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#### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Twenty Men and two women met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1895 and formed the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation. The Meeting was held at the Masonic Hotel. The Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Joe van Praagh, later to become the first Jewish Mayor of Salisbury. The names of the twenty men and two women were as follows;

#### The Masonic Hotel in Pioneer Street where the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation was formed



S.Hyman, L. Susman, M.R. Morris, D.B. Aria, H. Harris, E. Friedman, L.H. Gabriel, H. Edwards, L.A. Hyman, J. Kirschbaum, Hugo Pollack, A. Phillps, B. Simon, B. Saloman, A. Cohen, M.A. Freeman, J. van Praagh, F. Mack and D.M. Jacobs.

Susman, Mack and Jacobs each donated a sum of 50 guineas each towards a Building Fund. A 50 pound donation was also received from Cecil John Rhodes.

The Jewish population continued to flourish, Mr. F Mack was President of the Chamber of Mines and Henry Morris was the first Jewish MP. By 1900, Salisbury's Jewish population had increased to about 70 members, making a young and vigorous community.

During this period Moss Harris and Louis Landau took leading roles in community life. Louis Landau founded the Chevra Kadisha and was also a member of the Town Council. The Rev. M.I. Cohen formed the first Zionist Society in Bulawayo and addressed many meetings.

Little progress was made due to the small numbers of the Congregation. However in 1901 the foundation stone was laid. This Shul however proved to be too small and was sold in 1912. The Salisbury Hebrew Congregation sold its first Synagogue building in Rhodes Avenue which had been erected in 1901, in order to build a larger one. This new building at the corner of Salisbury Street and Baker Avenue had its foundation stone laid in December 1916 before a large audience which included the Resident Commissioner and the famous pioneer figure, Col. Grey. This Ceremony was followed two days later by a Building Fund Ball for 200 persons under the patronage of the Administrator and those who supported the function included members of the British, Afrikaner and the Greek Communities. The new Synagogue opened its doors for worship in 1917 but it was consecrated by the Rev. J.J. Rosin only in February 1920. This Synagogue continued to be used by the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation until December 1973 when, the by now weather-beaten, red brick building was sold.

### A House in Rhodes Avenue Where Services were Held Before 1918



Salisbury Street Synagogue served the Community from 1918 to 1973



Salisbury Hebrew Congregations present Synagogue at the Milton Park Jewish Centre which was dedicated on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1977



The Salisbury Hebrew Congregation eventually acquired probably the most impressive Jewish Communal Centre in Africa when the Milton Park complex was opened in 1965. The development of the Jewish Centre in Lezard Avenue was a milestone in the life of the Congregation. Situated on 24 acres in Milton Park – The land bought from the Salisbury Municipality – the Centre consists of our Synagogue and the Harry Margolis Hall, offices, kitchens, a library, youth centre and Sharon School with playing fields. This hall has provided a useful amenity for all the citizens of Salisbury and a source of income for the congregation from the social occasions, shows, political party congresses and balls, which have taken place on its premises. Since it can accommodate all the members and their families it has been adapted for use as a Synagogue on the High Holy Day so precluding the necessity for overflow services. The foundation stone for the centre was laid on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1964, by the Governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs, using the very trowel used by Joseph van Praagh in a similar ceremony 63 years earlier. The trowel had been mislaid and was found on a "job lot of oddments" at an auction sale in Johannesburg by Mr. Blumenthal, formerly of Bulawayo, who, recognizing its historic value sent it back to Salisbury. Among several distinguished guests were the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Mr. Winston Field, Sir Edgar Whitehead, Heads of religious denominations, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Walter Adams and leaders of all the Jewish Congregations in the country.

The Margolis Family gave a generous gift towards the building of the main hall, which was named in memory of their brother, Harry. Rabbi Konviser conducted the service with Rev. Isaacs, and Mr. Eric Brod directed the choir.

In 1965, on a bitterly cold Sunday in September the Harry Margolis Hall was consecrated. The Mayor of Salisbury, Councilor F Gordon Harper, was a guest. Leslie Thal was President of the Shul and Rhoda Sklar played the Organ.

The first Minister of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation took up his post in 1909 and his name was Rev. L. Rubin who stayed in his post until 1912. He was followed by the Rev. Mark Harris who served from 1913 until 1915 and he was succeeded by the Rev. M.M. Levy who served the Congregation for three years. In 1918 the Rev. J.J. Rosin was appointed Minister and served until 1935. Rabbi Maurice Konviser was then appointed. Maurice Konviser retired in 1965 and was succeeded by Rev. D. Landy who served until 1970. Rabbi Yehuda Shalpid was the next to serve the Congregation followed by Mr. Freed and the Rev. Phillip Kopperman.

Over the course of the next 100 years various Communal Organizations were established in Salisbury. Some of these were as follows:

Habonim Parents Committee – Salisbury	See Appendix 1
Magen David Adom Branch – Salisbury	See Appendix 2
Mashonaland Macabbi	See Appendix 3
Salisbury Chevra Kadisha	See Appendix 4
Salisbury Hebrew Education Board	See Appendix 5
Salisbury Histadrut Ivrit	See Appendix 6
Salisbury Synagogue Ladies Guild Society	See Appendix 7
Central African Jewish Board of Deputies	See Appendix 8
Union of Jewish Woman – Salisbury Branch	See Appendix 9
Wingate Park Club	See Appendix 10
Zionist Revisionist Organizations	See Appendix 11
Salisbury Women's Zionist League Society	See Appendix 12
Central African Zionist Organisation	See Appendix 13
Hebrew Order of David	See Appendix 14
Salisbury Zionist Society	See Appendix 15
Salisbury Jewish Ex-Servicemen Association	See Appendix 16
Progressive Jewish Congregation of Salisbury	See Appendix 17

### MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE SALISBURY HEBREW HEBREW CONGREGATION

 Rev. Rubin
 1909 – 1912

 Rev. Mark Harris
 1913 – 1915

 Rev. Levy
 1915 - 1918

 Rev. J.J. Rosin JP.
 1918 – 1935



Rabbi Konviser OBE 1935 – 1967



Rev D.L. Landy 1967 – 1970 Rabbi Yehuda Shalpid 1967 - 1970

Rev J. Freed

Rev Phillip Kopperman 1977 – 1980

Mr. Kevin Schulman

Mr. Gerald Rosin

Mr. Lionel Harris

Rabbi Isaacson 1990 – 1993 Rabbi Izak Menashe 1994 – 1996 Rev. Basil Lerer 1997 – 2000



#### PRESIDENTS OF THE SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION

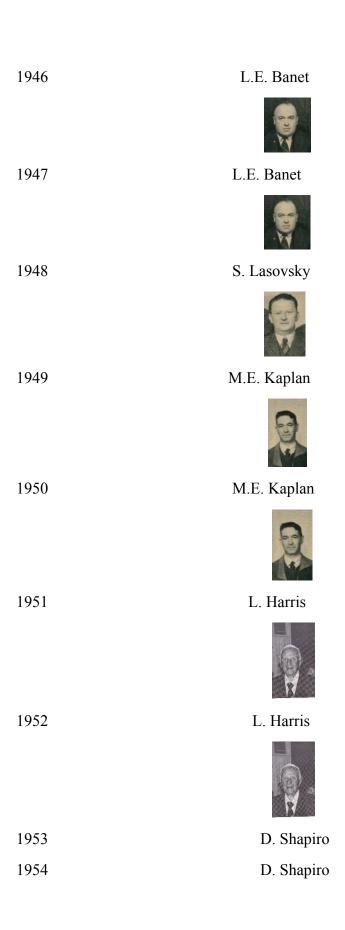
The First President of the Congregation was S. Hyman who was elected in 1895. He was followed by the following; Dates of Office are unknown for the following Presidents:

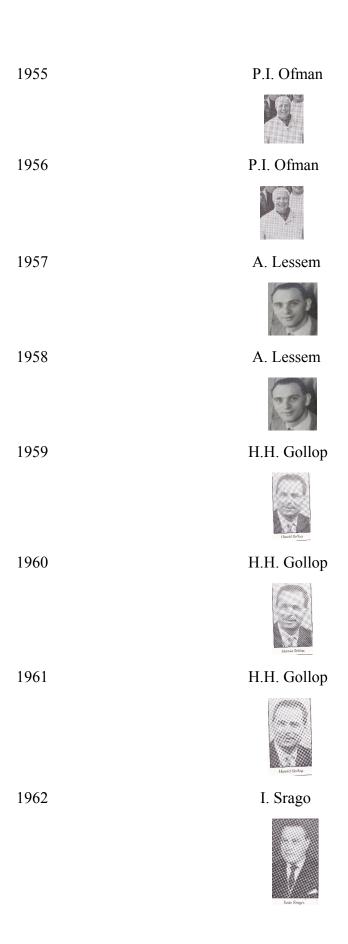
J. Van Praagh, H. Morris, N. Arnold, S. Robinson and R. Bernstein.

1895	S. Hyman
1918	H. Rabinson
1919	J. Goldberg
1920	J. Goldberg
1921	J. Goldberg
1922	L. Braude
1923	B.I. Hoffman
1924	L. Braude
1925	L. Braude
1926	R. Mande
1927	L. Braude
1928	L. Braude
1929	L. Braude
1930	L. Braude
1931	L. Braude
1932	L. Braude
1933	L. Braude
1934	L. Braude
1935	I. Lasovsky



1936	H. Shapiro
1937	H. Shapiro
1938	I. Lasovsky
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1939	I. Lasovsky
	9
1940	H. Shapiro
1941	C.E. Nathan
1942	C.E. Nathan
1943	M. Stein
1944	D. Schwartz
1945	D. Schwartz





1963 H.H. Gollop



1964 H.H. Gollop



1965 Leslie Thal



1966 Gerry S. Graham



1967 Dr. Aaron Woolfson

1968 Dr. Aaron Woolfson

1969 Jack Pelham

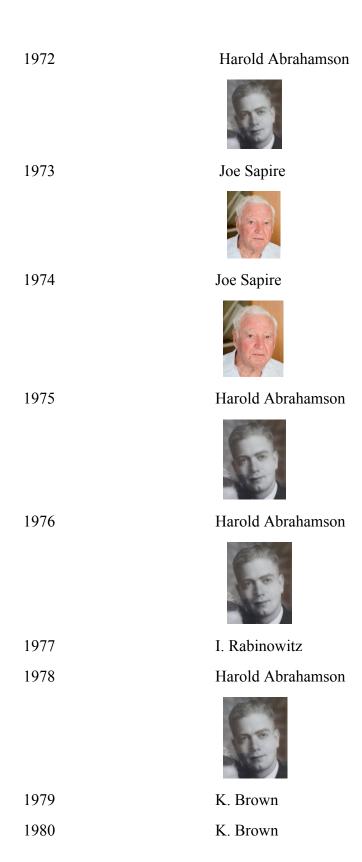


1970 Jack Pelham



1971 Harold Abrahamson





1981

Lionel Harris



1982

Lionel Harris



1983

Gerald Rosin

1984

Gerald Rosin

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1986

Lionel Harris



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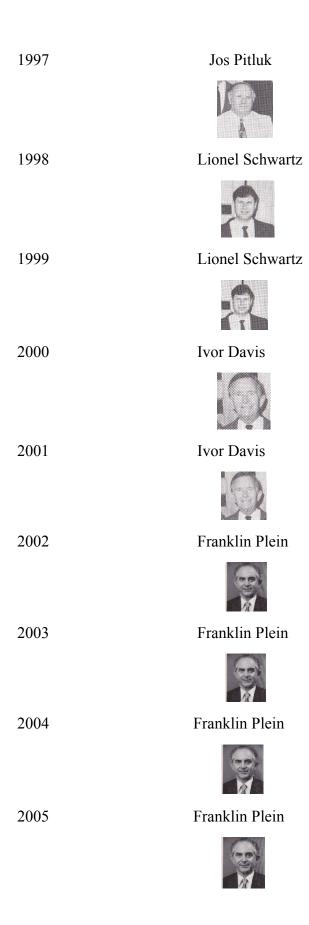


1989

Siegfried Wiesenbacher



1990 Siegfried Wiesenbacher 1991 Hymie Cohen 1992 Siegfried Wiesenbacher 1993 Siegfried Wiesenbacher Franklin Plein 1994 1995 Franklin Plein 1996 Jos Pitluk



2006	Jos Pitluk

2007 Jos Pitluk



2008 Jos Pitluk



2009 Jos Pitluk



2010 Jos Pitluk



2011 Arnold Joffe
2012 Arnold Joffe
2013 Arnold Joffe
2014 Arnold Joffe

Please note that the years between 1997 and 2014 no accurate records were kept and the above names were in office at that particular time.

### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION A MONOGRAPH BY THE REVEREND M. KONVISER

I have thought the occasion appropriate for offering to the Salisbury Jewish Community this short account of its History during the last fifty years. This year marks the Golden Jubilee of our Congregation, a propitious moment to place on record the origin, growth and development of Jewish life in our midst. A considerable amount of new material, especially of a personal nature, has now come to light; much of this along with other data of great value has been collected for the first time from the Government Archives, Salisbury. My grateful thanks are tendered to the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia the Honourable Sir Godfrey M. Huggins K.C.M.G., C.H., for his encouraging forward, and to Mr. V.W. Hiller, the Government Archivist, for placing at my disposal valuable suggestions and material. I am also indebted to the Committee of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation for making this publication possible.

May this monograph evoke the spirit of the past and recall the active and conspicuous part which our predecessors played in Rhodesia.

#### MAURICE KONVISER

Sivan 5705....June 1945

# THE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA THE HONOURABLE SIR GODFREY MARTIN HUGGINS

#### K.C.M.G., C.H.

I have much pleasure in introducing this monograph by the Rev. M. Konviser to readers in Southern Rhodesia and beyond our borders. The part played by Jewish men and women in the early settlement of Southern Rhodesia has received little publicity and acknowledgement.

Mr. Konviser quotes Rhodes's delightful remark when he heard of the establishment of the first synagogue in Mashonaland; "If the Jews come my country is alright". But it was not only when the struggling young country had proved its sound commercial prospects that the Jews came. As the writer of this monograph shows, members of his Faith were in at the beginning and shared the hardships and disappointments of the very early days.

The sons and daughters of Israel have played a worthy part in the history of this country, and when we consider the part the Jews are playing in the armed forces of the Crown in the present war, we realize that the spirits of the prophets in the land of Moses and the fanatical courage of the defenders of Jerusalem in the first century of the Christian Era is not dead.

