as its foundation the granting of freedom of conscience to all men. Democracy where it came, emancipated the Jew, and it was confidently assumed that democracy would soon triumph over the whole world. The growth of tolerance, and with it the disappearance of anti-semitism, therefore seemed assured. Although in many parts of the earth persecution continued it was felt that it was merely a matter of time before the position would improve. It seemed inconceivable that in those countries where freedom had been granted that that freedom would ever be taken away.

Long, however, before the end of the epoch, it had been realised that the granting of civil and religious rights to the Jews did not end the Jewish problem. For the Jews continued to exist as a people apart and the Gentiles continued to look at them as such. Democracy did not end intolerance, it simply meets it unfashionably for the time being. The causes of anti-semitism are not easily analysed. One fact however seems clear, that the hatred of the Jew is not a hatred unique in its characteristics. The foreigner is never popular in any country. The foundation of anti-semitism is the dislike of the unlike," and it is probable that were any large body of foreigners living in any country and taking the same active part in the life of that country, as do the Jews in most countries, such foreigners

would incur a hatred very little different from anti-semitism. The emancipation of the Jew did not result in Judaism becoming only a religion. The Jews partly of their own accord, partly on account of Gentile prejudices, remained a separate people. Consequently hatred of them as unwanted foreigners persisted. Only the basis of the hatred was damaged. Religion no longer seemed a sound justification for persecuting them, but nationalism supplied the rationalisation for which the world was seeking. Race purity became the cry of the new centi-semite.

In despair, the Jews looked for a new solution of their problem; and there came into being political Zionism. Political Zionism had as its aim the ending of the abnormal position of the Jewish people by making them a nation similar to other nations. The basis of it was the abnormal position of the Jew exists because he is always living among strange peoples. Gather all the Jews together into one land, the Jews will become an ordinary nation and the problem will be solved. Unfortunately the founders of Zionism underestimated the practical difficulties involved in such a move. Although the Great War made possible the reopening of Palestine for Jewish settlement, nevertheless rapid disillusionment as to the possibilities of the Zionist movement were soon to follow. Internal and external difficulties have proved that Zionism can never be a solution for the Jewish problem. Neither the Jews themselves nor the British Government believe now that the Jewish problem can really be solved in Palestine. Some sort of spiritual centre may be eventually established there, which may in its turn reëlit in helping the Jews to continue to exist as a people. It will not, however, make life more tolerable for the millions of Jews outside its borders. The alleviation of their position is what is really sought, when we talk of a solution of the Jewish problem. Zionism for a long time now has been a narcotic to the Jews. It has dulled the sense of their suffering by raising in them a false hope. Narcotics are, however, dangerous and resolute men prefer facing realities.

The Jews then cannot live amongst others, and cannot live by themselves, for they have nowhere to live. It would seem as if the only way out of the impasse is for them to be absorbed by their neighbours. To those who think that the happiness of the individual should be the chief aim of life, this seems to be an end worth striving after. For Gentiles and Jews alike, this method would seem to be the best. Alas, this solution is also not practicable at the moment. The desire of the Jews to exist as people apart, and the Gentile hatred of the Jew makes such absorption impossible. It is possible, nay, more even probable, that had the Nazis not come into power in Germany, in Western European countries at least the Jews would have disappeared in time. The new anti-semitic movement has, however, increased both the internal and the external check to assimilation. The fanatical persecution in Germany has heightened Jewish self-consciousness throughout the world, and has also intensified anti-Jewish feeling throughout the world.

Facts must be faced even when they are unpleasant. Not facing a bitter truth does not lessen its bitterness. For the present generation of Jews

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CHASIDEI UMOTH HAOLAM.

The Late Major J. C. Brundell.

"The righteous of all nations have a share in the world to come." In these memorable words our Rabbis of old indicated their faith in the virtues of human nature as such. Our religion is based on the belief in the Unity of God and in the unity of man. At a time when Assyria and Egypt were the greatest powers in the world and their armies constantly threatened the very existence of the little Jewish kingdom, Isaiah of Jerusalem dared to prophesy thus: "In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, for that the Lord of Hosts hath blessed him, saying: Blessed be Egypt, My people, and Assyria the work of My Hands, and Israel Mine inheritance."

Not only did our Rabbi pay homage to the virtues of many nations, but history has afforded countless examples of the splendid attitude towards afflicted Israel of many great non-Jews. And daily life affords us constant evidence that humane kindness is a specific quality of no one people, but is the common property of countless individuals of all races and peoples.

We are tempted to such thoughts by the life of Major Brundell, who has just passed away to the grief of all sections of our community in this country. Natives, Indians, Chinese, Jews, and non-Jews, all alike lamented his premature decease. He filled with distinction for many years a hard and exacting office.

He was brought into constant association with all sorts and conditions of men, and often with those of a criminal or semi-criminal tendency. Yet he was not hardened. On the contrary, as the years passed, he rose superior to prejudice and intolerance, and learned to respect the genuine man to whatever section of the people he might belong.

Persecution has constantly driven us to seek refuge in more liberal lands than those in which we were born.

We have had perforce to seek advice and assistance from the heads of Immigration departments and in the nature of things

we were brought in close touch with Major Brundell. He was a most conscientious official, and duty was always primary and fundamental with him. But duty did not exclude justice and consideration and human sympathy. Major Brundell learned to know us well, and if we learned to appreciate his noble personality, nonetheless his friendship was no undeserved tribute to the essential qualities of our people in this country.

His fine example will inspire us all to unite in making our own maximum contribution to the general spirit of mutual goodwill in Rhodesia, believing as we do with him, that such a spirit is the condition of national wellbeing. If we lament his passing, nonetheless we glory in his fruitful life, and we join with all citizens in our profound sympathy with his widow. In paying this tribute, we would at the same time like to take this opportunity of expressing similar gratitude and appreciation for the services rendered to our own community and to the country as a whole by his devoted comrade and friend, Capt. Hammond. Public workers of their stamp do not expect gratitude and get very little of that rare commodity.

But it is our pleasure and privilege to express to-day our deep appreciation of the notable services of these splendid servants of the public. Their memory will not soon pass. And their work will abide and their memorial exist in the shape of a people whose ideals and standards they have so splendidly helped to create.

