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Transformation in a newspaper or periodical is a sign of development, hence the change of name from "Our Chronicles" to "The Maitland Echo". It is our intention to issue this publication on the first of each month. By having monthly issues instead of fortnightly we shall be able to increase the number of pages as there will be more time and more material. And in this connection we expect to find a little more interest shown by members in making contributions such as short stories, letters or anything else suitable for publication.

"The Maitland Echo" will be published in its present form so that readers will find it easy to slip into their pockets and read in their spare time.

Transformation is progress. This is your own newspaper. Support it.

SHIMCHAS TORAH 5699.

Shimchas Torah this year was accompanied by the usual joviality and discussions on how to distribute chocolates. There was however one deviation from the usual procedure which makes this year stand out above all others. We refer to the precedent which was set when the Juniors were addressed in Hebrew instead of in English as has been the custom in the past. This is a most reassuring fact and only strengthens the belief that Hebrew, which already is a living language, will soon be used by all Jews in their daily discourse. The complete renaissance of Hebrew in the near future, is daily becoming more obvious, and it is therefore wise to repeat a note of warning sounded in a recent editorial - "let us meet the modes of the

future armed with a knowledge of our own language".

YESTERDAY.

On the 17th September, our Society held its Annual Dance at the Maitland Town Hall. It was gratifying to note that there was a good attendance of members. The general opinion is that it was a social success. As far as finance is concerned, we have as yet no accurate account; but the prospects seem fairly good.

The usual ping-pong gatherings on Tuesday nights, and also the fortnightly functions were not held owing to the Yomtavim.

The Green & Sea Point Jewish Guild celebrated their Society's 10th Birthday on the 22nd and 23rd October. Each society sent delegates, the Misses B. Gootman and L. Jacobson and Messrs. J. Fish and B. Kaufman represented us. On Saturday evening a social was held. On Sunday morning a Council meeting took place, after which the delegates proceeded to Hout Bay for lunch, and spent the afternoon there. A concert, staged by the Green & Sea Point Jewish Guild on Sunday evening, brought an enjoyable week-end to a close.

On Sunday 30th October, a Black-out night was held in the Talmud Torah Hall.

TO-DAY.

The Keren Hayesod committee have already sent out their collector to Maitland, and most of our members have by now started paying their instalments on their pledge to the fund.

The number of Menorah subscribers in our area now stands at twenty-six.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday night socials will now recommenced with a greater variety of attractions.

On Sunday the 6th November, a Flannel Dance will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall. The charge will be: Gentlemen 2/-, Ladies - Free. The proceeds will be donated to the Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

Myer Kramer, our Menorah commissioner, will soon be visiting those members who have not yet subscribed to the Menorah. Remember it is our paper and is entitled to your support.

SOCIETY SOCIAL SKITS.

Reactions to our Rosh Hashonah Number.

It must be easy to fast if you come to Shul at twelve minutes to one. At least Dave Kramer thinks so, or did he have some other reason for coming at that time, e.g. a female.

So the Sphinx is going great guns with the partner he had at our dance. Nice work Gus. You can also come to Shul at twelve minutes to one next Yom Kippur.

How did Porky Levin manage to refrain from his

favourite game during the Yomtavin? Or didn't he?

Pauline Katzenellenbogen has moved to Town. She is still our vice-chairlady and is continuing to take an active interest in our Society.

Who was the lady in white whom Jack Kramer was trailing at Munitz's Barmitzvah?

Birthday greetings go to Ray Munitz, who has just turned seventeen and Wolfie Fish who was born twenty years ago. Bessie Gootman also celebrated her twenty-first last month.

The men are still discussing who was the most attractive woman in Shul. Kindly send suggestions to

The Wandering Jew

DO YOU KNOW. - - - - - - by JACO.

- (1) That Succoth (The Feast of Tabernacles) lasts nine days?
- (2) That the eighth and ninth days are respectively called; Shemini Atzeres (The eighth day of Solemn Assembly) and Simchath Torah (The Rejoicing of the Law)?
- (3) That on the latter day the one year cycle of the Reading of the Pentateuch is completed and resumed?
- (4) That this Festival commemorates the wanderings of the Israelites in the Desert of Sinai, following their Exodus from Egypt?
- (5) That the Succoth of to-day symbolises the temporary abodes which the Jews have found in the various countries of the Exile?

(6) That the Festival is also observed in Palestine as a thanksgiving at the completion of the harvest, and is also called Chag He Osif (The Festival of Ingathering)?

(7) That the processional circuits led by the Chazin carrying the Lulav and Ethrog round the Bimah on Hashona Robboh (The 7th Day of Succoth) commemorate the processions round the Altar in the Temple Court?

(8) That on Simchath Torah every male adult is called up to read a portion of the Law?

(9) That the children observe this day by carrying Jewish Flags during the processional circuits (Hakofos) with the Holy Scrolls, receiving sweets and missing school?