#### **G.M. HUGGINS**

The Jubilee of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation marks an important milestone in the history of Jewry in Southern Rhodesia. The establishment of the Congregation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1895, is, in fact, the commencement of that history.

A handful of Jews numbering twenty men, two women, under the leadership of Messrs. Sam Hyman and Joe van Praagh, met at the Masonic Hotel, Salisbury, for the purpose of forming the Congregation. At this meeting a collection towards a Synagogue was made and the handsome sum of £399 was raised by that small gathering. Mr. Hyman was elected first President. That meeting must have been a momentous one, for "The Rhodesia Herald' of the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1895, made a lengthy comment on such a remarkable achievement, adding that the Charter Company had granted three stands on which to build a Synagogue. The enthusiasm for matters spiritual displayed by that small band of workers evoked the admiration of their gentile neighbours and the Press of the day. Small wonder that Cecil John Rhodes was really overjoyed when he was shown the foundation of the Synagogue at Salisbury. Colonel Frank Johnson, in his book "Great Days" (1940), makes an interesting comment on Rhodes's reaction when he heard that a Synagogue was to be erected in Salisbury. He remarked that Rhodes became very cheerful and quite excited, exclaiming "my country is alright if the Jews come, my country is alright!" "For he knew" says Colonel Johnson, "that the presence of Jews meant they had faith in the commercial prospects of the new country...how different" Johnson adds "to the Hitler theory fifty years later!"

It was Mr. Hyman who was the first to promote the stock and share business in Mashonaland, and the first to hold an appointment as official sworn appraiser and valuator to the British South Africa Company in 1891. As President of the Congregation he was followed in turn by Messrs. H. Morris and J. van Praagh, Messrs. Moss Harris, Monte Jacobs and Morris Freeman were Hon. Secretaries. It was Monte Jacobs who was the promoter and secretary of the Salisbury Stock Exchange, which was then situated in the cellar of the present Posada Bar. The first Minyan during the High Festivals of 1895 was held at Julius Altain's store. There was an attendance of about twenty and a storekeeper named Kaplan read the Musaph Service. In 1896 services were read by Messrs. Mack, Rosenthal and Freeman. Congregational affairs then ran the even tenor of their ways. Membership of the Salisbury Congregation increased, and in 1900 there was a vigorous and hopeful young community of some seventy souls.

The original Synagogue in Rhodes Avenue was built in 1901 but later proved to small and was sold in 1912. Services were then held at the Masonic Hall, the Drill Hall and in the Bank of Africa Buildings. It was in the courtyard of these buildings that Mr. J. Frankel built the first Succah in Mashonaland. Mr. Shlomo Myers acted as Hon. Reader and Shochet and in 1898 presented the Congregation with a Sepher Torah that he had brought with him from England. The Rev L. Rubin was Minister from 1909 – 1912. Mr. A.Cohen was a lay reader. The Rev. Mark Harris was Minister from 1913 – 1915. During his Ministry the cultural and social functions were held in the Cathedral Hall of the time (now Kennedy's Studio). The present Synagogue in Salisbury Street was erected in 1920 and the Rev. J.J. Rosin who is still happily with us, ably ministered from 1918 – 1935. The Rev. M Konviser has been the Minister from 1935 to the present day.

A past President of the Congregation was Mr. Nat Arnold who with his Vice-President Mr. Alf Lover led the Community through its youthful stages. Others who presided over the Communal

affairs of the Congregation were Messrs. Sam Robinson, R. Bernstein, Jack Goldberg, L. Braude, B.I. Hoffman, I. Lasovsky (who has been a member of the Committee for twenty five years), H. Shapiro, C.E. Nathan, M. Stein and the present Chairman Mr. D Schwartz.

Among those who served on the Town Council at various times were Messrs. H. Harris, I. Kirschbaum and H.L. Lezard, who was Mayor for two years during the last Great War and was awarded the Empire Service Order, Joe van Praagh was the first Jewish Mayor of the Capital, Lezard and van Praagh Avenues in Salisbury serve as tributes to their sterling civic abilities. Other Town Councilors were Louis Braude (who was founder of the Chevra Kadisha), B.I. Hoffman, L. Braude (who served as Deputy Mayor for many years) and H. Shapiro.

Israel Zangwill immortalizes the Jewish Pioneers in these words "The pageant of their strenuous generation is vanished as a dream....a faded Hebrew inscription on a tomb or an unread entry on a Synagogue brass is their only record....but perchance their generation is not all dust; here and there some decrepit centenarian rubs his purblind eyes with the ointment of memory and sees these pictures of the past", a colourful cavalcade of people and events would present themselves before us. But no history, however cursory it may be of those pioneering days of Southern Rhodesia, can be complete without first referring to that excellent contribution to Rhodesian Jewish History, made by the late M.I. Cohen M.B.E. of Bulawayo. In an article on "The Jewish Communities of Rhodesia and the North" we have the details of Rhodesia's absorbingly interesting past. To have transmitted what might at first have been drab detail into "purple patches of glowing sentiment" could only have been recorded by one who shared the trials and tribulations of a pioneer. As a token of his unstinted efforts on behalf of Jewish Communal Life for over forty years, the Bulawayo Jewish Community has instituted the "Annual M.I. Cohen Memorial Lecture"

The foundation of the early Jewish Communities in the Mashonaland, Matabeleland and Manicaland areas, with their record of Jewish personalities, is too well known to bear recapitulation. A curious and amusing journal edited by Mr. Lionel Goldsmith styled "The Owl" was published on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1897. This newspaper is still carefully preserved in the Government Archives, Salisbury. A great deal of interesting information of the pioneering days can be culled from its pages. In the first issue one finds a humorous account of communal friction that existed at that time.

Those of our Jewish pioneers who have distinguished themselves in Rhodesian affairs and who have left their indelible mark on the early development of the country have become household names. Scattered over the plateau of Southern Rhodesia were to be found Jewish traders even before the actual occupation. Daniel M Kisch was chief advisor to Lobengula, and his letters of 1869 from the Tati Concessions and from Mangwe River in 1872 form valuable manuscripts of the past. It is strange to relate that his was the first Jewish donation to be sent from Rhodesia to the London Missionary Society in 1872. Kisch afterwards lived in Pretoria and on one of his periodical visits to England on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1898, died at sea. Among those to come into the country in the early nineties were Joseph Liptz, Joe van Praagh and Julius Alston; the last named walked from Beira to Salisbury. Nat Arnold and the Bernsteins were among the pioneers of Umtali. Godfrey Jacobs and L Susman opened the Masonic Hotel in 1891, and Moss Harris owned the

Albion Hotel. Susman was the first man to work a Rhodesian mine known as "The Salisbury Reef", and was one of the original directors of the Salisbury Board of Executors.

#### **MANICALAND**

In the area of Manicaland can be traced one of the "Unknown Warriors" of early Jewish life. For if, as Thomas Carlyle says "biography" is the most universally pleasant and universally profitable of all readings" then we may note with interest that there lived one of these "unknown warriors" a certain Corporal Maurice Henry, who came up with the 1890 column as a member of the British South Africa Company's Police after he had already been engaged with the Warren Expedition in the Bechuanaland Border Police. We first hear of Maurice Henry in Old Umtali (Manicaland) in 1892, when he started the first mineral water works and then expanded this business venture by creating the first auctioneering enterprise. Latent journalistic abilities subsequently led him to found the "Umtali Advertiser", one of the oldest newspapers in Rhodesia. This publication saw the light of day on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1893, and is still in circulation under its original name. Maurice Henry's capabilities were certainly varied: on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1895 he produced and took a principal part in the first opera that this country had ever seen. The play was "Trial by Jury" and it represented a conspicuous contribution to the official celebrations on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, the playbill is still intact and is meticulously preserved in the Government Archives. On the same playbill is to be found the name of another co-religionist, a certain A.L. Lazarus, who was one of the founders and promoters of the Umtali Tramways, Ltd., the first and only tramway system in the country, constructed in 1898 and discontinued in 1920. He was nicknamed "Mafuta" (from a tendency to accumulate adipose tissue) and was famous for his unbounded hospitality. His home was known far and wide as the haven of all travelers and hunters. On the subject of those early hunters we find rather a humorous anecdote (as yet unpublished) of a well-known trader and hunter named Ikey Sonnenberg. He lived in the Victoria district in the early nineties when roaming lions paid nightly visits to the inhabitants. Driven to desperation by these unwelcome visitors, a band of hardy farmers decided to exterminate them and at about 5'0' clock one Sunday morning they called on Sonnenberg to accompany them, "no thank you", he replied, "I aint lost no lions".

A noteworthy episode is recorded in a letter from the Rev. Douglas Pelly, the first Anglican Priest in Umtali, to his mother in London dated the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1983, wherein he writes "you will be delighted to hear that yesterday's evening service better attended than ever. There were twenty seven people in church, which is considerably more than half the population. After church, a beautiful lamp was donated to the church by a Jew".

Of Alfred Beit and his munificent contributions to the Rhodesia's we need only add that that the name given to him as the "fairy godmother of Rhodesia" is a tribute richly deserved, for he perhaps more than anyone else helped Cecil Rhodes to make Rhodesia secure. To the many who today enjoy the bounties, be they educational, social or philanthropic, must come the thought that it was Alfred Beit who made so deep a mark upon his contemporaries and his name must be inevitably be written large across this vast area of the Southern Hemisphere. Whilst reading with pride that long list of Jewish pioneers, we are conscious of that old dictum of Plato, "as it is the

commendation of a good huntsman to find game in a wide wood, so it is no imputation if he hath not caught all". And so it is to those pioneers who had to bear the brunt and heat of the day that we in all humility pay our deep debt of gratitude for the legacy which they left us — a legacy that the Rhodesia of the present shall yet hand on to the Rhodesia of the future, an inheritance and a message worthy of their dreams and endeavours.

#### THE GREAT WAR - 1914 - 1918

During this period the Jewish youth of Rhodesia played a full and significant part in the defence of their country. Many paid the supreme sacrifice and others were awarded decorations. The first soldier killed in the German West African Campaign was a Jew, Ben Rabinson. Out of a total Jewish population of 1,280 some 118 able-bodied men were on active service. Serving on the Executive of the British Empire Service League in Bulawayo and Salisbury are Jewish ex-service men of the Great War who now figure so prominently in Jewish communal affairs

#### **WORLD WAR 11**

When the Empire is once again involved in this greatest struggle for freedom and righteousness we find how the Jewish youth of Rhodesia today has so nobly demonstrated its loyalty to the country. In the official "call up" group between the ages of 18 to 55 we have the high percentage of 39.8 per cent of our Jewish male population and 10.9 per cent of our Jewish women on active service and taking their part in every theatre of the war. While this cannot be regarded as a mere compendium of statistical information, it nevertheless can present the fact that of the total number serving in the Rhodesian Army and Air Force, 4.8 per cent are members of the Rhodesian Community, 20 have been decorated on the field of battle, while 31 appear on the casualty list, most of these having paid the supreme sacrifice. Among these are to be found the two Hon. Secretaries of our Congregation, Norman Price and Basil Hyman. The new immigrants from the countries of persecution who had found protection and safety in the Colony soon placed their services at the disposal of the Defence Authorities. It was not till September, 1940, that the special "Interment Camp Corps" was formed. All these able bodied immigrants, particularly from Germany and Austria, volunteered for service. Eventually this Corps was incorporated in the Defence Department, but with one proviso – they were not eligible for combat duty beyond the borders of the Colony. They have nevertheless rendered sterling service in this Corps and their efforts have been recognized as a worthy contribution by the Government. Members of our Community are also to be found in all the part time units, the Voluntary Police Reserve and the Women JPolice section. Our Rhodesian Jewish Community have contributed liberally to all the War Appeals, viz;, the National War Fund, Air Raid Distress Funds, the Red Cross and a host of others, including the Victory Thanksgiving Fund. In Salisbury the special "Women's War Effort Committee" presented an ambulance to the Government, organized knitting circles, assisted the war fetes and dispatched comforts to the "lads up north". Individual contributions included an aeroplane and an ambulance, while a local firm undertook to provide all the army tunics for the Native Labour Corps.

#### PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY

We have now traveled far along the road of Jewish life in this Colony. The largest Congregation is in Bulawayo with some 1500 souls, followed by Salisbury and its districts with a Jewish population of some 1250, while Gatooma, Gwelo and Que Que, the next organized Jewish centres, number about 250. Despite the absence of the spiritual guidance of a Minister, congregational life in these smaller places is fairly active.

The Jews of Southern Rhodesia are conscious of the equal opportunities that exist to advance the social and economic life of the country, for while legislature is equitable the loyalty of the Rhodesian Rev. J.J. Rosin J.P., Minister of the Congregation 1919 – 1935 is unquestionable. He therefore figures in all walks of life: agriculture, industry, trade, the professions and the Service occupations.

The spirit of active co-operation in all civic and national endeavours between the Jew and his neighbour is well known. He plays his part on the executive committees of all charitable, social and cultural activities. Specifically in the fields of agriculture and industry has he made great strides, and even in the ambitious scheme of establishing a Rhodesian University we find a co-religionist, Mr. J.F. Kapnek, offering the nucleus, of a fund for such a purpose. Within our own spheres of Jewish life the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation continues it work unabated. The religious, cultural, benevolent and social activities as well as our strong Zionist sentiment continues apace, while the co-operation of our youth with the various organizations is indeed praiseworthy. With a view of coordinating all Jewish and national efforts in Southern and Northern Rhodesia, the Council for Rhodesian Jewry and the Rhodesia Zionist Council have been formed with offices in Salisbury and Bulawayo.

#### THE SEPHARDI JEWS

A picture of Southern Rhodesian Jewry would not be complete without reference to the Sephardi Jews, most of who settled in the Mashonaland and the Midland areas. The majority of these Jews hail from Rhodes Island and have a most interesting background of Jewish life. About 140 B.C.E. Jews had already lived on that Island, for in the Book of Maccabees 1 (15-23) we find mention of the Jewish Communities in the Dodecanese Islands. Since 1522, when Turkey fought and occupied Rhodes, Jews lived in comparative safety, enjoying civic and social privileges. They remembered how the Turks gladly received them after the Spanish Expulsion in 1492, when Torquemada had perchance forced these thousands of our co-religionists to emigrate to the East. For 300 years Jews lived in Rhodes quietly and protected. They had freedom of language instruction, and the spirit of Hebrew culture was always with them. They were even allowed to live their lives subject to their own communal laws and constitution, and were very prosperous in commerce and industry.