M. I. C.

At the funeral of Major Brundell, which was largely attended, the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation was officially represented, and one of the pallbearers was Mr. S. S. Grossberg, a former Treasurer of the Congregation. It is noteworthy that under the will of the late Major Brundell, Mr. S. S. Grossberg has been appointed executor. The will speaks in glowing terms of the bond of friendship which existed between the late Major Brundell and Mr. Grossberg, and "in memory of his sincere kindness and friendship" he is asked to accept from the estate a family heirloom which had originally belonged to the late Lord Mayor of York.

Guild Notes.

The Guild has continued its policy of arranging a dance every month and it is pleasing to note the excellent attendance at every one of these functions and it is also gratifying to the Committee to see the obvious enjoyment of members at these dances. Some feelings, however, have been expressed that a number of members seem to overlook the scope of these dances and of all Guild functions, which in the words of the constitution is "to promote social and intellectual intercourse amongst the Jewish people of Bulawayo and district." This reference is in connection with the tendency that has arisen lately of people arriving at dances in parties and dancing only with members of their respective party, which is certainly contrary to the spirit of the Guild. Whilst there is nothing against members coming with their more intimate friends, yet it would help the Committee considerably to promote the object of the Society if members did not confine their dancing only to those in their party, but showed a more sociable and friendly feeling towards others, particularly to those who have only recently joined the Guild.

We were pleased to welcome and entertain the Salisbury Guild cricket team and their supporters who were here for a few days during the Christmas holidays. "Our Sports Corner" will give full details of how we lost the Kaufman Cup, but one cannot help again stressing the importance of these inter-Guild encounters from the social point of view wherein an opportunity is afforded to members of the two communities to meet, form new contacts, exchange views, and thus help to establish solidarity between the two communities.

Dramatic Section.

The Dramatic Section are busy rehearsing a three-act comedy by Elmer Rice, entitled "See Naples and Die." The performance is due to take place on the 12th of April, and promises to be a great success. Miss Rose Rabinovitz is the producer.

Physical Culture.

The Guild is again experimenting with the formation of physical culture classes which, so far, have met with some success. The classes for ladies and gentlemen have been held regularly every Wednesday night for the last two months and a good deal of enthusiasm has been shown which it is

BULAWAYO YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY

During the last three months the Society has been fairly active, but attendances at our functions has fallen off considerably. Why is it that the young men and women do not display the slightest interest in our cultural work? We do not mind so much if they do not play the game with the society, but are they playing the game with themselves? We do not propose to tell a young person what to do with his or her spare time, and yet, is it so impossible to give up one evening per month to Young Israel? We do feel that we are entitled to some support, so what about giving us that support, you young people?

On the 15th December, in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of Achad Ha'am, a meeting was held. Mr. Pines gave us a masterly survey of Achad Ha'am's life and works, and his lecture was supplemented with reviews of the latter's essays by Miss H. Gerber and Mr. M. Gordon.

A Scavenging Party, though inadequately attended, provided plenty of fun, on the 21st December. The dance that followed, at Mr. M. Pines' house on the Khami road, proved most enjoyable.

Mr. Haig Kaplan, who attended the Habonim Camp at Lakeside, gave us his impressions in a "Camp Talk" on the 24th January. Besides explaining the camp routine, and commenting on personalities, Mr. Kaplan gave a very interesting account of the wonderful spirit that prevailed amongst the youth.

A departure from the usual cultural work was the Informal Dance and Social, held on 24th February. A large crowd, dancing until late, testified to the popularity of this function.

Our "Living Newspaper Evening" was again remarkable mainly for the deep thoughts cleverly expressed by our contributors through the medium of their papers. Those who took part were: The Misses E. Wolfe, H. Radowsky, H. Gerber, and Messrs. A. Sheen, H. Cowan, S. Fisher, H. Fawcett, M. Gordon and H. Baron.

The Study Circle has been going strong. As the centre for discussions, useful information and the dissemination of Jewish knowledge it is doing excellent work. On the 25th February the circle held a combined meeting with the Young Wizo. Members are reminded that the circle meets fortnightly, and are urged to join.

hoped augurs well for the future. The instructor is Capt. F. A. Bailey.

The Sports Sub-Committee are making arrangements for the Badminton season, which it is proposed to commence about the middle of April. The exact date will be communicated to members.

A Chess Section is in process of being formed and all those interested are asked to communicate with Mr. Loewenstein, c/o The Kaross and Curio Co., Main Street.

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Salisbury Notes

This is the time of the year when meetings are postponed because so many people are away, but most Societies keep up their usual activities. Apart from births, there have been no individual social events, and we gladly offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Perlmutter on the arrival of twin daughters, to Rev. and Mrs. Konviser, Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Rosin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lasovsky, to whom daughters were born.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Gladys Kirschner, the wife of Mr. L. Kirschner. The late Mrs. Kirschner had endeared herself to the younger set of married people and her unfortunate and untimely death was a great shock to us all.

Mr. J. Frankel is back again with us, and is busy putting up one of the nicest buildings in Salisbury. It is next to Meikles Hotel and apart from his wholesale house on the ground floor, will be occupied by companies and professional people. There has been much speculation in the paper recently as to the value of Mr. Frankel's concrete basement in air raids during the next war. Another welcome sign is the new building being built for Messrs. Landau Bros., Ltd., near the Post Office. Salisbury can do with some of the Landau energy; we have missed it for twenty years.

Most of us are looking forward to the visit of Cantor Berele Chagi, who proposes to give a concert here on the 20th March. The pupils of the Hebrew School produced a concert and Purim Play on March 12th, and there was excitement in many houses, with rehearsals, etc.

Zionist Youth.

The Constitution drawn up for this Society shows that it means business, and what is more they are doing good work along the right lines. In January a certain Mr. Montague Hey-What was charged in the Zionist Youth Correction Court before Mr. "Justice" J. Pichanick, with campaigning against and attacking maliciously, the Salisbury Zionist Youth. It was promised that the accused would get justice without mercy, and he got it!

Zionist Society.

In December a lecture given by Mr. S. Rabinowitz of Bulawayo was very well attended. Mr. Rabinowitz spoke on his personal experiences at the Zionist Congress. Altogether a very homely talk, and encouraging to those who cannot see for themselves what Congress is doing.

W.Z.O.

A seasonal function of this Society consisted of a fancy dress party for the children on December 19th, and as usual drew a crowd of children and mothers and fathers, mainly mothers, because fathers don't always think their child is entitled to first prize!