LETTERS TO

THE EDITOR.

The Editor,

Sir,

For years I have been searching for the reason for the very marked lack of interest shown by a large number of Young Jews in the Junior Zionist Society at Maitland. Could this be the reason?:-

1. Our Society held an Essay Competition, the closing date for entries was the 12th July 1938. Almost four months have elapsed with no results.
2. The fifth issue of "Our Chronicles" was due on the 10th October 1938. Up to the

time of writing it has not appeared.

3. What has happened to the Balance Sheet in connection with Our Annual Dance held on the 17th September 1938? The money for tickets was supposed to have been collected by the 30th September 1938.

The above three instances are very recent examples of the lackadaisical manner with which our Junior Zionist activities are regarded. At random I can recall many other instances: The Piano Fund, Tuesday Evening Socials, Sport and regular meetings. When last have we had a Debate? Or for that matter an inter-function with a Country Society?

If the affairs of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society are not treated as though - well any old time will do - or - I am too busy - I am positive that the lack of interest will fall away. In fact, if matters are run as they should be, I predict that the Young Jews referred to above will be only too keen to rejoin our Society.

Or am I wrong?

Sydney Saacks.

Main Road,
MAITLAND.

The above letter was shown to the committee and the following is a reply from the chairman.
-Ed.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Saacks on behalf of my committee, let me firstly explain the delays which he mentions:-

1. The closing date for the Essay Competition was August 12th and not July 12th as he stated. The Essays are at present with the judge, who unfortunately is at the moment fully occupied with Zionist matters of graver importance than our essays. The Committee have therefore exercised an understanding patience and are content with the assurance that these essays will be marked very shortly.
2. Due to the prevalence of Yomtavin in the first fortnight of October, the Editorial Board were unable to find time for the production of the fifth issue of "Our Chronicles".
3. The same cause which delayed the issue of "Our Chronicles" accounts for the absence of a Dance Balance Sheet. The earliest possible date for a Dance Committee meeting was October 31st.

The main issue however, seems to be the reason for the lack of interest shown by many young Jews in Maitland. This I attribute not to the irregularity of our organisation, but to the reluctance which some young Jews show when they are required to make a slight personal sacrifice on behalf of the Society. The excuse that "I am too busy and have no time to take an interest in the Society", has already grown a beard, and nine times out of ten is unfounded. It only portrays the spineless determination of these members.

The committee have in the past attempted everything that they could think of to attract the interest of unsympathetic young Jews. We have increased

the variety of types of functions, and social affairs have been very frequent; in fact affairs were held at regular fortnightly intervals except during September. An informal meeting once a week was inaugurated as was also an Essay Competition. The results are unsatisfactory. Even the publication of this Journal is merely another attempt to create interest.

You can therefore realise that we have been unjustly accused of slackness as we have tried our best to interest everybody.

B. Kaufman.
Hon. Chairman.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

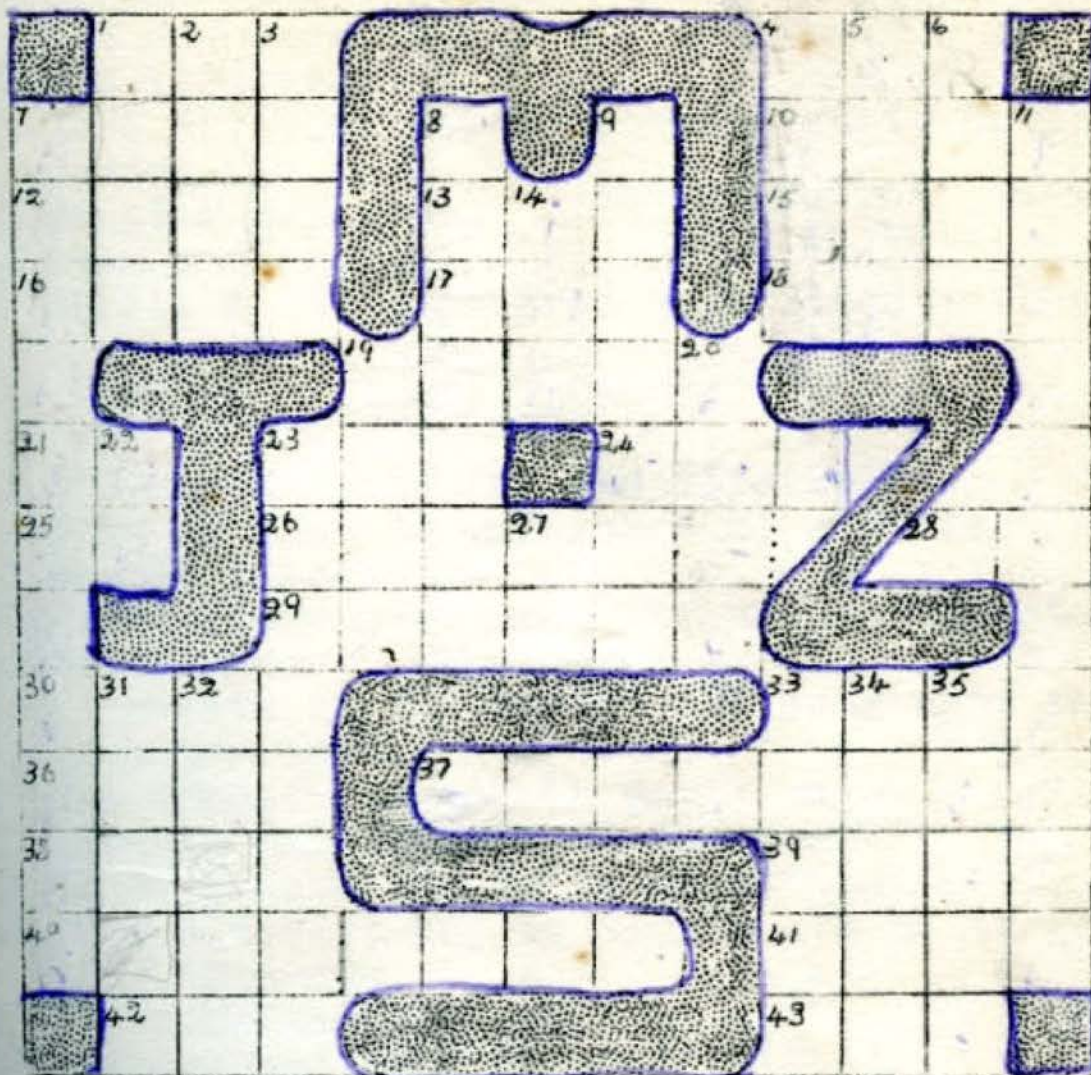
The solution of the Crossword Puzzle on page 9 will be published in our next issue.