In common with other Jewries of the world they had to withstand two Ritual Blood Libels, one in 1521 and the other in 1840. During this latter accusation Sir Moses Montefiore played a prominent part in pleading with the Sultan of Turkey to apprehend the real culprits who were eventually punished and to mitigate and remove all the temporary disabilities were imposed on the Jews of

Rhodes. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1912, during the Turkish Italian War in Tripoli, Italy occupied Rhodes, while on the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1923, The Treaty of Lausanne was signed and Rhodes definitely became an Italian Colony. Conditions began to change somewhat and a mass emigration began. The younger men, fired with adventure and having acquired a broader outlook on world politics and social reorganization, began to mass emigrate to Egypt, North and South America, the Belgian Congo and eventually to Southern Rhodesia.

Whether the similarity of nomenclature had some magnetic influence of otherwise it is difficult to say, but nevertheless there did begin a "direct route" between Rhodes and Rhodesia. As the whole of the Jewish people during their dispersion have preserved almost unchanged their faith and national character among the nations, so the Jews of the Orient who migrated originally from the Spanish Peninsula still preserve their original identity amid their own brethren. It is therefore certainly not a difference of faith but rather a diversity of historical remembrances. One of these distinctions is their, daily use of the language of their former exile. And so Ladino and English comingle freely in their Liturgy, their private correspondence and even in their commercial accounts. In that notable article on the Sephardi Jews by Dr. Isaac Da Costa (London, 1936) we read of the relationship that subsists between those dispersed Israelites and their brethren. He says "We may almost liken this remarkable and interesting Community to the spot of ground which Gideon's fleece distinguished from all the surrounding soil"/

Today we have in Salisbury the headquarters of the Hebrew Sephardic Congregation of Rhodesia. Recently that Community also recently appointed their first spiritual leader, the Sephardic Rabbi, Dr. M. Papo. That Community also recently erected a very beautiful hall in Salisbury which is being used temporarily as a place of worship, and also as a meeting and social centre. In the vestibule of the hall is to be found an interesting plaque commemorating the arrival in Rhodesia of Solomon Gabriel Benatar in 1895. Attached to the Congregation is also the Sephardic Benevolent and Cultural Society.

A close study of the book "Keter Shem Tov" by the Chief Rabbi Gaguine of London, with its elaborate examination of Sephardi Minhag, helps us to understand the rich and beautiful Ritual and Minhagim which, though may be termed "quaint", yet places our Jews from Rhodes as part and parcel of that great family Sephardim of the New World. Slowly and by degrees this Community is beginning to appreciate the extreme value of Communal life, and whereas a quarter of a century ago it was deplored that "they stood on an altogether different plane to the rest of the population", they are today an integral part of the larger Jewish Community of Rhodesia. It is now to the younger element of that Community that we look to assume in a true spirit of active cooperation the religious, educational and social affairs of the entire Jewry of Southern Rhodesia.

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#### WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

We the remnant of this first generation of Rhodesian Pioneers, today face the dawn of new opportunities. We rejoice that the bitter conflict which raged in Europe from 1939-1945 has been triumphantly ended. Victory was vouchsafed for the Allies. But we of the House of Israel in this outpost of the British Empire, shall we not continue to tend the Eternal Light of our Judaism in this New World Order? While attempting to have thrown some light on the cavalcade of Rhodesian contemporary Jewish history during the last fifty years, we must commend our work to future generations. We hope that they in turn may yet reveal a more wonderful epic, for they will benefit in the knowledge that we in our day have not betrayed the sacred trust which our Pioneers have reposed in us.

It has now been felt that there is a need to change the "locale" of the Congregation where a larger and more beautiful House of Worship with its Hebrew School and social centre would be erected. If this contemplated move is going to create a new love and stimulate a new desire for the faith we cherish; if the spirit that animated the pious founders and inspired its members in the cause of education and benevolence will be preserved, then our co-operation and enthusiasm in this holy task will indeed be forthcoming for our faith will then become a living reality elevating and sanctifying the future generations of our Community.

May we, therefore, who "remember the days of old and consider the year of many generations", endeavour to carry on this noble work in and for Judaism and at the same time enhance the quality of our citizenship in Rhodesia. As the years roll on may we continue to bear aloft the standard of Jewry with undaunted spirit and with renewed faith, for thus shall we look forward with joy and confidence, yet to become a most integral part of a great Jewry in the future of this subcontinent of Africa

#### FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR RABBI M KONVISER, OBE, BA.

On March 14, 1965 the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation took leave of their Rabbi and Mrs. Konviser at a function held in the Harry Margolis Hall at which over 500 people attended.

The occasion, graced as it was by the presence of very distinguished citizens from all walks of life in Salisbury proved to be quite an outstanding event in the calendar of Salisbury Jewry. Those present included His Worship the Mayor, Councilor F. Gordon Harper, Sir Athol Evans, Sir Robert Tredgold, Sir Vincent Quenet, Sir Frederick Crawford, Mr. Jack Howman MP, Minister of Information and Mr. A.W.R. Stumbles, Speaker of the House as well as several of the Judiciary, Heads of Government Departments and the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation and leaders of commerce and industries.

Mr. G.S. Graham, President of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation paid an eloquent tribute to Rabbi Konviser for his Ministry of the Congregation for the past 32 years. At the conclusion of his address he presented the Rabbi and Mrs. Konviser with a canteen of cutlery and also an Illuminated Address rendering testimony to their dedicated service to the community over so long a period.

Mr. Graham was followed by His Worship the Mayor, Councilor F Gordon Harper and Sir Athol Evans, both of whom paid tribute to the Rabbi's services to so many varied cases in the interests of people of all creeds and colours, praising the contribution of the Rabbi and his lady to the excellent relations existing between all sections of the population.

Mr. Ben Baron, Vice-President of the Central African Jewish Board of Deputies, testified to the initiative of the Rabbi in helping to found the national body of Rhodesian Jewry in 1943 and made a presentation on behalf of the Board to commemorate his continuous service on the Board until now.

Mr. Samuel Rabinowitz, CAZO's Hon. Life President referred to Rabbi Konviser's contribution to the Zionist cause and Israel and made a presentation of a Golden Book Certificate on behalf of the Central African Zionist Organization. Further presentations were also made to Mrs. Konviser on behalf of the Synagogue Ladies Guild, Mr. P.L.Ofman for the Chevra Kadisha and Mickey Hertzstein for Habonim and Betar.

In his reply, Rabbi Konviser paid a moving tribute to the constant support and encouragement he had received from his wife over the three decades they had jointly served the community. He expressed his thanks and appreciation for the understanding he had always received in carrying out his manifold duties, and for the various presentations made to his wife and himself, which they would always treasure. In an address sparkling with anecdotes and reminiscences, he gave expression to the mixed feelings of pride and sadness with which he now bade adieu to his congregants and the very large circle of friends of all persuasions he had been privileged to enjoy for so long. He added that this was a night he and Mrs. Konviser would never forget and always cherish.

The organization of this auspicious function was in the capable hands of a special sub-committee under the convenership of Mr. Lionel Harris, and the ladies of the Synagogue Ladies Guild, Union

of Jewish Women and the Salisbury Women's Zionist League were responsible for the decorations and excellent catering.

On March 21, 1965, the Mayor of Salisbury and the City Council arranged a civic farewell for Rabbi Konviser.

#### A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION ON

#### **THE SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVESARY**

#### BY GERALD ROSIN

There were Jews in Rhodesia years before the Pioneers raised the flag in Cecil Square, Salisbury on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1890. Mostly they were itinerant traders – as, for example, Paddy Cohen, who witnessed one of the letters sent by Lobengula to Queen Victoria. In 1869, a D.M. Kisch was trading at Tati Concessions. The "right hand" of Cecil John Rhodes was a German Jew named Alfred Beit, to whose genius in the development of the new territory and lasting benefactions the Prime Minister of Rhodesia, the Hon. I.D. Smith, MP, has paid generous tribute to.

The Rothschild Syndicate, Weil Bros. of Mafeking and Mosenthal Bros. all played a significant role in transport and commerce in those early days of Rhodesia's settlement and development. But it was the Jews who followed in the wake of the Pioneer Column, entering from the South via Tuli and the east via Beira – several traveled those long and savage trails on foot! – who began to put down roots and, in spite of all vicissitudes, decided to "stick it out" and make Rhodesia their home. Mostly, they were young men without means, but they did not lack courage in roughing it and did their more than adequate share in opening up and developing the country.

It was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1895, that the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation was formally constituted at a Meeting in the Masonic Hall, attended by twenty men and two women, which raised the then fantastic sum of nearly \$800 for the purpose.

Many of the names then prominent in the story of Rhodesia and the early Jewish Communities have been consigned to the limbo of forgotten memories; but it is right to recall some of those whose impact can be felt to this very day. Sam Hyman is still remembered as the first President of our Congregation; Joseph van Praagh (who walked all the way from Beira through lion-infested country, dense forest and fever-laden swamps) became the first Jewish Mayor of Salisbury; Julius Altman's store became the Shul for the High Holidays in 1895; H. Henry, Monty Jacobs and Morris Freeman all played a significant role in keeping the community alive and conscious of its entity. So far as the stabilization of Rhodesia is concerned. F. Mack was wounded at Bembesi in the 1893 Rebellion, Trooper Abe Levy was killed at Shangani, Leon Gabriel was Reuter's Correspondent with the forces and Frank Leon Vogel died with Alan Wilson in that famous last stand on the banks of the Shangani when "there were no survivors"

Others who played prominent parts in the development of the Community in those far-off days also spring to mind. There was H. L. Lezard, Mayor of Salisbury for two years during the 1914-18 War, who was decorated for his services; Nat Arnold, whose name is still commemorated over the first double-storey shop to be built in Manica Road; Louis Landau, founder of the famous Landau dynasty in Rhodesia; Alf Lyons, journalist and entrepreneur; Rev Mark Harris, who visited his congregants mounted on a white horse; L. Susman who opened the first famous Masonic Hotel in 1891 and was the first man to work a Rhodesian Mine, the battery of which was officially started up by none other than Cecil Rhodes himself in 1893; Moss Harris who opened the next hotel, the

Albion; the Bernsteins, who, with Nat Arnold, helped to pioneer Umtali: and then several still alive today can recall the mountainous figure of Michael Welensky (who founded the Gwelo Hebrew Congregation) stomping down Pioneer Street to Shul with a stalwart young lad at his side. That lad was to become Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the former Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Another stalwart who was learned in Torah determined in the practice of his orthodoxy was "Old Man" Myers, as he was affectionally known, and whose grandson is a prominent pathologist in Salisbury today. Yet again, there was Harry Susman, who, with his brother, pioneered the development of Barotseland.

Over the seventy five years of its history, the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation has enjoyed many "ups" and suffered not a few "downs". A fairly substantial influx of Jews from Rhodes Island in the early 1920's did much to augment the strength and activity of the Congregation, but, grounded as they were in their own Aegean customs and traditions, it was only natural that they should hive off, as they in the 1930's, since when they have become a thriving and important sector of Jewish communal life and activity in Salisbury.

The "downs" referred to above were experienced during the two world wars, the great Depression of the early 1930's and again when the Federation was dissolved. At these our membership dwindled; but the Congregation's leadership always proved to be resourceful and resilient so that, in spite of difficulties, both spiritual and economic, the community had made substantial progress and all the essential services which they were called upon to provide have been maintained. These Services now bid fair to be strengthed in a very significant manner, but this is not the place to dilate upon future prospects.

The "cosmopolitan" make-up of the Congregation provides a fund of interest. Originally, most of our members hailed from Russia and the Baltic Provinces, principally Lithuania, and there was quite a sizeable proportion from Romania. Then came the influx of Rhodes Island Sephardim, followed in the thirties by German Jewish Refugees from the Nazi oppression, while the prosperous years of the post-war era saw a considerable accession from South Africa and England. All these elements have been, and are still being, fused into what may properly be termed a Rhodesian Jewish Community.

It is now necessary to hark back once more to an appreciation of all those dedicated men, officials and laymen, who have served us so well and so devotedly through a dramatic three-quarters of a century. Apart from those already mentioned, whose names are written large in our history, the following served as Ministers;

Rev. Rubin	1909 – 1912
Rev. Mark Harris	1913 – 1915
Rev. Levy	1915 – 1918
Rev. J.J. Rosin J.P.	1918 – 1935
Rabbi Maurice Konviser OBE	1935 – 1967
Rev. D.L. Landy	1967 – 1970

Of these, the Congregation took significant forward steps, communally and civically, during Rev. Rosin's Ministry, while Rabbi Konviser maintained the public relations aspect of the community on an extremely high level throughout his long term of office. Among the lay readers who rendered splendid service at various times were Sam Robinson, Robert Bernstein, Jack Goldberg, Lewis Braude, Phil Bloom and Isaac Lasovsky. Still happily in our midst today, and no less deserving of mention are Barney Hoffman, Hymie Court, Sam Lasovsky, Morris Kaplan and Lionel Harris. There were others, perhaps not so prominent nor so consistent over long periods such as those mentioned above, who also played effective roles in the up building of the Congregation. But, coming to the present day, it would be very wrong of any chronicler not to mention particularly the formidable influence exerted over the community's affairs during the past fifteen years by Harold Gollop, to whose initiative, enthusiasm and utter dedication we shall always be indebted for the conception and construction of our magnificent Centre at Milton Park, which has become the envy of communities as far afield as the United States, England, France and Israel.

This has been indeed a brief history which inevitably must lack names, incidents and events without which the whole pattern can be but incomplete. To those who may feel, on reading this that other names or certain events should have been included, we can only express our apology in anticipation. It is virtually impossible for a true chronicler (even with the aid of the authorities quoted at the head of this article) to remember everyone and everything. We therefore close with the roster of those members of the Congregation who, during seventy five memorable years, have served their City and Rhodesia with distinction; and this list takes no account of a veritable army of men and women who have contributed to both in all walks of life.