Miss S. F. Flaum of Palestine addressed the ladies at the cultural afternoon at Mrs. M. E. Kaplan's residence on December 23rd.

On October 28th a bazaar was held in the Guild Hall, when an enthusiastic crowd bought up all there was for sale. The result was a goodly addition to the Society's funds.

Other Societies.

This being the slack period, there is nothing of outstanding interest to report. The Benevolent Society, however, are occupied with matters which at times could not be considered as strictly within their sphere of activities. Unfortunately no other body is able to deal with such cases in our present state of local organisation. This society works anonymously, so few people are burdened with the worries attached to such matters.

Habonim Movement.

In another section will be found a report on local activities, but it is well here to voice the difficulties encountered by those in charge of the Rhodesia Contingent at the Lakeside Camp. As already known, the choice of the camping site was, to put it mildly, unfortunate. One allows for the difficulty of obtaining a site as near as possible to Muizenberg, yet it was asking too much, outside of wartime necessity, to settle down on vlei ground, right next to the lake. The discipline wants a lot of tightening up if our children are to respect their superior

SALISBURY NOTES (continued).

officers in these camps. A little more firmness by the controlling organisations way back home would have saved a lot of heart-burning at Lakeside. The conduct of our contingent was, as usual, good. It is, however, necessary to say that this particular year it was not 100%.

Jewish Guild.

The Annual Guild Dance was held on February 27th in the Guild Hall. Fortunately the rain held off, which enabled the courtyard to come into its own, in the form of an Italian garden, being tastefully lit.

On February 16th the annual table tennis tournament was played on the American tournament system. Mr. L. Harris proved the winner.

Our cricket team is fully occupied, having a match every week-end. We really must congratulate Mr. Jack Salomon and his men at the fine success of this team. Very few matches have been lost.

Owing to the continuous rains the tennis courts have been delayed, but our Bulawayo challengers can look forward to playing on our "home ground" in July.

Amongst the functions arranged for the future are a Treasure Hunt, Card Evening, Sports Night and Hat Debate. These are apart from a show stated to be a Television Night on Sunday, March 13th. This has only been made possible by the fortuitous circumstances that we have been able to engage the services of Mr. Normanio Pricelli, a disciple of the great Marconi.

Of late the Literary Section of the Guild have not been able to stage any important evenings. A Book Tea, succeeded by the General Meeting on the 8th December, and a talk was given by Miss Shulamith Flaum on the 22nd. A big function of a literary nature is projected to take place shortly.

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VISIT OF MR. E. KAPLAN.

Great interest was aroused by the visit to Bulawayo on the 8th ultimo, of Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, who was accompanied by Mr. N. Kirschner, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation. On the evening of his arrival Mr. Kaplan addressed a public meeting at the Jewish Memorial Hall, to which an exceptionally large audience was attracted.

"The present crisis," said Mr. Kaplan, "is not the first in our history. For forty years we worked under the Turkish regime and have had many ups and downs. At times we were regarded as dreamers, and our work was carried on under the most difficult circumstances. But we Zionists always knew—and this was often not clear to large numbers of Jews—that we were paving the way for a great future."

"The recent political upheavals in Abyssinia, Egypt and Syria had encouraged the Arab terrorist activities, which had now lasted for twenty-one months, and which had as their aims the destruction of our work and the stoppage of Jewish immigration. These aims have not been achieved. We yielded not one inch of our ground, because we realise that we are the bearers of the greatest gift given to the Jewish people, of the hope which they have cherished for the last two thousand years. This gift does not belong to us Zionist leaders, nor to the 450,000 Jews who inhabit Palestine at present. It is a trust which had been handed to us by the whole Jewish people, and for which we are responsible to future generations."

Turning to the more immediate issue of partition, Mr. Kaplan declared that the suggestion to partition Palestine was made by the Royal Commission on its own initiative and not, as is being rumoured in certain quarters, at anybody's suggestion.

"Our efforts have always been concentrated on selfless achievements and not on patriotic slogans. Nevertheless, there is a large section in our midst who have great faith in the proposed creation of a Jewish State, albeit in only a portion of Palestine. They believe that in every period we must look for the best way of translating our dreams into reality. The small territory which is offered to us under partition has great possibilities for the amelioration of present Jewish distress and for the establishment of a pillar of support for Zionist effort in the Near East."

Mr. Samuel Rabinowitz, who was in the chair, in extending a warm welcome to the visitors, said that Mr. Kaplan's authoritative opinion on the present-day position of the Zionist Movement was particularly welcome to South African Jewry.

Referring to Mr. Kirschner's visit, the chairman stated that it was the first time that Bulawayo Jewry had had the opportunity of welcoming the president of the South African Zionist Federation, and hoped that this would be the forerunner of other visits, thereby strengthening the contact between the Bulawayo Zionist Organisation and the Federation in Johannesburg. Mr. Rabinowitz also read a message from Mr. G. Kaufman, president of the Zionist Society, who was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Kirschner paid tribute to Bulawayo Jewry, who had always stood in the front ranks of Zionist effort in South Africa. As Rhodesians, the Jews of Bulawayo knew and appreciated the great adventure of opening up a young country.

"Not only the Jews," he added, "but the whole civilised world are faced with the great problem of consolidating our Jewish homeland, and it is our duty to display our constant loyalty and devotion towards the great regeneration of Jewry which Zionism represents."

On their arrival in Bulawayo on Tuesday morning, Mr. Kirschner and Mr. Kaplan were met at the station by representatives of the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation, and the Chovevi Zion Organisation. In the afternoon they attended a special meeting of the Zionist Committee, at which many important matters were discussed.

OBITUARY

Since our last issue, we have had to lament the decease of Mr. B. Jaffey, Mr. Dulberger, Mr. Ellenbogen, Mr. Urmann, Mrs. S. Chitrin and Mr. D. Kaplan. To all concerned we offer our heartfelt sympathy. Mr. Jaffey was a scholar and a very widely read man, and a most genial personality who was loved and admired by all who knew him. Mr. Kaplan was for a generation a pillar of orthodoxy in Bulawayo. He was a real Talmid Chacham, as modest and pious as he was learned. He was one of that band of men, among who was Zeidel Rabinowitz and Moses Weiner, whom we have, unfortunately, not been able to replace. His children and grandchildren will continue his fine tradition of public service. At the Shiva service at the house of Mr. Harry Chitrin, Mr. Cohen paid suitable tribute to Mrs. Chitrin's memory. The community is richer for the fruitful lives of all these personalities.