STOP PRESS

On Saturday the 29th October the Maitland Young Israel Society held a successful Penny Evening at the Talmud Torah Hall. There was a large attendance of Juniors but no members of the Junior Zionist Society were present.

Before going to press we learn that the Committee intends increasing subscriptions from 3/6d per year to 6d per month.

The M. J. Z. S. CROSSWORD PUZZLE. No. 1.

CLUES DOWN.

1. The pitch of your voice.
2. The English countryside is dotted with these.
3. Greatest part of the editor's construction.
4. "(4) in the desert I love to (5)" (Thomas Pringle).
5. See 4 down.
6. A group of Highlanders.
7. Are they a bar to commands or do only Jewish

- boys have them?
8. A recently established settlement in Palestine (Reversed).
9. The walls of Jericho fell to the sound of this. (Reversed).
11. Our Hope.
14. A French friend (Revers)
19. The Afrikaner carries his baby on his back
20. Afrikaner oxen (Revers)?
22. Mother.

Clues Down. (Continued).

23. Of what place did Jesus say "A prophet is not honoured in his own country?"
 27. Old Afrikaner?
 31. What a 7 down boy is considered to be in Jewish law.
 32. Festive occasions.
 33. The Maccabi take part in this.
 34. Eton's (Anagram).
 35. Suffix E for a covered walk lined with shops.

CLUES ACROSS.

1. You may do this for the first place.
 4. Part of the circumference of a circle.
 7. See 30 across.
 10. Steel instrument used for smoothing metals.
 12. Latin years.
 13. It starts at the throat and ends near the belt.
 15. A Jewish month.
 16. The Sabbath is such a day.
 17. I would make it a Zulu phalanx.
 18. To be serene you can't do without her.
 19. When a Jewish boy is 8 days old he is given this. (2 words. 1, 4.)
 21. If in Hebrew.
 23. Netherlands Bank of Africa. (Abbr.)
 24. Remove the tea from your suet for consumption.
 25. Baby thanks you.
 26. Regards with disgust and hatred.
 28. Who in Hebrew.
 29. The Jew who was instrumental in the discovery of America by Columbus.
 30. And 7 across: "A fugitive and a ---- shalt thou be on the earth." Genesis V.12.
 33. Queen Esther is this of Judah.
 36. This Jewish month occurs twice in a leap year.
 37. "Tis not a home for Jews".
 38. A lake in Northern Palestine.
 39. To change a cone twice is already too much.
 40. An untidy woman.
 41. Was King Lear such a monarch?
 42. Turfontein Summer Handicap. (Abbr.)
 43. Trigonometrical Survey Department. (Abbr.)

MORE MEMBERS!

For every member of our Society
there is another Jewish youth
of Maitland who is not yet
a Member.

JEWISH YOUTH
must be

JUNIOR ZIONISTS

You must enrol at least
one new member today

INCREASE THE NUMBER!!

STRENGTHEN

OUR

SOCIETY.