The following have been Mayors of Salisbury;

Joseph van Praagh 1900 – 1901

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H.L. Lezard 1914 – 1917



Harry Pichanik M.B.E. 1955, 1957

Ivor Pitch 1961 – 1962

1967 - 1968



Bernard Ponter 1964 – 1965

#### 1977 - 1978

#### Ronald Cowan

The Hon. Justice Bennie Goldin is a Judge of the High Court of Rhodesia. Mr. B.D. Goldberg, C.M.G. was a Minister in the Federal Government until its dissolution in 1963, and Mr. Saul Udwin was a member thereof. The following have served in the former Southern Rhodesia and now the Rhodesian Parliament: The late Harry Pichanik, Theo Ellison and Bernard Ponter. Mr. William Margolis, O.B.E. a leading industrialist and economist, is a trusted adviser to the Government on agricultural matters and was appointed in 1967 as Chairman of the Agricultural Marketing Authority.

Let us, on this auspicious occasion of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, recall with pride and homage all those men mentioned above, as well as the host of others who also toiled, all of whom have made their splendid contribution to the welfare and virility of their Congregation, the progress and harmony of their City of Salisbury, and the development and peacefulness of their land, Rhodesia.

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#### MAYORAL SERVICE IN SALISBURY

Over 500 worshipers assembled in the Salisbury Synagogue on Sunday, October 11, 1964 (Civic Sunday) to attend the Mayoral Service, when His Worship the Mayor, Clr. Bernard Ponter, and Mrs. Ponter, the Mayoress, were formally installed in office.

Among the distinguished guests were the following: The Hon. Mr. J Gaunt, Minister for Local Government (representing the Prime Minister) and Mrs. Gaunt: the Hon. J.F. McLean, Minister of Labour, and Mrs. McLean: the Hon. Mr. A.R. Stumbles, Speaker of the House, and Mrs. Stumbles: Sir Roy Welensky: His Excellency Mr. J Johnston, British High Commissioner, and Mr. and Mrs. Vale, representing the South African Diplomatic Mission.

The service was conducted by the Mayor's Chaplain, Rabbi M Konviser, OBE, assisted by Cantor Rev. M Isaacs and the choir under the direction of Mr. Eric Brod.

The President of the Congregation, Mr. H. Gollop, opened the Ark. His Worship the Mayor read passages from the Psalms and the choir rendered some beautiful excerpts from Liturgical music.

Rabbi Konviser in an eloquent address, emphasized the duties of a City Council which demanded unselfish thought, impartial judgments, unbiased and unprejudiced against any section of the community. He said that the Watchmen of the City must at all times expound the fact morality dare not be molded and trimmed to suit the whim of the individual or group. Civic duty is a religious responsibility. He advised the Mayor and Council to build courage where courage seemed to fail, to regain faith when there seemed little cause for faith, and to create hope when hope seemed forlorn.

After the impressive service, the Mayor entertained his guests at the Mayor's Parlour. The service and procession were televised.

Councilor Ponter is the 5<sup>th</sup> Jewish Mayor since the founding of the Council in 1897. Previous Jewish Mayors of Salisbury were Joseph van Praagh, 1900 (who was also the First President of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation): H.L. Lezard, 1914: Harry Pichanik, M.B.E., 1955/56 and Ivor Pitch, 1961

#### SALMAN MARGOLIS HEBREW NURSERY SCHOOL

In 1945 a Hebrew Nursery School was established by Mrs. Mogilnik on the premises of the Salisbury Synagogue. She was assisted by Mrs. Passer and a committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sam Lasovsky, who took this work most earnestly in spite of the fact that his own children were beyond Nursery School age. Initially eight children were enrolled, but 25 were attending by the end of the first term. Among the first pupils were Alan Lessem, Melvyn Pichanik, Naomi Kass, Margie Liptz and Julian Konviser, all of whom have since distinguished themselves in their various callings.

The premises then used were a room attached to the Synagogue, hardly a suitable venue for the number of children and the necessary facilities for play, but fortunately the children were unaware of their rather dull surroundings. The unsuitability of the building, the inadequacy of comforts, and above all the urging of parents, eventually prompted the Congregation to undertake the building of a Nursery School of imposing proportions. The toilet, fully tiled, with six child-size urinals and eight miniature wash bowls, is still very modern and attractive, apart from its functional nature.

The building, erected between Second Street and Park Lane, with the foundation stone being laid by the Very Rev. the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, Dr. Israel Brodie, during his pastoral tour in 1950, was named the Salman Margolis Hebrew Nursery School in honour of a bequest then made in honour of the late Mr. Margolis. The project was completed in 1951, when the then Southern Rhodesian Government approved the premises and aided considerably by making substantial initial equipment grants. Some of the original apparatus is still in use. The staff salaries were received from the Ministry of Education, which also paid monthly rental grants to the Congregation.

By 1953, the School increased greatly in numbers under the inspiration of Mrs. Pauline Greenblatt. It comprised at this time three units of 52 children. Miss Firer, a graduate from the Johannesburg Jewish Seminary, performed sterling work in furthering the Hebrew character of the School, which has been maintained ever since. Miss Sloot, too, proved a capable and enthusiastic supervisor, so that the School continued gaining in strength and popularity.

In October, 1953, Mrs. Bobbie Stern was invited by the then Chairman, Mr. Lazarus, to "help out" in a temporary capacity. The staff having become somewhat depleted. When these notes were penned she was still "helping out" after 13 years of devoted service, and no praise can be too high for the care and skill she brought to her task. At that time Dr. Lionel Stern was appointed Honorary Medical advisor and continued in that capacity until September, 1962, when Dr. Esther Sapire took over.

Mrs. Cynthia Sonnenberg was appointed supervisor in 1954, discharging her duties most efficiently until the end of 1955, when she resigned to go abroad. Mrs. Stern then officially took over as supervisor. Others who served on the teaching staff with commendable conscientiousness and sincerity of purpose were Miss Hilary Rubin, who became Mrs. Bertie Lubner; Miss Doreen King, now Mrs. Frank Sacks; Miss Helaine Liptz, Miss Jeanette Kaplan, Mrs. Sally Singer and Mrs. Val Clain. Some of these ladies returned from time to time to help out in emergencies, and the School is deeply indebted to them all.

In 1957, the number of children was increased to 62 at the urging of the Ministry of Education, and a further 10 were enrolled a year later. Although this benefitted financially, the now considerable number of pupils posed a variety of problems, and certain facilities proved inadequate. Still, there was always the will to improvise, and one carried on smilingly without too much undue discomfort.

Here one must record the School's indebtedness to the gentlemen who shouldered the onerous duties of Chairmen of the Parents Teachers' Association over the years: Messrs. L. Levenstein, (1955-57), H. Samuels, (1958-61), B. Dee, (1962-63), B. Cooper, (1963-65) and K.B. Brown, elected in 1965 and still in office. Many parents, far too numerous to mention by name, have performed stalwart work in serving on the Committee throughout our history.

One must mention a particularly notable and well-loved servant, the African nanny, Esther, who has never ceased working at and for the Nursery School since its inception. One can only guess at the number of children she has seen arrive and then pass on their way to Kindergarten from the portals of the Salman Margolis Nursery School at 93, Park Lane.

#### THE HEBREW EDUCATION BOARD

The first available records of the Hebrew Education Committee to be discovered were those dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1936. There were 52 pupils, comprising equal numbers of Sephardi and Ashkenazi children. The then principal was Rev. Konviser and Miss A Lessem was the teacher; the Committee members were Rev M. Konviser, Mrs. B.D. Almeleh, and Messrs N. Krikler, B.S. Leon, E. Kaplan, J.N. Alhadeff, L. and H. Galante and B.I. Hoffman.

Under the guidance of a succession of enthusiastic Committees, the tuition of Hebrew was maintained with a concern for high standards and good attendances for many years. Classes were held at the Queen Elizabeth School until 1941, when the venue was changed to the premises of the Alan Wilson School. In 1944 the Sephardi Community hived off, setting up their own Congregation and Educational facilities.

In 1945 the venue of the school was changed again, this time to the Guild Hall. By 1947 the work of the Committee, still an integral part of the Congregation Committee, was considered to be too strenuous without the formation of an adequate Hebrew School Board. At a special meeting, it was decided to form a Board and to establish a settled policy of Hebrew Education, and so, in May of that year, a Hebrew Education Board was formally constituted with its own Constitution and autonomy. In September of the same year the first meeting of the Board was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. Shapiro.

Chairman Mr. D. Shapiro

Vice-Chairman Dr. M. Gelfand

Treasurer Mr. A. Benjamin

Secretary Mr. I. Iljon

Committee Members A. Buchman, M. Gordon, L. Harris and S.

#### Lasovsky

The Principal was the Rev. B. Bender, who was followed by Mr. M. Clapper, and by 1948 there were 80 pupils under tuition.

Until this period, when it was given a Government grant and thereby it became necessary to establish a separate body, the Nursery School was also under control of the Education Board. Both Committees were fortunate in the generous donation made by the late Salman Margolis towards the erection of premises in Park Lane to house the pupils of both schools. Mr. B. Joleson was the Chairman of the Building Fund. The new premises were officially opened by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and occupied in 1951. The Nursery School still occupies the building and will continue to do so until the opportunity arrives to erect a new building in the Communal Centre.

Mr. M. Bloch became the new Principal in December 1951 and continued until this office was taken over by Aliza Hatchuel in 1956, when the attendance was 136. During her term of office

which ended in 1961, a record attendance of 191 pupils was achieved, and we greatly regretted her resignation in that year for personal reasons. Mr. Silman took over for two years thereafter when he returned to Israel in 1964, we considered ourselves fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Harary as Principal.

Mr. Harary subsequently was appointed as Director of Jewish Education for the Congregation, while at the same time the Sharon Day School appointed him as their adviser in all matters relating to the teaching of Hebrew in all its aspects. On him has devolved the running of the school, setting the syllabus, procuring teaching staff, and generally supervising all matters relating to Education.

Throughout the years the School has been visited at intervals by inspectors from the S.A. Jewish Board of Education, to which it is affiliated and whose syllabus is tailored to suit our own particular conditions. Their reports and recommendations make interesting reading, and we have gathered there from that today's difficulties are almost identical with those of the preceding years. It is opportune here to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the voluntary assistance of Mr. M. Wagner, General Secretary of the Central African Jewish Board of Deputies, for his occasional reports on inspection.

No Committee has claimed at any time that the standard of Hebrew education has been all that one could desire, but it is accepted that the highest possible standard has been set in our special circumstances, these being controlled by the following factors –

- 1. Insufficient number of lessons per week
- 2. Difficulty in setting time-tables so that the children are not excluded from "sports" activity at the school.
- 3. Children leaving school immediately after their Bar or Batmitzvah. A survey in 1964 showed that the percentage of children attending Hebrew classes was approximately 70% in the primary school and 12% in high school.
- 4. Difficulty in obtaining sufficient staff.

The question of the standard attained by boys for the ceremony of Barmitzvah is also a perennial issue. Throughout the years various conditions have been laid down, including the issuing of certificates for having attained a sufficiently high standard. Finally, a Barmitzvah Board was instituted in 1964 under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. Gollop, setting down conditions which have to be fulfilled before the ceremony can take place. These include an examination for each child, thus providing a basic standard.

Those who have faithfully and zealously "chaired" the Salisbury Hebrew Education Board from its inception to date are :- Messrs. D. Shapiro, S Lasovsky, R. Lazarus, J. Pichanick, Mrs. B. Kass, C.E. Nathan, I. Srago, J.J. Schwartz, G.S. Graham, and Drs. A. Woolfson and J.G. Borok. To all those devoted leaders, the Board and the Community as a whole owe a deep sense of gratitude.

# Annual General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1918

President Mr. H. Rabinson

Vice-President N.A. Arnold

Treasurer J. Goldberg

Secretary S. Jones

Committee B. Rothstein, J. Comaroff, S. Comaroff, S. Rabinson, M. Peires,

P. Bloom, H. Hatchuel, S. Harris, J. Rabinowitz

Trustees N.A. Arnold, H. Robinson, J. Goldberg

Auditors A. Comaroff, B.I. Hoffman

# **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1919

President J. Goldberg

Vice-President H. Hatchuel

Treasurer M. Stein

Secretary A. Comaroff (S. Jones)

Committee M. Harris, J. Myers, A. Friedman, P. Bloom, S. Rabinson

J. Comaroff, C.M. Harris, L. Braude, S. Harris

Trustee B. Rothstein

# Annual General Meeting held on 19th September 1920

President J. Goldberg

Vice-President P. Bloom

Treasurer S. Jones

Secretaries H.S. Court and H. Rothstein

Trustees J. Goldberg, J. Comaroff

Committee A. Cohen, M. Mande, S. Myers, J. Cohen, J. Comaroff,

S. Gruber, H.M. Shapiro, N. Levy

Auditors B.I. Hoffman, A.M. Hoffman

# **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# **Annual General Meeting Held on 8th October 1921**

President J. Goldberg

Vice-President L. Braude

Treasurer M. Pieters

Secretary A.M. Hoffman

Committee I. Lasovsky, H. Hatchuel, P. Bloom, S. Robinson

Auditors B.I. Hoffman and Mark Harris

# Annual General Meeting Held on 1st October 1922

President L. Braude

Vice-President P. Bloom

Treasurer H. Hatchuel

Secretary A.M. Hoffman

Committee S. Gruber, I. Lasovsky, B.I. Hoffman, D. Benatar, Benvaniste,

J. Goldberg, S. Jones, S. Harris

Trustees A. Cohen, L. Braude, S. Gruber

Auditors J.N. Braude and H. Shapiro

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1923

President B.I. Hoffman

Vice-President S. Harris

Treasurer L. Braude

Secretary A.M. Hoffman

Committee P. Bloom, M. Comaroff, M. Friend, S. Gruber, S. Jones,

Isaac Lasovsky, J. Rabinowitz, Dr. R. Rabson, N. Sarif

Auditors H.M. Shapiro and N. Schwartz

# Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1924

President L. Braude

Vice-President B. Hoffman

Treasurer M. Stein

Secretary A.M. Hoffman

Committee M. Comaroff, I. Lasovsky, H. Hatchuel, P. Pichanik, S. Gruber

Auditors Shapiro and Schwartz

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1925

President L. Braude

Vice-President B. Hoffman

Treasurer P. Bloom

Secretary H.A. Krikler

Committee S. Gruber, S. Comaroff, P. Pichanik, I. Lasovsky, S. Jones

Auditors Schwartz and Shapiro

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1926

President R. Mande

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer B.I. Hoffman

Secretary H.A. Krikler

Committee H.M. Shapiro, J. Pichanik, S. Jones, L. Rabson, D. Schwartz

Auditors M. Stein and H.S. Court

# Annual General Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1927

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer H.M. Shapiro

Secretary H.A. Krikler

Committee S. Jones, S. Gruber, Harris, L. Banet, Alhadeff, D. Schwartz

B.I. Hoffman, J, Pichanik

Auditors M. Stein and H.S. Court

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1928

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer H.A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee H. Shapiro, S. Gruber, M. Harris, B.I.