In this connection we would like to draw attention to the fact that people in Bulawayo have been, to say the least of it, remarkably self-effacing and modest in providing gifts to the congregation, that would serve as a permanent memorial of their departed ones. This cherished custom is much more amply followed in other places than it has been in this country. We might suggest that the enlargement of the Shool, which cannot much longer be deferred, and the starting of a Pension Fund, offer great possibilities in this connection. The library also needs to be continually enlarged. But the principle is the main thing, and this once established, the rest will follow automatically.

IS THERE A SOLUTION?

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there is no solution. They will have to do on living in their present anomalous condition. The worst fate may still be averted for many of them, but whether it is or not will not depend on themselves. They are not masters of their own destiny. Great world movements which they cannot control will determine their fates. One thing is certain however, that they will never know what it is to be really free.

What, however, of the future. Are all our descendants to continue as unwilling martyrs? All that is positive is that conditions in the world will again change. An improvement in the political and economic conditions of the world will again cause a subsidence of anti-semitic feeling. When that day comes possibly Jew and Gentile alike will work for the absorption of the Jew into the Gentile peoples. In this seems to lie the only hope for the future. The Jew has done his work. He has made valuable contributions to the world's store of knowledge. Weary and tired he is entitled now to disappear. This disappearance will not in any way lessen the value of his contributions.

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Examination Results.

The results of the various public examinations held last year are now available. Miss Ziona Cohen obtained distinctions in Hebrew in the Matriculation Examination. She was also awarded the Hebrew Exhibition for having come first in South Africa. Misses Naomi Cohen and Bernice Kaplan did well in Hebrew in the J.C. Examination and Judah Kiwelowitz has passed the final part of the Proficiency Test of the Board of Education.

Prize Distribution.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes and Barmitzva Certificates took place last Chanukah. On this occasion the Guild Hall was filled to capacity with parents and friends of the School. Mr. P. Landau, chairman of the Congregation, presided, and in a brief speech appealed to all present to assist the School by sending their children regularly. Mr. C. Gershtater submitted a report on the activities of the school and on the various examinations. Rev. M. I. Cohen addressed the audience and stressed the great importance of Jewish education at the present time. Mrs. P. Landau was then asked by the chairman to present the prizes and certificates. The following were awarded certificates and prizes:

Barmitzva Certificate: L. Nusbaum (1st Prize), E. Palte (2nd Prize), A. Graham, S. E. Lassman, S. Hassiner, S. Raizon, S. Middeldorf, M. Grossberg. **Scholarship for Pupil who passed Hebrew in J.C.:** Leah Rosenfeld. **Goodman Prize:** M. Bloch. **Prizes in Hebrew:** Bernice Kaplan, Naomi Cohen, A. Bloch, J. Kiwelowitz, Jack Brenner, Edward Solomon, Mendel Cohen. In the Junior Division the Kiddush Cup to the best pupil was awarded to Manfred Kaplan, and the 1st and 2nd prizes to Irvine Kaplan and Jurek Goldwasser respectively. A number of prizes were also distributed amongst distinguished pupils of the junior and preparatory standards.

The distribution of prizes was followed by a Chanukah programme given by the pupils of the School and Kindergarten. At the conclusion pupils of the School performed the ceremony of kindling the Chanukah-lights.

New School Year.

The new School year has opened with a record number of pupils. There are one hundred children on the register of our afternoon classes, 22 in the Kindergarten and 30 in the Sunday School. The services of a second male teacher are now urgently required and we are eagerly awaiting the appointment of a new Cantor.

The classes have been completely re-arranged at the beginning of the present school-year, and a new syllabus is now in use in the first three standards. For many years past we have been guided by the Syllabus of the South African Board of

Education. This syllabus was compiled some ten years ago and we felt that it was somewhat out of date. For the past few years strenuous efforts have been made by Hebrew educational experts in the United States to provide sets of suitable text books for English-speaking children. These books, published by the Board of Education in Chicago, which embody the latest methods in the teaching of languages, have now been introduced in our school at a considerable expense. The teachers keep a regular chart showing the individual progress of every child and the Headmaster will at all times be glad to furnish parents with the necessary information as to the achievement of their children.

Text-books have also been introduced in the Scripture Classes from Standard 4 upwards. In these classes the children are now given regular tests and written work on Scripture and History. A new Scripture Class has been started in the Coghlan School.

IMPORTANT DATES.

On the 25th of March, 1900, Rev. Cohen arrived in Bulawayo. He has therefore just completed his 38th year with us.

In August, 1894, the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation was established. We shall soon have to consider plans for the worthy celebration of our Jubilee. This year the Anglican Church are extensively celebrating the Jubilee of their missionary enterprise in this country. We may gain some ideas from this celebration.

One of the first matters to receive attention should be a compilation of the history of our congregation. Our readers will no doubt have many more suggestions to offer.

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THE INTER-GUILD CRICKET MATCH.

The defeat of the local Guild Team by the Salisbury Guild on the 26th December last caused surprise and disappointment in our local sporting world. The surprise was occasioned through the confidence of the Bulawayoites and their premature conclusion that the Salisburyites would leave without the cup and with their tails between their legs. The disappointment became intensified when the cup was actually seen on the other side of the fence and, coupled with the triumphant jubilation of their opposition, their feelings dropped a point below zero.

Salisbury well deserved their victory and showed every indication of being the better team, while Bulawayo, who actually can boast of a first-class side, made a very poor display of their abilities on this day of days.

Despite the fact that the day previous had indicated a wet week-end, the match opened in brilliant sunshine, giving promise of a very enjoyable game.

Bulawayo won the toss and elected to bat first, hoping that a downpour would later give Salisbury a wet wicket. Basil Thal and Solly Barnet (capt.) opened the innings and faced the dynamic bowling of Messrs. Harris and Ellenbogen. The accurate deliveries of these two gentlemen soon caused Thal to abdicate. This was a heavy blow. Mr. Joe Baron promised a different kind of rule. He added 18 hectic runs to the score board before he was persuaded to leave. Mr. H. Barnet, of the Barnet clan, then partnered his brother. Through some misunderstanding S. Barnet was run out before he had even had an opportunity to face the bowling, thereby causing an outcry and confusion in the house of Barnet.