Hoffman and H.D. Landau

Auditors H.S. Court and A.M. Hoffman

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 13th October 1929

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer H. A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee Hoffman, Gruber, Lewis, Harris, H. Shapiro, H.D.Landau

# Annual General Meeting held on 28th August 1930

President L. Braude

Vice-President Sam Lewis

Treasurer H. A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee I. Lasovsky, M. Stein, Hoffman, P.

Bloom, H. Shapiro

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 20th September 1931

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer H. A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee L.E. Banet, B.I. Hoffman, H. Shapiro,

S. Gruber, P. Bloom, M.E. Kaplan

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1932

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer H. A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee L.E. Banet, H. Shapiro, S. Gruber, Bloom. Harris

# Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1933

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer H. A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee B.I. Hoffman, H. Shapiro, S. Lasovsky,

S. Gruber, P. Bloom

Auditors A. M. Hoffman and C. E. Nathan

# **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1934

President L. Braude

Vice-President I. Lasovsky

Treasurer J. Perlmutter

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee H. Shapiro, S. Gruber, P. Bloom, M. E. Kaplan, I. Pichanik

Auditors A. M. Hoffman and B.I. Hoffman

# Annual General Meeting Held on 6th October 1935



President I. Lasovsky

Vice-President H.A. Krikler

Treasurer B.J. Hoffman

Secretary S. Hyman

Committee Dr. M.M. Lewin, B.I. Hoffman,

M.E. Kaplan, I. Pichanik, L.Harris

Auditors A.M. Hoffman and B.I. Hoffman

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting Held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1936

President H. Shapiro

Vice-President B.I. Hoffman

Treasurer H.A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Committee M.E. Kaplan, Joe Smith, S. Jones, S. Gruber, H.J. Hoffman

Examiners A.M. Hoffman, C.E. Nathan

# Annual General Meeting Held on 12th September 1937

President H. Shapiro

Vice-President B.I. Hoffman

Treasurer H.A. Krikler

Secretary N. Krikler

Assistant Secretary N. Price

Committee M.E. Kaplan, B.S. Leon, I. Pichanik, S. Gruber, H.J. Hoffman

Examiners H.J. Hoffman, C. Nathan

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

### **Annual General Meeting Held on 2nd October 1938**



President I. Lasovsky

Vice-President S. Gruber

Treasurer C. Nathan

Secretary N. Price

Assistant Secretary I. Pichanik

Committee B.I. Hoffman, A.M. Robinson,

D. Schwartz, L. Joleson, L. Harris

M. Perlmutter

Examiners A.M. Hoffman, S. Schragger

# Annual General Meeting Held on 20th August 1939



President I. Lasovsky

Vice-President H. Shapiro

Treasurer C. Nathan

Secretary N. Price

Assistant Secretary I. Pichanik

Committee B.I. Hoffman, A.M. Robinson, D. Schwartz, L. Joleson

L. Harris, M. Perlmutter

Examiners A.M. Hoffman, S. Schragger

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# **Annual General Meeting Held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1940**

President H. Shapiro

Vice-President B.I. Hoffman

Treasurer C. Nathan

Secretary A. Lidsky

Committee D. Schwartz, A.M. Robinson,

M. Perlmutter, L. Joleson, L. Harris

L. Harris, M. Stein

Examiners A.M. Hoffman, N. Krikler

# Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1941



President C. E. Nathan

Vice-President B.I. Hoffman

Treasurer H. A. Krikler

Secretary A. Lidsky

Committee I. Lasovsky, L.E. Banet, M.E. Kaplan, D. Schwartz, S. Lasovsky

W.A. Feigenbaum,

Auditors A.M. Hoffman and B.Myers

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Annual General Meeting held on 19th August 1942



President C.E. Nathan

Vice-President M.E. Kaplan

Treasurer A. Lidsky

Secretary I. Rabinowitz

Committee A.M. Robinson, A.C. Berks, H. Cohen, S. Lasovsky, A. Lessem

M. Lewis

Trustees C. Nathan, M.E. Kaplan and Dr. W. Lazarus

# Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1943



President M. Stein

Vice-President M. E. Kaplan

Treasurer A. Lidsky

Secretary H. Benjamin

Committee A.C. Berks, H. Cohen, I. Lasovsky, A. Lessem, D. Schwartz

Auditors B.I. Hoffman and N. Krikler

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Annual General Meeting held on the 9th August 1944



President D. Schwartz

Vice-President L.E. Banet

Treasurer A. Lidsky

Secretary H. Benjamin

Committee A.C. Berks, Harry Cohen, B. Joleson, M.E. Kaplan, S. Lasovsky

I. Lasovsky

# Annual General Meeting Held on 14th August 1946



President L.E. Banet

Vice-President S. Lasovsky

Treasurer L. Harris

Secretary H. Benjamin

Assistant Secretary J.J. Schwartz

Committee Dr. M. Gelfand, I. Pichanik, Harry Bloom, D. Shapiro

George Meyers, Harry Cohen

### SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION

# **Annual General Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1947**



President L.E. Banet

Vice-President S. Lasovsky

Treasurer L. Harris

Secretary S.A. Jones

Assistant Secretary Sam Jones

Committee Dr. M. Gelfand, Harry Cohen, B.M. Kass, D. Shapiro

E. Brod, D. Schwartz

Auditors S.A. Jones, E. Waxman

# Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1948



President S. Lasovsky

Vice-President S. Harris

Treasurer I. Srago

Secretary J. Klug

Trustees I. Lasovsky, H. Cohen and H. Court

Committee Dr. Gelfand, E. Brod, D. Shapiro, B. Kass, A. Berkenfeld

I. Iljon

Examiners H. Benjamin, E. Waxman

### SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION

Annual General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1949



President M.E. Kaplan

Vice-President A. Lessem

Treasurer I. Srago

Secretary I. Rabinowitz

Committee D. Shapiro, E. Brod, S. King, N. Ben-Yehuda, I. Schur

S. Lasovsky (Ex-Officio)

# **Annual General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1950**



President M.E. Kaplan

Vice-President D. Shapiro

Treasurer E. Brod

Secretary P. Ofman

# **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1951



President L. Harris

Vice-President D. Shapiro

Treasurer D. Shapiro

Secretary D. Shapiro

Committee B. Anolick, E. Brod, H. Cohen, I. Rabinowitz

P. Rothstein, I. Srago

# Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1952



President L. Harris

Vice-President D. Rothstein

Treasurer R. Lazarus

Secretary M. Peimer

Committee I. Srago, S.B. Anolick, I. Iljon, E. Brod, R. Rosenbaum

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1953

President D. Shapiro

Vice-President P. Ofman

Treasurer H. Benjamin

Secretary M. Peimer

Committee S. Joffe, I. Srago, E. Brod, Dr. J.G. Borok, V. Michelson

A.Berkenfeld

# Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1954

President D. Shapiro

Vice-President P.I. Ofman

Treasurer H. Benjamin

Secretary M. V. Erbman

Trustees I. Lasovsky, S. King, A. Lessem, W. Dale

Committee A. Berkenfeld, Dr. J.G. Borok, H.H. Gollop, S. Joffe,

C. E. Nathan, I. Srago

Auditors J.A. Horvitch, Bloch, R. Rosenbaum

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1955



President P.I. Ofman

Vice-President S. Joffe

Treasurer

Secretary M.V. Erbman

Committee H.H. Gollop, Dr. J.G. Borok, I. Srago, M. Peimer,

H. Reuben, I.M. Barron

# Annual General Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1956



President P.I. Ofman

Vice-President D. Shapiro

Treasurer H. Benjamin

Secretary M.V. Erbman

Committee C.E. Nathan, I. Passov, H. Reuben, N. Ben-Yehuda, I. Srago

Dr. J.G. Borok

Auditors J.U. Horvitch, Bloch and Rosenbaum

### SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION

**Annual General Meeting Held on 28<sup>th</sup> July1957** 



President Abe Lessem

Vice-President D. Shapiro

Treasurer Stanley Jones

Secretary Abe Weiss

Trustees I. Lasovsky, C.E. Nathan, L. Harris

Committee I. Srago, I. Passov, M.V. Erbman, J. de Haas, H. Reuben

# Annual General meeting held on 31st July 1958



President Mr. A. Lessem

Vice-President Mr. H. Gollop

Treasurer Mr. S. Jones

Secretary Mr. B. Sacks

### Committee

D. Shapiro, P.I. Ofman, I. Passov, I. Srago, J. Levinkind and M.V. Erbman

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1959



President Mr. H.H. Gollop

Vice-President Mr. Stanley Jones

Treasurer Mr. Leslie Thal

Secretary Mr. B. Sacks

Committee Mr. N. Ben Yehuda, Dr. J.G. Borok, M.V. Erbman, Dr. J.W. Todes,

Dr. A. Woolfson. D. Shapiro, P.I. Offman, I. Passov, I. Srago,

J. Levinkind

### **Annual General meeting held in September 1960**



President Mr. H.H. Gollop

Vice-President Mr. S. Jones

Treasurer Mr. L. Thal

Secretary Mr. B. Sacks

Committee Mr. N. Ben Yehuda, Dr. J.G. Borok, M.V. Erbman, J. Levinkind,

A. Buchman, I. Passov, D. Shapiro, I. Srago, A. Lessem and Dr.

Dr. G. Todes

Trustees I. Lasovsky, C.E. Nathan, L. Harris

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

### **Annual General Meeting Held on 19th March 1961**



President H.H. Gollop

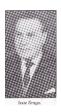
Vice-President I. Srago

Treasurer

Secretary G. Graham

Committee Boris Kass, Marvyn Hatchuel, Mervyn Lasovsky, N. Stiefel

# Annual General Meeting Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1962



President Issy Srago

Vice-President Harold H. Gollop

Treasurer Leslie Thal

Secretary Gerry Graham

Committee Eric Brod, Abe Buchman, Manfred V. Erbman,

Marvyn Hatchuel, Boris Kass, Richard Lazarus

Abe Lessem, Harry Lewin, Jossie Schwartz, Norbet Stiefel

### **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Annual General Meeting Held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1963



President H.H. Gollop

Vice-President I. Srago

Treasurer L. Thal

Secretary G. Graham

Trustees L. Harris, A. Lessem, P. Ofman

Committee E. Brod, A. Buchman, C. Kopman, L. Lessem, H. Lewin

Mrs. M. Maisels, J. Melman, J. Pelham, J.J. Schwartz

N. Stiefel

# Annual General Meeting Held on 27th May 1964



President H.H. Gollop

Vice-President

Treasurer L. Thal

Secretary G. Graham

Committee H. Abrahamson, A. Graham, M.G. Hatchuel, W. Kaim

R. Lazarus, L. Lessem, J. Melman, J. Pelham, J. Pitluk

J.J. Schwartz

# **SALISBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

# Annual General meeting held on 9th June 1965



President Mr. L. Thal

Vice-President Mr. G.S. Graham

Treasurer Dr. A. Woolfson

Secretary Dr. A. Woolfson

Gabai Mr. H.H. Gollop

Deputy Gabai Dr. J.G. Borok

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. J.J. Schwartz

Trustees Mr. L. Harris, A. Lessem and P.I. Ofman

Committee Harold Abrahamson, Arthur. Graham, Dr. J.G. Borok, Werner Kaim

Dave Nathan, Julius Melman, Jack Pelham, Jos Pitluk,

Issy Rabinowitz, Hugo Bamberger, Geoff Clain

# Annual General meeting held on 20th April 1966



President Mr. G.S. Graham

Vice-President Dr. A. Woolfson

Treasurer Mr. J. Pelham

Secretary Mr. J. Melman

Gabai Mr. H.H. Gollop

Deputy Gabai Dr. J.G. Borok

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. W. Kaim

Trustees Mr. L. Harris, A. Lessem and S. Lasovsky

Committee H. Abrahamson, G. Klein, B. Hassall, J. Levison, D. Nathan

J. Pitluk, I. Rabinowitz, H. Samuels, M. Walters, J.J. Schwartz

Trustees A. Lessem, L. Harris and S. Lasovsky

Auditors Gelfand, Levinkind and Co.

# Annual General meeting held on 19th April 1967

President Dr. A. Woolfson

Vice-President Mr. H.H. Gollop

Gabaai Dr. J.G. Borok

Deputy Gabaai Mr. J. Melman

Treasurer Mr. J. Pelham

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. W. Kaim

Secretary Mr. M. Walters

Trustees L. Harris, S. Lasovsky and L. Thal

Committee H. Abrahamson, L. Brenner, B. Hassall, M. Immerman

J.P. Levison, J. Rudansky, H. Samuels, J. Sapire, G.S. Graham

J.J. Schwartz, G. Clain

Chevra Kaddisha Mr. A. King

Nursery School Mr. K.B. Brown

Secretary Mr. G. Rosin

Auditors Gelfand, Levinkind and Co.

# Annual General meeting held on 8th April 1968

President Dr. A. Woolfson

Vice-President Mr. J. Pelham

Gabaai Dr. J.G. Borok

Deputy Gabaai Mr. J. Melman

Treasurer Mr. J.P. Levison

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. W. Kaim

Secretary Mr. M. Walters

Trustees L. Harris, S. Lasovsky and L. Thal

Committee Members H. Abrahamson, L. Brenner, H.H.Gollop, G. Graham

B. Hassall, M. Immerman, M. Peimer, J. Rudansky

J. Sapire and J.J. Schwartz

Chevra Kaddisha Mr. M. Mande

Education Board Mr. H. Lewin

Nursery School Mr. K.B. Brown

# Annual General meeting held on 31st March 1969



President Mr. J. Pelham

Vice-President Mr. M. Walters

Gabaai Mr. J. Melman

Deputy Gabaai Mr. H. Abramhamson

Treasurer Mr. J. P. Levison

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. W. Kaim

Secretary Mr. L. J. Brenner

Committee Members Dr. J. G. Borok, Dr. G Ress, G. Clain, B. Friedlander.

H.H. Gollop, W. Harris, B. Hassall, J. Rudansky, J. Sapire

S. Scolnik

Trustees S. Lasovsky and L. Harris and L. Thal

Ex-officio Mr. A. King (Chevra Kadisha) and Mrs. S. Pelham

(Synagogue Ladies Guild)

Education Board - Mr. H. Lewin

Nursery School – Mr. J. Ellison

# Annual General meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1970



President Mr. J. Pelham

Vice-President Mr. H. Abramhamson

Chairman Mr. M Walters

Vice-Chairman Mr. W. Kaim

Gabaai Mr. J. Melman

Deputy Gabaai Mr. H. Abramhamson

Treasurer Mr. J. P. Levison

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. L.J. Brenner

Secretary Mr. W. Harris

Committee Members Dr. J. G. Borok, Dr. G Ress, G. Clain, J. Ellison,

H.H. Gollop, B. Hassall, J. Rudansky, J. Sapire

S. Scolnik and J Grossberg

Trustees S. Lasovsky and L. Harris and L. Thal

# Annual General meeting held on 11th May 1971



President Mr. H. Abramhamson

Vice-President Mr. J.M. Sapire

Chairman Mr. W. Harris

Vice-Chairman Mr. W. Kaim

Treasurer Mr. J. P. Levinson

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. G.N. Clain

Secretary Dr. J.G. Borok

### **Committee Members**

K. Bloch, K.B. Brown, G. Doctors, J.A. Ellison, H.H. Gollop, B. Hassall, F.S. Salomon, S.A. Scolnik, M. Walters and Dr. G. Ress

Ex-Officio Mr. J. Pelham

President Chevra Kaddisha Mr. A. King

# Annual General meeting held on 24th May 1972



President Mr. H. Abramhamson

Vice-President Mr. J.M. Sapire

Chairman Mr. W. Kaim

Treasurer Mr. F.S. Salomon

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. G.N. Clain

Secretary Dr. G. Ress

### **Committee Members**

Dr. J.G. Borok, K. Bloch, L.J. Brenner, K.B. Brown, G. Doctors, J.A. Ellison, M. Walters

Trustees Mr. L. Harris and S. Lasovsky

Ex-Officio

President Chevra Kaddisha Mr. H. Stiel

Chairman Education Board Mr. W.B. Wigoder

Synagogue Ladies Guild Mrs. S. Pelham

# Annual General meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1973



President Mr. J. M. Sapire

Vice-President Mr. H. S. Abrahamson

Chairman Mr. W. Kaim

Treasurer Mr. F. S. Solomon

Vice-Chairman Mr. J. P. Levison

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. G. N. Clain

Secretary Mr. L. J. Brenner

Committee Members Dr. J. G. Borok, Dr. B. Singer, H. H. Bamberger, K.B.

Brown, J. A. Ellison, M. Walters and H. Weinstock

Trustees S. Lasovsky and L. Harris

Ex-officio Mr. H. Stiel (Chevra Kaddisha) and Mrs. S. Pelham

(Synagogue Ladies Guild)

# Annual General meeting held on 29th May 1974



President Mr. J. M. Sapire

Vice-President Mr. H. S. Abrahamson

Chairman Mr. G.N. Clain

Treasurer Mr. F. S. Solomon

Vice-Chairman Mr. W. Kaim

Treasurer – Building Fund Mr. J. A. Ellison

Secretary Mr. K. Bloch

Committee Members Dr. J. G. Borok, Dr. B. Singer, K. Aviv, K.B.Brown

B. Cowan, I. Rabinowitz, M. Walters

Trustees S. Lasovsky and L. Harris

Ex-officio Mr. H. Stiel (Chevra Kaddisha) and Mrs. C. Barnett

(Synagogue Ladies Guild)

# **Annual General meeting held in 1975**



President Mr. H. S. Abrahamson

Vice-President Mr. I. Rabinowitz

Chairman Mr. G.N. Clain

Treasurer Mr. M. Arenson

Vice-Chairman Mr. J.A. Ellison

Secretary Mr. G. Rosin

Committee Members Dr. J. G. Borok, B. Adelsky, K. Aviv, K.B.Brown

K. Bloch, G. Doctors and W. Kaim

Trustees S. Lasovsky and L. Harris

Ex-officio Mr. M. Peimer (Chevra Kaddisha) and Mrs. C. Barnett

(Synagogue Ladies Guild)

### **HARARE HEBREW CONGREGATION**

### Annual General Meeting held on June 3, 1992



President Mr. Siegfried Wiessenbacher

Vice-President Mr. Franklin S. Plein

Chairman Mr. Joe Van Den Bergh

Vice-Chairman Mr. Leslie Lobel

Treasurer Mr. S. Rodger

Secretary Mrs. L. Loewenson

Committee Members: B. Cohen, J. Cohen, A. Leon and L. Schwartz

Life President Mr. Lionel Harris

Chevra Kadisha Representative Mr. I. Levin

Ladies Synagogue Guild Representative Mrs. R. Rodger

# **HARARE HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Annual General Meeting held on June 3, 1993



President Mr. Siegfried Wiessenbacher

Vice-President Mr. Franklin S. Plein

Chairman Mr. Joe Van Den Bergh

Vice-Chairman Mr. Leslie Lobel

Treasurer Mr. S. Rodger

Secretary Mrs. L. Loewenson

Committee Members: B. Cohen, J. Cohen, A. Leon and L. Schwartz, I. Levin

### **HARARE HEBREW CONGREGATION**

### **Annual General Meeting 1994**



President Mr. Franklin S. Plein

Vice-President Mr. J. Pitluk

Treasurer Mr. S. Rodger

Chairman Mr. Joe Van Den Bergh

Committee Members: Mr. B. Cohen, Mr. J. Cohen, Mr. A. Leon, Mr. L. Schwartz

Mr. W. Rider

Life President Mr. Lionel Harris

Life Trustee Mr. Siegfried Wiessenbacher

### HARARE HEBREW CONGREGATION

#### Committee of 1995



President Jos Pitluk

Vice-President Lionel Schwartz

Treasurer Stuart Roger

Honorary Life President Lionel Harris

Immediate Past President Franklin Plein

Committee Wolfie Blacher, Ivor Davis, Eric Farhangi, Adolf Leon

Leslie Lobel, Jack Lowe, Joe Van Den Bergh.

# UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA (SALISBURY BRANCH)

### **OBJECTS**

### **GENERAL:**

- To serve as a central organisation for the co-ordination of all local Jewish women's societies or associations concerned with the spiritual and educational needs in the Jewish community
- To express the views of Jewish women on Jewish and general matters, particularly those of special concern to them.
- To initiate and participate in activities calculated to strengthen Jewish life in Rhodesia
- To assist in the furtherance of Jewish and general education
- To participate in and/or initiate activities which are calculated to promote goodwill and better understanding among all sections of the population of Rhodesia.
- To provide a platform for the discussion of subjects of Jewish and general interest.
- To work for the improvement of the status of women in Jewish law and for their equality of status with men in the Jewish community.
- To co-operate through the National Executive Council of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa with national and international organisations working to secure equality of status of women with men.
- To co-operate through the National Executive Council of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa with Jewish organisations in other countries, having similar objects.
- To promote ties of friendship and to foster cultural relations with the people of Israel.
- To co-operate through the National Executive Council of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa with national and international organisations for t5he maintenance of world peace.

### **WELFARE:**

To serve as a central organisation for the co-ordination of all local Jewish

Women's societies or associations concerned with the welfare needs in the

Jewish community

To initiate or participate in social welfare work for all sections of the community

To support, subscribe and contribute by way of work, monetary grants, loans,

Donations or otherwise, to any charitable, welfare, national or public organisation

Object or fund in order to carry out the objects of the branch.

### **HISTORY OF THE SALISBURY BRANCH OF**

### THE UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN

The Union of Jewish Women (Salisbury Branch) was established in June, 1948, when Miss Sally Kussel, Organizing Secretary of the Union of Jewish Women of Southern Africa, came to Salisbury. At a meeting convened by the Salisbury Jewish Women's Appeal, she outlined the aims and objects of the U.J.W., which encourages the Jewish woman to be a fully integrated citizen of the country in which she lives. After a unanimous decision to establish a branch, Mrs. Bella Kass, the Chairman of this meeting called for nominations for an Executive and Committee. Mrs. Muriel Rosin was nominated the first Chairman, and she and her committee remained in office until October, 1949.

During 1948, a constitution was drawn up. Various associations were approached with a view to establishing U.J.W. representation, benevolent work was undertaken and cultural meetings were held. At this time, the U.J.W. first undertook the collection of donations for the Magen David Adom. At the A.G.M. in October, 1949, Mrs. Rosin was re-elected Chairman and remained in office until the end of 1950. In her report to the A.G.M. in October, 1950, Mrs. Rosin pointed out that since its inception, the U.J.W. had widened the scope of its work to include assistance to local charities, street collections and hospital visiting. In order to carry out the programme and meet commitments, money was raised by decorating the Synagogue and the Sephardi Hall for weddings and other functions. From the start, co-operation with the Salisbury Women's Zionist League existed and we participated in many aspects of Jewish life in Salisbury. The highlight of 1950 was the visit of Chief Rabbi Brodie of Great Britain, and Mrs. Brodie., At a reception held in their honour, various notabilities attended, including Lady Kennedy, wife of the Governor.

Mrs. Bella Kass was elected Chairman for 1951. In her report to the A.G.M. in November, she stated that we had reached a stage in which national and local organizations (Jewish and non-Jewish) regarded us as the official and responsible mouthpiece of the Jewish women of Salisbury. During that year, the first Newcomers; Tea was held, to stimulate active interest among newcomers in the work of the U.J.W. and to welcome them to Salisbury. A scholarship to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was inaugurated jointly with the Bulawayo branch of the U.J.W. At this stage, catering for functions was undertaken and a large proportion of income allocated to the Israel United Appeal. In her report at the end of her second year in office, in November, 1952, Mrs. Kass said, "I wish to stress the characteristic aspect of our organization, which is one of service – service to the interests of women, service to the Jewish people and service to the wider community in which we live". She also reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the U.J.W. of South Africa, which she had attended with two other delegates. As the first official delegation from Salisbury, attendance at this conference was of great benefit and gave them an insight into and knowledge of the many branches of U.J.W. work. During 1952, the first of many Goodwill Meetings was attended by representatives of all women's societies and members of the general public. Among many other activities of the branch, the arranging of flowers was attended to at the Ladv

Chancellor Maternity Home, and functions were held in aid of various charities and organizations. We were now represented on the Jewish Board of Deputies and its sub-committees. Union of

Jewish Women members continued to visit the Rhodesia Children's Home every week to mend clothes, and our first real social welfare project, the Native Hospital Library, was launched under the able guidance of Mrs. Esther Gelfand.

In November, 1952, Mrs. Estelle Granger was elected Chairman but, unfortunately, due to illness, had to relinquish her post in July, when Mrs. Miriam Liptz took over. The benevolent and cultural programme continued and further activities were embarked upon, including the transport of polio victims to and from the newly built clinic. The U.J.W. now became affiliated to the National Council of Women.

At the end of 1953, Mrs. Rosa Lawson was elected Chairman and was re-elected at the A.G.M. in November, 1954. The benevolent and social work at this time included visits to Nazareth House, arrangements for Jewish patients in hospital to receive matzos during the Passover and participation in the Clothing Drive for Israel. Mrs. Amy de Haas was appointed to the House Committee of the B.S. Leon Home. Many interesting cultural meetings were arranged and the catering and flower-arranging service continued. In May, 1955, a meeting was held in honour the first visit of a National President of the U.J.W. of South Africa. In her address, Mrs. Kate Machanick stressed the necessity for Jewish Education for our youth and the part our organization should play in this connection. She also urged closer co-operation with The Salisbury Women's Zionist League, who became affiliated to the U.J.W. In September, 1955, representatives of all women's organizations in Salisbury were invited to a meeting at which the Mayoress, Mrs. R. Pichanik, presided, and Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel spoke on "The Treatment and Education of the Cerebral Palsied Child". This meeting gave the impetus for the establishment, in 1956, of a pilot scheme at the Red Cross Clinic for the treatment of Cerebral Palsy patients. This scheme formed the nucleus of the Cerebral Palsy Association, which established the Cerebral Palsy Centre. In 1964, the Association amalgamated with the Polio Organization to form the St. Giles Rehabilitation Centre. Benevolent work during the year was aided through contributions to a "Golden Book" which people were kind enough to sign "in pleasant as in sorrowful hours".

Mrs. Miriam Liptz took over the Chairmanship from Mrs. Lawson in November, 1955. Apart from the benevolent work and many cultural activities undertaken at this time, a recital by the pianist Lionel Bowman was organized by the U.J.W., to raise funds for the University. Members also helped sell stamps for the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. At the A.G.M. in October, 1956, Mrs. Granger succeeded Mrs. Liptz as Chairman and was re-elected for a further term at the end of 1957. Miss Sally Kussel once again visited Salisbury, to address the 1956 A.G.M. She discussed the work that the U.J.W. undertook for the care of the aged and suggested the formation of a Friendship Club in Salisbury. As a result, the first Friendship Club meeting was held in July, 1957 – a musical morning at Mrs. Rosa Lawson's house, organized by Mrs. De Haas and Mrs. Lawson. A ball was organized to raise funds for the M.D.A. and assistance was given to the New Rhodesian Immigrants Committee. The U.J.W. provided teas for the Garden Party held in honour of the Queen Mother, to whom Mrs. Amy de Haas was introduced. During 1958, the U.J.W. catered for the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, together with the S.W.Z.L. Work at the African Hospital Library continued and a rocking horse was bought for the children's ward. We assisted St. Catherine's at their Hobby Fair and other charities benefitted from various functions,

including a fashion parade and a sale of second hand books. We also donated a sewing machine to the Rhodesia Children's Home.

Mrs. Lawson succeeded Mrs. Granger as Chairman for 1959 and 1960. During this period, the U.J.W. were asked to assist in compiling two programmes for Red Cross functions and also ran a Hot Dog stall at the Cerebral Palsy Association Fete. Among other fund-raising functions, the committee organized a "Casino d'Afrique". In September, 1959, Mrs. Pearl Mandelstam, the National President of the U.J.W. of Southern Africa, addressed a well-attended Goodwill Meeting on "The voluntary work done by women in America". We assisted with catering at an International Ball in aid of polio victims, but catering as a fund-raising activity was discontinued. During 1960, a scholarship for an African high school student was initiated and the recipient was chosen by the Child Welfare Organization and the Headmaster of Harari School. The first Adult Education Study Classes were inaugurated under the convenership of Mrs. Hannah Woolfson.