The fall of this latter Bulawayo star caused much jubilation in the Salisbury ranks. The brothers Norman Thal and Leslie Thal followed brother Basil Thal to the pavilion, where they licked their wounds in company with Solly Barnet, who awaited brother Hymie Barnet. Hymie, however, played a restrained innings for his 24 not out. H. Grevlar treated the spectators to some excellent hitting, which appeared to

give certain enthusiasts the impression that he was in a baseball trance. His fall for a rapid 25 runs commenced a rot which found Bulawayo all out for 91.

The bowling honours were shared by Harris, who took 4 wickets for 28, Ellenbogen with 3 for 37, and Bersen 2 for 5.

Saltzman and Bersen opened Salisbury's innings and treated the bowling with great respect. This partnership was beginning to appear to be a permanent one when Bersen departed to a fine catch by Norman Thal in the slips. Gruber's short visit was replaced by Harris, who now partnered Saltzman in a useful session which Norman Thal brought to a close with a brilliant catch. The score board at this stage registered 74. Following Saltzman's departure, Leslie Thal brought in a hot catch from Harris and Salisbury, with 85 runs to be proud of, looked like beating Bulawayo by an innings. Bulawayo, however, treated the spectators to a display of fielding which not only looked pretty and called forth applause, but most effective in keeping the score board calm. Backed by this exceptional fielding, in which Norman Thal was outstanding, Salisbury were dismissed for 98 runs, at which Bulawayo's partisans again took heart—but not for long.

The most successful bowler on the Bulawayo side by Joe Baron, taking 4 wickets for 12 runs. Norman Thal dispatched 2 for 19 runs, Hymie Barnet 1 for 9, and Leslie Thal 3 for 27.

At three o'clock Bulawayo again took to the field, but with no better success than in the first innings. Harris was bowling at his best and was most effective. Joe Baron, using a long handle, hit up a fast 29, followed by a similar exhibition by N. Thal, who also scored 29. The only other two batsmen to reach double figures were Basil Thal with 16 and Leslie Thal 14. The final total showed 105 to Bulawayo's credit, after a poor and disappointing display by the batsmen who followed the beaten track. Harris bowled well and his easily-acquired habit of taking wickets gave him 6 wickets for 44, and Bersen took the leavings, disposing of 4 wickets for 20 runs.

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SALISBURY.

OUR SPORTS CORNER.

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Salisbury were now left with the apparently easy task of compiling their first innings total of 98. Their second innings opened badly and with a score of 23 for two wickets, added to which a display of keenness and clean sporting rivalry showed signs of the match ending with an exciting note.

The inevitable Harris, together with Ellenbogen, came to the rescue, gradually piling up the runs until the required total was passed without further casualties. The Bulawayo fielding was quite as keen as in the first innings, though it suffered one or two lapses, during which dropped catches sealed the issue. Salisbury won by 5 wickets, giving them the Kaufman Cup for the second time.

Although the match ended in one day, it was an exceptionally fine game, during which, at times, the cricket reached a high standard. Both sides showed a weakness in batting, particularly in the tail-enders, and to this department of the game they should give most attention.

TENNIS.

Now that the League Tennis season is at an end it is interesting to observe that Parkview topped the log of the Men's Second League. The Women's League, although not on top of the log, have done quite well considering that most of the "top notchers" were absent during the summer holidays.

Parkview's first annual tournament came to a very successful conclusion recently. Whilst all the tennis clubs in Bulawayo were lamenting the lack of enthusiasm in their annual tournaments, be they club or open, Parkview had a record number of entries in all sections. The smooth running of the tournament was due to the energy of Mr. Chas. Whiteson, the tournament secretary. The finals took place on the 27th February in the presence of a big crowd of spectators and representatives of various tennis clubs. The catering was in the capable hands of Mrs. W. Kaplan, and the prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. Archie Landau (wife of the Chairman).

The tennis played throughout the tournament was of a high standard and Parkview is to be congratulated on its successful tournament. The club is the proud possessor of beautiful trophies thanks

to the sporting generosity of some of its members. At the conclusion of the tournament a presentation was made to Mr. Chas. Whiteson in appreciation of the hard work he put in as tournament secretary.

Saturday afternoon socials still continue to attract large attendances, and all four courts are kept going from 2 p.m. till after sunset. Rumour has it that a fifth court is to be built in the near future. This would serve to relieve the congestion considerably.

The following are the first champions of the Club:—

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By including this article on tennis, the Editor hopes to assure the Guild of a new crop of players who will be able to acquit themselves, if not better than, then at least as well as those who this year managed to carry away with them every prize the Parkview Club had to offer.

In this short article the writer has only time to deal cursorily with the subject. In many respects he does not agree with the more orthodox methods employed by the professional exponents of the game. His theory is that the player should be allowed naturally to develop his own particular style, provided of course, it is not as bad as that of the writer himself.

The Court: Generally speaking a rectangle consisting of base lines, side lines, tram lines and hard lines. The actual size is of little importance as the beginner will find that no court has yet been made large enough to fit more than one very small rally at a time.

Equipment: (1) The Racquet: The beginner is advised not to incur the expense of buying a racquet till he has begun to master the game, so for the first eight or nine seasons he should borrow one. A good way of choosing a racquet is first to see that the frame is well warped, this will add variation to your shots and greatly confuse your opponents. To test: take a tennis ball and try to pass it through the largest hole in the stringing, if it passes through this, mark the handle on that side of the racquet with a cross, then use the other side of the racquet when playing.

(2) The Ball: The Parkview Tennis Club after exhaustive tests has proved that the red ball is best suited for this country. Nevertheless they have decided to continue to use the white ball in the meantime until the British Lawn Tennis Association formally acknowledges their findings. However, for all practical purposes any good ball fairly round in shape will do. To grade tennis balls, take on in your hand and place it between the thumb and first finger, then apply pressure. If the ball bursts then it is said to have been a "hard" ball, if the two sides meet, then it is termed a "soft" ball and should only be used for serving with—but don't let your opponents use it.

General: There is only one hard and fast rule that the writer would insist on and that is **keep your eye on the ball.** Strangely this is harder to do than it at first appears. Practice hitting the ball without looking at the position of your opponent and remember that you can study the cut of a divided skirt better in the pavilion than on the tennis court.