Mrs. Sonia Gordon was elected Chairman for 1961 and held this position until June, 1963, when she left Salisbury. At the beginning of 1961, a course on Child Psychology was conducted by the Adult Education Division. Taped lectures by experts were now also available from the National Adult Education Division in Johannesburg, and the Salisbury Branch of the U.J.W. was invited to attend an Adult Education Conference at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Classes were held at Harari, where pupils could take an Academic or Commercial course and assistance was given at various fetes held in aid of local charities. The U.J.W. undertook the annual maintenance of one child at Epworth Mission African Orphanage and a second scholarship for an African student was instituted. The visit in June of Mrs. J Pinchuk and Mrs. A Bernstein from U.J.W. Headquarters in Johannesburg coincided with a meeting which brought together members. newcomers and the Friendship Club. In October, a most successful Goodwill Meeting, held at the Grand Hotel, and attended by representatives of many women's societies and wives of consuls, was addressed by the American Consul, Mr. Harry Webster. In March, 1962, the Chairman, Mrs. Sonia Gordon attended the Biennial Conference in Johannesburg, where interesting papers were presented on Group Work, Adult Education and many other facets of U.J.W. work. In July, a combined Silver Jubilee and Newcomers' Tea at the Coq d'Or celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the UY.J.W. of South Africa as a national organization. Mrs. A de Haas, who had convened hospital visiting and the Friendship Club for many years, was appointed as our representative on the Salisbury committee for the Rhodesian Jewish Old Aged Home.

In July, 1963, Mrs. Rosa Lawson took over from Mrs. Gordon, and was subsequently re-elected Chairman for another 2 years – her third term in office. At the A.G.M. in November, 1963, Mrs. Sylvia Silverman, National President of the U.J.W. of Southern Africa, reported on the Convention of the International Council of Jewish Women, which she had recently attended in the U.S.A. A fancy dress Purim Party and Puppet Show was held in February, 1964, at the Rhodes Memorial Hall, for the children of our community. Later in the year, the U.J.W. bought the complete house for a gala performance of the play "Lysistrata", at the Reps Theatre. This was our first undertaking of this nature and the proceeds were divided between Hopelands Trust (who bought a washing machine for Homefields Farm) and the Jewish Youth Project Fund. Catherine Stern Arithmetic Equipment was donated to The Salman Margolis Nursery School and the Sephardi Hebrew

Nursery School, to help familiarize the children with the method taught at Sharon School. We assisted many charities during the year and once again undertook to run a stall at the S.W.Z.L. Fete. At the A.G.M. in November, 1964, the Chairman, Mrs. Lawson, presented Mrs. Doris Berelowitz and Mrs. Dorene Zilberg with Goodwill Certificates for their outstanding service to the U.J.W. In May, 1965, we organized a Premiere evening of the W.V.S. production of "Carousel". This time we compiled our own programme to which local firms generously contributed. The proceeds were allocated equally to St. Giles Rehabilitation Centre, Sharon School, and the Jewish Community Centre (part of this last donation was used to purchase new steps to the "Bima".) We organized the collection of donations from our community for The Freedom from Hunger Campaign (Children of the Drought Appeal). Later in the year, we arranged for fifty children from the Rhodesia Children's Home to attend Doyle's circus and fifty children from the Epworth Mission African Orphanage to attend Chipperfield's Circus. We also sponsored the visit of 20 children from St. Catherine's Home to a W.V.S. film morning. The National Executive Director of the U.J.W. of S.A., Mrs. Minna Levitas, visited Salisbury in September and addressed a special meeting, where she gave a stimulating and absorbing survey of the work of our organization and stressed the need for Jewish Education, Community Services and Adult Education. A further meeting was called to reconvene the Adult Education Division, whose work from this time is dealt with in a separate article in this brochure. At the A.G.M. in November, 1965, which marked the end of Mrs. Rosa Lawson's third term as Chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the U.J.W., she was presented with a gift from the committee as a token of appreciation for her many years of devoted and outstanding service.

Mrs. Dorene Zilberg began a three year tem of office when she was elected Chairman at the A.G.M in November, 1965. She attended the Biennial Conference, held in Johannesburg in May, 1966, and reported back at a well-attended meeting at the Jameson Hotel in June. During her visit the previous year, Mrs. Levitas had suggested that we participate in 1966 in the celebration of Jewish Book Month, the theme of which was to be "The Bible". This suggestion resulted in a most successful venture. Our Adult Education Division unearthed a treasure of old and fascinating Bibles and biblical exhibits for an exhibition, held in conjunction with the S.W.Z.L. at the Rhodes National Gallery. The two-day exhibition, which included a symposium and lectures, attracted much public interest. Later in the year, we organized a Charity Film Premiere which benefitted The Jairos Jiri Association, The Child Protection Society, The Salisbury Hebrew Congregation Benevolent Society and the Salisbury Sephardi Congregation Benevolent Fund.

At the A.G.M. held in December, 1966, Goodwill Certificates were presented to Mrs. A. de Haas and Mrs. Rosa Lawson, for all their years of sterling service to the U.J.W. from the time the Salisbury Branch was first established. Mrs. De Haas had been Hon. Life Vice-President since 1956, and at t5his meeting, the same honour was conferred on Mrs. Lawson. We are fortunate that these two founder members are still on our committee in 1969, to give us the benefit of their advice and experience. A revised constitution was approved and ratified at this A.G.M., as our original constitution had been amended to conform to decisions taken at the recent Biennial Conference. At the Goodwill Meeting which followed the A.G.M., a farewell presentation was made to Mrs. Rae Konviser, as she and Rabbi Konviser were leaving Salisbury. Mrs. Konviser had been a devoted and enthusiastic member of the U.J.W. committee for many years.

Early in 1967, we helped with the catering and organization of a farewell function for Rabbi and Mrs. Konviser and we made a contribution to the Scholarship Fund established in Rabbi Konviser's name. We became annual subscribers to the Savyon Lodge (The Jewish Old Aged Home in Bulawayo) and as a result of subsequent large donations, we are now inscribed in "The Golden Book of Donors". During 1967, the U.J.W. (Salisbury Branch) became a registered welfare organization. During all this time, our general activities continued, including hospital visiting, Friendship Club meetings, cultural meetings and street collections: jumble sales and cake sales were held to raise funds. In March, 1967, Mrs. Toni Saphra, our Life President, aged 89, passed away. She had been the founder of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa...."whose purpose is, as was the purpose of her full life, to strengthen the Jewish People and advance human welfare". Later in the year, we presented a Gala Premiere of the film, "A Man For All Seasons", and, due to generous public support, we were able to make large donations to St. Catherine's Home (Hopelands Trust) and the Savyon Lodge. During the Six Day War in June, 1967, our committee responded to the urgent call and gave four-fifths of our funds to the Emergency Appeal. We also assisted with the collection of contributions for the Sacrifice Sale organized by the S.W.Z.L. At the beginning of the year, both African Scholarships had lapsed, but we hope to re-introduce something of nature in the future. We continued to help various charitable organisations and made our annual donation of a reference book to the Sharon School Library. We had become members of the Salisbury Council of Social Service some years previously and continued to contribute regular news items about our activities for inclusion in their newsletter. At the A.G.M. in 1967, Mrs. Lawson, who had been our representative on the Rhodesia Children's Home General Committee for many years, presented a heartwarming report of their activities. On behalf of the U.J.W., she also presented Goodwill certificates to Mrs. Nellie Menashe and Mrs. Betsy Grill. At the Goodwill Meeting which followed the A.G.M., and was attended by a large and representative gathering of women, the Chairman, Mrs. Zilberg, presented a general review of the work done by U.J.W. branches throughout Southern Africa.

In January, 1968, we made a contribution to "The Golden Book of Jerusalem Restored", in which we are now inscribed, and also bought trees to be planted in the "Peace Forest" in Israel, to commemorate the fallen of the Six-Day War. Two Salisbury delegates attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Johannesburg in May, and reported back at a Garden Party attended by a large crowd of members and their friends. Mrs. Lily Graham, the Vice-Chairman, who had been one of our delegates, gave a comprehensive and stimulating report on the Conference. In August, our Adult Education Division organized and sponsored an exhibition by the Rhodesian artist, Mrs. Am Lindsell-Stewart. This venture proved highly successful and, as a result, we were able to contribute substantial amounts to the Runyararo Nursery School and the Blood Transfusion Building Centre Fund. A pastel portrait, kindly donated by Mrs. Lindsell-Stewart, was raffled in aid of the Rhodesia Children' Home Jubilee year. At a farewell function held in honour of Rev. R.S. Ichay, who was leaving Salisbury, our Chairman presented him with a gift on behalf of the U.J.W. We again cooperated with the S.W.Z.L. when Dr. Leah Bonner addressed a large gathering women on "Jerusalem – City of Dreams and Drama". Another highlight of the year's activities was the first entertainment organized by the U.J.W. for a large number of underprivileged and handicapped children. Vouchers were sold to the public to cover the cost of the seats at a film show which we arranged for them and we also obtained donations of refreshments. A military band thrilled the children with their music. The committee agreed to make a grant to the Sharon School Board of Governors, on which we had had a representative for several years, and another reference book was donated to the school library. At the A.G.M. held in November, Mrs. Zilberg ended her three-year term of office by giving a report on the work and activities of our branch during 1968. She presented Goodwill Certificates to the incoming Chairman, Mrs. Lily Graham, the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Hilda Zlotnik, and Mrs. Isobel Kohll, who had been Chairman of the Adult Education Division since 1966. On behalf of the Committee, a presentation was made by Mrs. Lawson to Mrs. Zilberg for her untiring efforts in promoting the aims and ideals of the U.J.W. At the Goodwill Meeting which followed the A.G.M., Mrs. Zilberg presented Goodwill Certificates to Mrs. Chummy Pitch and Mrs. Muriel Rosin (in abstentia) for their outstanding service to the City of Salisbury and Rhodesia. A light-hearted history of the bridal customs of different nations, combined with a charming display of traditional bridal dress, was very well received by our guests. Mrs. Zilberg then handed over to the Chairman for 1969, Mrs. Lily Graham, who had been Vice-Chairman for three years.

This year, we are providing volunteers to assist at the Margaret Campbell Day Centre, where our name is to be inscribed on a plaque acknowledging all large donations made to the Centre. We have organized the collection of clothing from the children of the two Jewish nursery schools, for distribution to the Jairos Jiri Association and the Chinyarodzo (Child Protection Society) home. In March, our Adult Education Division organized a "whirlwind" exhibition of the work of Mr. Moonie Ezra, a visiting Israeli artist, whose art aroused great public interest. Once again, part proceeds of work sold at the exhibition were allocated to local charities – The Dorothy Duncan Centre and the Arcadia Girls Hostel. In addition, The Salisbury Society for the Care of the African Mentally Handicapped benefitted from the proceeds of the raffle of a lithograph kindly donated by Mr. Ezra. In April, Mrs. Lily Graham attended an Oneg Shabbat, which was a farewell reception organized by the Sisterhood of the Salisbury Progressive Jewish Congregation in honour of Rev. and Mrs. Silvera prior to their departure to Israel.

Throughout the years, the U.J.W. has presented a widely varied cultural programme, covering subjects as diverse as Art, Medicine, Geology, Evolution, Gardening, Flower-arranging Demonstrations, Psychology, History, Interior Decorating, Education, Ballet, Choosing Careers, Hairdressing and Beauty Culture, Memory Training, Mental Health and The Pill. The cultural Conveners have always maintained a high standard and have managed to find an endless supply of interesting speakers from various walks of life, such as the University, the Medical School, the Arts, the Theatre, and many other spheres.

Our devoted volunteer hospital-visiting group have carried out their work with great dedication since the inception of the U.J.W. The Friendship Club, for "the young at heart", has brought happiness and companionship to many. Monthly meetings are arranged and members of the general committee provide transport and assistance with catering when necessary. Over the years, Friendship Club members have been taken to visit fact5ories, tea-gardens, and private homes, have enjoyed various demonstrations and musical entertainments and have also been invited to many of our cultural meetings. Talks on the Jewish Festivals have been arranged at the appropriate times. Since the establishment of our branch, Mrs. De Haas has devoted herself to these two projects and

has been fortunate in having the assistance of a willing group of ladies, many of whom have also been on the U.J.W. committee for a considerable time.

Since our formation in 1948, Mrs. Rosa Lawson has attended to the vital work of collecting contributions for the Magen David Adom, except for a short period when this work was undertaken by another group. As in the Past, we continue to help annually with the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations and the S.W.Z.L. Fete.

Our organisation has grown to its present position through the devotion and guidance of the many Union members who have, throughout the years, given so much to the work and ideals of the U.J.W. It is not possible to mention all of them by name but their service will always be remembered. Our Union has so diverse and broad a programme that any Jewish woman, whatever her interests, affiliations or outlook, can belong to it. While we are proud of our past achievements, we are aware of the necessity to maintain the standard set for us and of all that lies ahead for us to do in the future. Let us at all times, and with humility, remember the injunction of Rabbi Tarphon (in Pirkei Avoth):

"It is not thy duty to

Complete the work

But neither art thou free

To desist from it."

#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

The Union of Jewish Women believes that every organisation functions better when there is some form of Adult Education. We offer our members and the public the opportunity to share in the educational and cultural programme prepared by authorities in many different subjects, such as Art, Religion, Science and Psychology.

Adult Education Study Classes were inaugurated in 1960, when Mrs. Hannah Woolfson was appointed convener of this division. The first lectures and group discussions were on Child Psychology, and later a Music and Arts course was arranged. Mrs. J. Pinchuk, National Convener for Adult Education in Southern Africa, and Mrs. A. Bernstein, National Secretary for Adult Education, visited Salisbury in 1961, and gave several stimulating and informative talks on the various methods of promoting Adult Education. As a result of this visit, a class for "Barmitzvah mothers" was organized. During the year, the U.J.W. was invited to attend the Adult Education Conference held at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Although general Cultural Meetings were held regularly throughout the years, Adult Education classes were then discontinued for some time. However, as a result of the visit in September, 1965, of Mrs. Minna Levitas, National Executive Director of the U.J.W. of South Africa, our Adult Education Division was reconvened under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Dorene Zilberg. The stimulation of Mrs. Levitas' visit led to a re-awakening of interest in Adult Education and laid the foundation for the success

which this sub-committee has achieved since then. Mrs. Isobel Kohll became Chairman in August, 1966, and remained in this post until the end of 1968. Mrs. D. Zilberg is the present Chairman of our Adult Education Division.