Last Words. No two champions play alike, each has his own style of stroke to which his game is particularly adaptable. Compare the Double Preconitortory Tobychoy with the Charlie Chatter Netchoy or the Hetty Forcing Tangential with the Helen Eradicator. Each of these shots is peculiar to the individual, and has been evolved not through text books but by allowing the player's tennis personality to develop naturally. Other shots that are worth looking out for and comparing are the Louis Angel Kisser, the RKD Swashbuckler, the Willie Inextinguishable Perpetuator, and many others. One visit to the Parkview Club on a Saturday afternoon will convince the reader that it takes

YOUNG W.I.Z.O. NOTES.

This report embraces a period of six months of the Society's activities.

Members of the Young W.I.Z.O. were entertained at the residence of Mrs. Chasen on 5th September, 1937, when Miss Sadie Chasen acted as hostess. A good attendance and a homely atmosphere, helped to make this a very successful function. Items on the programme arranged were listened to most appreciatively.

Miss Zimmerman, of Cape Town, on a visit to Miss Ena Cohen, delighted the audience with a number of humorous sketches which marked her as no mean elocutionist; Miss Mary Fisher's singing (accompanied by Miss B. Fisher) was also very much enjoyed, while Miss Ena Cohen's pianoforte solos were skillfully rendered.

This very pleasant evening terminated with the dancing of the Hora in which all joined.

The next function was that held at the residence of Mrs. Kollenberg on 20th October, 1937, when Miss Eileen Kollenberg acted as hostess.

New Items and master builders (included in all programmes) were followed by a very interesting and instructive lecture by Dr. Rose Sugerman. Miss A. Aberman in thanking Dr. Sugerman on behalf of the Young W.I.Z.O. voiced the desire that she would again address us on some future occasion.

At the society's second annual general meeting which was held in the Guild Hall on 30th November, 1937, a sum of £100 was handed over to the Senior W.I.Z.O. as a contribution to the Rabbi Meir Berlin Campaign. The doll given by Mrs. Abbie Marks was raffled and won by Rev. A. Weinberg. The proceeds of this raffle went to make up the above sum.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President: Mrs. S. G. Kaplan; Vice-President: Mrs. Lily Fredman; Treasurer: Miss J. Z. Salomon; Secretary: Miss M. Boyer; Assistant Secretary: Miss A. Aberman; Committee: Misses T. and B. Solomon, M. Wolfe, C. Margolis, F. Shawzin, E. Kollenberg, S. Chasen.

The society went into recess over the period of December owing to the holiday season and the fact that many of its members would be away.

The first function after this break was held at the home of Misses Eveline and Miriam Wolfe. Miss Branda Aronson, a newcomer to Bulawayo, delighted us with her pleasant and chatty account of Art Clubs, and some of the character sketches of the personalities who attend them were very amusing. En passant, it was pleasant to note the number of younger members who are beginning to take an interest in this society.

To all those ladies who have kindly placed their houses at the disposal of the society during the course of the year, we tender sincere thanks. A feeling of homeliness is thus created which cannot be inspired by a dreary hall.

Finally congratulations are extended to various members on the occasion of their marriage.

MIRIAM BOYER,
Hon. Secretary.

several types of tennis to make a social afternoon, and he will understand that at Parkview at least, they are not sausage machine players, but each player is an individualist who delights in demonstrating his own particular and inimitable style.

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A NEW CHAZAN AND TEACHER IN BULAWAYO

The unit of Jewish organisation is the local congregation. Historical conditions have made and unmade Jewish communities in all parts of the world. As they have risen in response to external conditions, so their particular structure and colouring has been due to the pressure of the environment. In the Gosh there could not be that free creative and continuously progressive process of upbuilding which for its full fruition demands an independent Jewish country. If then there has been an element of transitoriness about our communal organisation, nevertheless it is strange how comparatively little scientific thought has been given to the essential character of the local community.

We have had little scientific "Town Planning" in this connection. There is little agreement as to the qualities to be expected from our officials. A Shochet or Chazan may style himself "Reverend," and little effort is made to see that men, who to a certain extent have it in their power to compromise our good name, shall have received such a training and be possessed of such a character as to ensure that they are fitted to exercise this power in a worthy fashion. And whereas in larger communities the offices of Rabbi, Chazan, Shochet, Teacher and Mohel are filled by different individuals, there is no accepted general definition of the qualities required by these different individuals, so as to ensure that as far as possible they shall be qualified not merely technically, but shall generally be constructive forces in the communal life. In smaller centres officials in the nature of the case must fill a variety of offices. There, for instance, it is impossible to appoint a man who is only a Chazan. But if he is to fill other positions also, some sort of compromise becomes necessary, as to the relative importance of the various offices he is called upon to fill. In many cases the bulk of the community only attend school on the High Holidays. On the other hand the children have to be taught every day. It is clear therefore, that, speaking generally, and with due regard to the importance of each office, it is preferable to have a good teacher who is a less gifted Chazan, than a good Chazan who is an indifferent teacher. Even in a Chazan we have to consider, not merely his musical abilities, but whether his public spirit and enthusiasm and character are likely to render him a valuable communal asset. A teacher who makes a success of his Hebrew classes, introduces Hebrew speaking, and communal Hebrew singing, must be a very valuable asset to any community.

Each official, therefore, should be chosen with a view to his general constructive value to the communal organisation. As unity is our greatest asset and necessity, any official who is likely in any way to endanger that unity is ipso facto unsuitable to hold communal office. It is such considerations as these that necessarily must guide the Jewish community in Bulawayo in choosing a new official. The Hebrew classes stand in immediate need of a thorough reorganisation and the needs of the younger generation must always be paramount in leading us to a choice between different candidates for the vacant position. Whether we have to choose a teacher or a Shochet or a minister, the same considerations

SALISBURY HABONIM NOTES. (GEDUD BIALIK)

The period under review commences with the return of the local contingent from the Lakeside camp.

Upon their happy faces was marked the beneficial effect of the glorious days in the sun. Their smiles served to stimulate us to a realisation of what we had missed and our envy awakened a resolve to make a definite date for the next camp.

Through these columns we would like to thank the headquarters staff and all those who took part in the arrangements and the running of the camp for the excellent results both physically and culturally, which they have produced.

The Council met prior to the official commencement of the work, and it was the unanimous opinion that Habonim would be placed on a sounder footing this season mainly through the training which our older fellows had received at camp.

The entire Gedud was rearranged at the commencement, the following promotions and appointments being made: G. Court to Segan, J. Schwartz, L. Lewenstein and A. Graham to Roshe Kevutzah. It is obvious that the New Year brought with it many resolutions, as the Roshim has already found their hands full of eager Bonim, who have made an early start on the Madrigal Shniyah tests.

A marked increase in the numbers of the Hashlim is noted, and it is evident that the call for recruits has been answered. Definite steps are being taken by Rosh Goldman, who has the matter in hand, to place this important branch of the movement on a sound footing. All boys between the ages of eight and twelve are invited to our meetings on Sunday mornings.

Segan-Bakoah Harris has been present at the recent meetings in order to inspire and assist the Bonim in their attempts to pass the tests. A marked interest has since been shown by these Bonim in the work that is being done.

As soon as the weather improves we shall start preparations for a week-end camp. In the meantime we are busy making arrangements for the visit of the Bulawayo Gedudim. The local Roshim are even thinking of a Provincial Haggadah; we hope this will materialise.

apply. And particularly in these critical times, one cannot exercise too great care in such choice. The character of a whole generation depends to no small extent on the character of its spiritual leaders. "Like priest like people"—for good or for ill. We welcome therefore the evidence of care and caution that are being displayed by the leaders of the Bulawayo Jewish community in selecting its new official. We have no doubt that equal care will be given to the question of arranging the terms and conditions of his appointment.

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VISIT OF MR. ENGBERG.

Mr. N. Engberg, official propagandist of the Zionist Federation, has visited Rhodesia during the present month, and addressed a number of meetings in Bulawayo, Salisbury and Gwelo.

The first meeting was held under the auspices of the Bulawayo Chovevi Zion. Mr. Engberg delivered a spirited discourse on "The Partition of Palestine." His address was followed by a discussion and numerous questions were asked by members of the audience to which the speaker responded. Mrs. S. G. Kaplan was in the chair.

On Sunday, 20th instant, Mr. Engberg was the chief speaker at a Trumpeldor Memorial Evening arranged by the Zionist Youth of Bulawayo. In addition to Mr. Engberg, addresses were delivered by Mr. Haig Kaplan, S. Gotz and the Rev. M. I. Cohen. Mr. S. Pines offered a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Mr. Engberg also addressed a meeting in Gwelo at which Mr. M. Jacobson, M.P., presided. After the speech a number of questions were answered by Mr. Engberg.

In Salisbury Mr. Engberg addressed a meeting arranged by the Zionist Society. The speaker discussed the question of co-operation between the Yishuv and the Galuth and the significance of the Shekel. He also addressed a meeting of the Salisbury W.Z.O. presided by Mrs. Rosin. At all meetings questions were put to the speaker by members of the audience, to which he suitably replied.

Mr. Engberg is now busy touring the smaller centres of the Colony. On his return, it is hoped, he will address the W.Z.O. and the Hebrew-Speaking Circle.

LORD LLOYD AND THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Lord Lloyd's plea for the Navy League is unanswerable. We hope our community will support the league in large numbers. We are glad to note that Mr. O. Kaufman has become one of the vice-presidents of the league.

Lord Lloyd paid a well deserved tribute to the work in this country that has been done by Sir Edmund Davis. The visit of the latter has certainly stimulated public confidence in the future of Rhodesia.

CONCERTS OF BERELE CHAGY.

Large and enthusiastic audiences attended the concerts given by Cantor Berele Chagy and Mr. Hyman Sachs during the Purim week. The programmes consisted of a well selected variety of folk-songs, modern songs and opera arias. Cantor Chagy responded to the enthusiasm of the audience by giving one encore after another. His beautiful interpretation of Jewish music, which is not often heard in Bulawayo, will long be remembered by all present. Mr. Hyman Sachs has proved himself an accomplished pianist and his solos were enthusiastically received.

Cantor Chagy officiated at the Synagogue on Friday night. The brightly lit and crowded Shool presented a festive appearance and a large congregation listened with rapt attention to his solemn rendering of the Service.

At the conclusion of the second concert in Bulawayo a number of enthusiasts arranged an informal banquet in honour of the performers. Speeches were delivered by Rev. M. I. Cohen, Messrs. C. Gershtater, S. Gotz and B. Winik. All speakers stressed the great educational value of Mr. Chagy's visit which serves to stimulate an interest in our national and folk music. In replying to the speeches Mr. Chagy dealt with the development of Jewish music. He thanked all those who have extended to him their hospitality during his stay in Bulawayo, and hoped that our community would maintain a keen interest in the great treasures of Jewish music.

THE GUILD CHESS SECTION.

Members of the Guild who know and love the game of chess will welcome the decision of the committee to create a chess section. In addition to providing facilities for chess players it is also intended to encourage our younger members to take up the game, and for their benefit I should like to say a few words on the subject.

Chess is a very noble and exacting game. The player is obliged to bring to the fore every ounce of intelligence, sense of strategy and initiative. It is an art and a science, as well as a game. It stimulates all the mental faculties of the player and helps to sharpen his brain. Though it is not easy to learn chess quickly I hope that many of our young people will take it up and find it a delightful pastime. Incidentally, of all arts and sciences chess has not yet been invaded by the fair sex and so far we have not yet heard of a woman winning a chess championship. With the help of our section, Bulawayo will per-

haps provide an exception to this rule.

The chess section will meet every Wednesday night, and special facilities are provided for beginners. All interested should communicate with the undersigned.

E. LOEWENSTEIN.

EXAMINATION RESULTS AND AWARDS.

In the recent J.C. Examination, Rachel Menashe, of Salisbury, obtained first place in Rhodesia among the girls who won Beit Scholarships, and Rachel Alhadeff third place. Naomi Grace Cohen was placed ninth and Annette Baldachin tenth.

Among the boys Mervyn Lasovsky was placed seventh. We obtained eight first classes, seven second classes and six third classes at this examination. At the Matric, we obtained two firsts, three seconds and three thirds. Ziona Cohen won distinctions in mathematics and Hebrew and obtained a Beit Scholarship, also the S.A. Scholarship for first place in Hebrew. Mr. Lennie Favish won a Beit Scholarship of £100 and Mr. Raymond Rabinowitz a Government Bursary.

We also obtained two third class School Leaving Certificates.

Dr. Willie Gordon completed his medical course at the Cape and has begun practice at the Salisbury Hospital. Mr. Hymy Baron has completed his dental course at the Wits, and is going overseas for further study. Charelick Salomon scholarships have been won by Mr. J. Meltzer, Mr. Jacobson, of Gwelo, and Mr. Comyns.

The following marriages have taken place in Bulawayo since our last issue: Mr. A. H. Ralstein and Miss Daphne Rubenstein, Mr. L. Wolferman and Miss Betty Weira, Mr. B. Bloom and Miss D. Gordon, Mr. H. Mandelstam and Miss J. Favish, Mr. S. Kohn and Miss N. S. Hoffmann, Mr. M. Rosin and Miss P. Aberman. To all concerned we offer our most cordial congratulations and best wishes.

We also offer our hearty congratulations to the Masters Jack Cohen, Mark Grossberg and David Rosenfeld on their Barmitzvah. We trust that many more Simchas will take place among us in the near future.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Celia Margolis and Mr. L. H. Stern, Miss Ruth Blumberg and Mr. S. Jacobson, to Miss Thelma Sussman and Mr. H. Eliasov, to Miss Salomea Ankier and Mr. Oscar Lowenstein whose respective engagements have been announced recently.

BULAWAYO HABONIM ACTIVITIES.

GEDUDIM: KINNERET AND AKIBA.

During this month we received a visit from the Zionist Youth Delegation—Messrs. Dave Dunsky and Walter Cohn, who were accompanied by Mr. Sam Fisher, President of the Young Israel Society.

Mr. B. S. Leon, of Salisbury, also visited us—he is interested in the movement and we feel sure he will prove of utmost value to it.

The eve of 11th December, 1937, found forty happy Bonim and Bnot entraining for Lakeside in charge of the Ba-kochav of Rhodesia, Mrs. S. G. Kaplan and Rosh Haig Kaplan. The Salisbury contingent joined us.

After a very exciting journey we arrived in Cape Town on Tuesday morning, the 14th December, and were met by Rosh Adela Aberman, who was already down there on leave.

The official opening of the camp took place on Sunday, the 19th December. This was most impressive and we were very pleased to see so many Rhodesians amongst the visitors present. Special mention must be made of the addresses delivered to us by Rabbi Abraham and His Worship the Mayor of Cape Town.

After some lovely camp days we entrained for Rhodesia again on the eve of the 14th. The journey back was hot and tiring but we never tired of talking of camp and singing all the songs we had learned. We arrived back on Monday, the 17th, very happy and excited to see our parents and friends again but very sorry that camp days were over for another year. We came back in the charge of Rosh Haig Kaplan and record our thanks most sincerely to our Ba-kochav for having taken us all and Rosh Haig Kaplan for bringing us back safely.

The first meeting of the year took place on Sunday, the 30th January, 1938. We were all welcomed back and also the new members and the Shitlim who had flown up. Practically the entire meeting was spent in sorting out the new members and reorganizing the Kevutzot slightly, studying the new handbook and talking of camp events and songs, breaking into Hebrew songs spontaneously.

We held a very interesting Gedud Debate on Sunday, the 20th. The subject was "Is the Kevutzot system the ideal method of running the Gedud?" Both sides raised very good points. The Kevutzot system being the ideal method easily won the day. Work continued as usual and Mr. Z. A. Liscov, of Oudtshoorn, gave us a very inspiring lecture and also taught us three very pretty new Hebrew songs. He showed keen interest in our movement.

On the 13th we were honoured with a visit by a fellow Ba-coach from Lancashire, England, in the person of Mr. N. Engelsberg. Mr. P. Landau and Mr. O. Kaufman also visited us and we were pleased to have them with us, also Rosh Jossey Goldman who was down from Salisbury for the day.

Mr. Engelsberg spoke in a very touching manner and we let each one of his words sink into our minds as they held so much meaning. He gave us some sound suggestions for improvement and these will readily be adopted. He then taught us some new ways of playing games and these methods will be adopted in the future.

Miss Una Gelman, the Shatalt, is progressing very well with her small band and as a new syllabus

MR. A. M. SCHULMAN.

In connection with our article on the participation of Jews in the musical life of Bulawayo, a correspondent draws our attention to the omission of the name of Mr. A. M. Schulman, of Nkana, who was at one time the outstanding musical figure in Bulawayo. During the 11 years between 1906 and 1917 Mr. Schulman participated in every effort to raise the standard of music in this town. He was director and conductor of the Bulawayo Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society and in this capacity helped to produce most of the Gilbert & Sullivan Operas and was responsible for the orchestration of several of these operas, the parts being difficult to obtain in those days. He also served as honorary choir-master and organist to the Synagogue.

No concert or musical function was complete without him. He was appointed accompanist to the first eistedfodd held in Bulawayo and was for a number of years conductor of the Palace Theatre.

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After seven years' hard work, Mr. Cecil Jacobs has resigned the chairmanship of the above society. The new president, Mr. Cox, stated that "The success of their Club and League was in a great measure due to Mr. Jacobs." Mr. Jarvis spoke of the work done behind the scenes by Mr. Jacobs, to whom they owed their present building.

Mr. Jacobs is taking a very active part in the work of the new and important Rhodesian Steel Co.

We are glad to be able to announce that Father Runge, the chairman of the very successful Society of Jews and Christians in Johannesburg, has very kindly promised that on his next visit to Rhodesia, he will address meetings in Bulawayo and Salisbury on the work of this society.

Mr. Salmon is making a very successful canvass in Bulawayo on behalf of the Forum. The Prime Minister, Mr. Huggins, has kindly agreed to become a subscriber, and if he finds time, will also, at the request of the Editor, write an article on "Rhodesian Native Policy" for this important publication.

We trust that the Shekel campaign in Rhodesia will break all records. Willing and enthusiastic workers are still wanted to bring about this result. Mr. Engelsberg is conducting an able and energetic propaganda campaign in Rhodesia. In Bulawayo he has already addressed an animated meeting, and presided at a Trumpeldor Neebhe, and will also address the Wizaad Young Israel and possibly a meeting of the Literary Circle.

is in the making we hope to see Shitlim well advanced shortly. A large number have flown up but new ones have joined to take their places.

It is regretted that at present the Shomrot section is not active, but it is anticipated having a complete reorganisation of this section and we hope to restart again shortly.

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