During the past few years, we have presented various tape recorded lectures, and, whenever possible, we have asked a local authority conversant with the subject to lead the discussion and answer questions.

The following subjects have been presented:

The Psychology of the Adolescent

The Primary School Child

The Nursery School Child

What to tell your child about God

What to tell your child about sex

"Ma-Mitzvah" course for mothers

Sholem Aleichem

The Chassidim

The History of Jerusalem from 1500 BC to June 1967 AD

Heredity, Evolution and You

An introduction to the Understanding of Art

Great Religions of the World

The Six Ages of Art

The library of tape-recordings available to us is wide and varied and we hope to present any more subjects of interest in the future.

We have been fortunate in obtaining the use of the Arts Lecture Theatre at the University College of Rhodesia on several occasions, for the presentation of tapes, and large numbers of the general public, including groups of school children have attended. Many people have commented on the high standard of the tape-recorded talks.

One of the highlights of our programme was the Bible Exhibition held at the Rhodes National Gallery in July, 1966, to celebrate Jewish Book Month, in conjunction with World W.I.Z.O. Bible Day. This extremely successful venture was organized by our Adult Education Division in collaboration with the Salisbury Women's Zionist League. The Chairman of the Exhibition was Rabbi M. Konviser and it was sponsored by the Central African Jewish Board of Deputies and the Central African Zionist Organisation. During the course of the Exhibition, a Symposium was held with the following speakers;-

Dr. H. Abt: The Bible in the Light of Modern Archaeology.

Rev. R.S. Ichay: The Idea of Immortality in the Bible.

Professor R. Craig: Distinctive Ideas of the Old Testament

Mr. H.H. Gollop: The Place of Women in the Bible

Mr. I.R. Rosin: The Dead Sea Scrolls

Lectures of outstanding interest were also delivered by guest speakers from Johannesburg – Dr. H. Abt spoke on "The Relation between Art and Religion" and Dr. Leah Bronner on "The Relevance of the Prophets to Modern Man" and "The Wisdom and Wise Men of the Bible". Many rare and old Bibles and other items of biblical interest were displayed, including a single leaf of the Gutenberg Bible printed in 1452. An unusual feature of the Exhibition was a display of Plants of the Bible. Large numbers of people from all walks of life attended both the Exhibition and the talks.

The Haggadah (The Passover Story) was the theme of the Jewish Book Month in 1967. Once again, we combined with the Salisbury Women's Zionist League to present a small but interesting display of Haggadot, and a collection of items pertaining to the Seder A Symposium chaired by Rev. R.;S. Ichay, was held and Mr. I.R. Rosin, Mr. H. Gollop and Rev. D. Landy were the speakers. The S.W.Z.L. presented a short play and the evening proved to be a great success.

During the past two years we have branched out into a new field and have sponsored two Art Exhibitions. In 1968, Mrs. Ann Lindsell-Stewart, the Rhodesian Artist, exhibited a most interesting collection of paintings, and Sir Athol Evans officially opened the exhibition at a cocktail party arranged by the U.J.W. In March of this year, Mr. Frank McEwen opened an exhibition of unusual drawings, batiks and lithographs by a young Israeli artist, Mr. Mooni Ezra. This exhibition, which was also organized by then U.J.W., aroused much interest and discussion. Part proceeds of the sales at both these exhibitions were donated by Union of Jewish Women of Salisbury to local charities, and in addition each artist kindly donated a painting which we raffled to raise money for other local charities.

We have many plans for the future and hope to continue to provide interesting and stimulating programmes for the benefit of our members and the public of Salisbury.

#### **CHARATIES AND ORGANISATIONS**

#### WHICH HAVE BENEFITTED FROM OUR ACTIVITIES SINCE 1948

Red Cross Polio Clinic

Harari African Women's Helping Hand Club

Cerebral Palsy Association

Rhodesia University Fund

University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

Wingate Country Club

Gatooma Jewish Community Building Fund

Library – Harari Hospital

Greek Earthquake Victims' Fund

St. Francis Home for Uneducable Children

B.S. Leon Home

Family Planning Association

General Israel Orphans' Home

Youth Aliyah

Jewish Youth Centre Project Fund

Rhodesia Children's Home

African Physically Handicapped Society

Coalbrook Disaster Fund

United Communal Fund Special Appeal

Harari Swimming Bath (Bathing Costumes)

**Red Cross Organisation** 

Israeli United Appeal

Hopelands Trust (Homefields Farm, St. Catherine's Home)

**Epworth Mission African Orphanage** 

Nazareth Children's Home

St. Giles Rehabilitation Centre

Freedom Hunger Campaign (Children of the Drought Appeal)

Sharon School

Jewish Community Centre

Jairos Jiri Association

**Child Protection Society** 

Jewish Youth Centre

The Salisbury Sephardi Congregation Benevolent Society

The Salisbury Hebrew Congregation Benevolent Society

Scholarship Fund in Rabbi Konviser's Name

Savyon Lodge (Jewish Old Aged Home, Bulawayo)

Sephardi Hebrew Nursery School

Salman Margolis Hebrew Nursery School

Emergency Appeal for Six-Day War

Senior Citizens' Centre (through donation to Rotary Fete)

Runyararo Nursery School

Blood Transfusion Building Centre Fund

Mayor's Xmas Cheer Fund

Salvation Army Building Fund for Home for Elderly People

Salisbury Society for the Care of the African Mentally Handicapped

Salisbury Women's Zionist League

Margaret Campbell Centre

Chinyarodzo Home

Dorothy Duncan Home for the Blind

Arcadia Girls' Hostel

#### HISTORY OF THE SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION

In 1896, less than a year after the arrival of the Pioneer Column, the brothers Solomon and Moussa Benatar arrived in what was then simply known as Mashonaland. They are the first recorded Sephardim to arrive in this country but in their wake came many others; young men mainly from impoverished backgrounds, knowing little or no English but men fired by the dream that consumed the old world at the turn of the century – a dream for a better life.

Whilst a handful of our forefathers from Rhodes Island had already passed through or settled in this country at the beginning of the century, amongst them being Marco Alhadeff, it was only from 1907 onwards that a much larger influx began to arrive, encouraged by the regular reports sent by Marco Alhadeff to Rhodes Island, spurring them to come out to make a success in a new country. Fortunately biblical Hebrew was recognized as an official qualifying language for new Immigrants and this how the majority of our ancestors were gladly admitted into this new pioneering country.

For want of members the local Sephardi Jews were members of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation, with a yearning always to have a congregation of their mother community of Rhodes Island.

When they arrived they found that the Ashkenazim had established a flourishing community. Originally they became members of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation but this was not an entirely harmonious union. The Sephardim were very much a minority group. Their cultural background was different, they even spoke a different language. But obviously they had to bow to the superior numbers of the Ashkenazim and accept the Yiddish-orientated services.

In 1931 this desire was finally achieved, when, with the persuasion of the late Marco Alhadeff, B.D. Almeleh and J.C. Benatar separate services for the High Festivals were held in the Duthie Hall, then located at the corner of Jameson Avenue and First Street. The stalwarts had taken the plunge, the acorn was planted, the sapling was to flourish and become the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation.

In those days by far the largest percentage of the Sephardi Jews were established in business enterprise scattered in all corners of the country.

It will serve as an indication as to the strength of the community and their happiness at being able to have separate services, when it is realized that the Minyan numbered considerably over 100 from the outlying districts who had come for the High Festival services. The sweetness of incantation, in the Rhodes Island manner had touched a long forgotten chord to all who were present. Problems there were many, but with perseverance and resolution they were surmounted and the three active leaders, as a team, now set about their task of forming a permanent society.

The first general meeting of the newly formed society bore the unwieldy name of the Hebrew Sephardic Society of Rhodesia, taking place in the Palace Theater on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 1931.

Mr.B.D. Almeleh was elected to the Chair and Mr. J.N. Alhadeff was the able, active secretary. The Chairman explained in detail that the population of Sephardi Jews had now reached such

numbers that it had become essential that a Society of this nature should be formed for the purpose of looking after their social happiness and to their religious and burial needs.

The members were wildly enthusiastic and besides themselves with joy at the formation of the new Society and even entrenched a clause in the Constitution that a unanimous 100 per cent acceptance was necessary in the event of a dissolution or disbursement of the new Society.

#### THE FIRST OFFICIALS 1931 - 1932



President Mr. B.D. Almeleh
Vice-President Mr. Behor Alhadeff
Treasurer Mr. M. Tarica
Secretary Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Town Committee: Messrs. David Franco, A.N. Alhadeff, H.S. Leon and Isaac Mizrahi

Country Committee: Mr. J.S. Benatar – Gwelo/Victoria

Mr. Albert Leon – Mazoe District

Mr. Leon Ferera – Gatooma District

Chevra Kadisha Chairman Mr. J.C. Benatar

Gabbai Mr. Marco Alhadeff

At no time was the Hebrew education of the growing children allowed to lapse. Mr. B.D. Almeleh taking it upon himself to tutor and see that those who had started off their studies in the Ashkenazi way reverted to the Sephardi manner of pronunciation.

#### THE EARLY YEARS

In the early years the young Hebrew Sephardi Society of Rhodesia, had no permanent home and services were held in various venues, as divergent as hired halls and private homes. On 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1934 at the fourth annual general meeting of the congregation, it was decided to purchase a stand in what was then known as Jameson Avenue. In 1940 an adjacent stand was purchased at the instigation of Mr. I.R. Rosin and shortly thereafter the Sephardi Hall was built. It was the first true home of the Sephardi community in Rhodesia and served as a place of worship, a school and a communal centre.

In 1944 Mr. I.R. Rosin approached the Chief Rabbi of Cape Town, Dr. Abrahams, regarding the employment of a minister for the congregation. Up until that time the founders of the community,

all of them lay men, had guided the congregation and attended the services and instruction of the children. But obviously, as the community grew, so the need for a Rabbi became more pressing.

Dr. Abrahams recommended Rabbi Dr. M. Papo who at that time was serving in Manchester. Dr. Papo was persuaded to come to Africa and arrived in 1944. It was the beginning of just under 20 years of distinguished and selfless service. From the beginning Dr. Papo took a keen interest in the affairs of the young congregation. He introduced children's services and brought out news bulletins. His saintliness and inspired teachings helped tremendously towards the development of the community.

In January 1953 the S.N. Alhadeff Nursery School was opened under the supervision of the late Mrs. Clara Mogilnick, a qualified nursery school teacher. The first three children – in fact they were the sum total of pupils – were Bella King, Marc Naim and Victor Hasson. By the second term the numbers however had risen to 25 children. The nursery school has continued from that time and now, with Mrs. Eileen Allen as its principal, has more than ninety pupils and a reputation (among Jews and Gentiles alike) as one of the best nursery schools in the country.

But just as the institutes of learning under the wing of the Sephardi community had to grow, so did the community itself. It became apparent that the hall on Jameson Avenue would not suffice. In 1951 Mr. I.R. Rosin was instrumental in purchasing the site where our community centre now stands. Shortly after the hall was sold and work began on the new complex. The Rhodes Community Memorial Hall was the first building to be erected and served initially the dual purpose of synagogue and community center.

In 1957 work began on the Sha'are Shalom synagogue. When the architectural plans were first discussed, some members pressed for a more modern, innovated building. But the majority looked for a synagogue in the classic tradition, a building built with simple lines with a warm dignified interior.

On Sunday, June 1, 1958, in the presence of a very large and distinguished congregation, the newly completed Synagogue of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation of Rhodesia – "Sha'are Shalom" in Montague Avenue, Salisbury – was consecrated by the very Rev., the Haham, Rabbi Dr. S Gaon, Chief Rabbi of the Associated Sephardi Synagogue of the British Commonwealth.

The distinguished assembly included the Governor-General of the Federation, Lord Dalhousie and the Countess Dalhousie, the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Peveril William-Powlett and Lady William-Powlett, the Mayor of Salisbury, Councilor and Mrs. Boshoff, Rabbis from Bulawayo and Salisbury, representatives from Hebrew Congregations in Elisabethville, Salisbury, Bulawayo and Gatooma, and also the Director of the Sheerit Israel Congregation in New York, Mr. V. Tarry.

The dignified ceremony of consecration started punctually at 3.00 pm with the procession of the Sepher Torah carried by the Rabbis and honoured veteran members of the Congregation who made a circuit of the Synagogue while the choir sang. The ARON KODESH was opened by the Gabbai Emeritus Mr. B.D. Almeleh. Mr. A.I. Menashe, President of the Congregation, then addressed the gathering. He expressed the joy of the community that after 25 years the Sephardi Congregation

had finally achieved a permanent homer of worship. "This day will be remembered by us forever" said Mr. Menashe.

The NER TAMID – The perpetual Light – was lit by Rabbi Dr. M. Papo, the Senior Minister of the Congregation. The Haham, Dr. Gaon, then consecrated the Synagogue and in a moving sermon dealt with the importance of the Synagogue in the life of the Jewish People.

Mr. B.S. Leon, M.B.E. unveiled the consecration stone and said a few words in memory of the departed.

Prayers were recited for Her Majesty, the Queen, and the Royal Family, her representatives in the Federation and for Medinat Israel.

The beautiful and dignified service was concluded with Adon Olam and God Save the Queen. After the service, all present were invited to a reception in the nearby Rhodes Community Memorial Hall.

# ADDRESS GIVEN BY MR. A.I. MENASHE AT THE CORNER STONE LAYING CEREMONY

"The Right Honourable, the Federal Prime Minister, Your Worship the Mayor, Reverend Sirs, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I consider it a great honour and a unique privilege to officiate at this ceremony and welcome such a distinguished gathering, on this red letter day for my congregation. We are indeed deeply honoured by your presence here this afternoon. This is most stimulating and encouraging to us. On behalf of my congregation, may I extend to you all, a very sincere welcome.

Thanks to the Almighty, we have amongst us today, members of this community who, as far back as 1906, were attracted to this wonderful country, and made it their future home. Even prior to that date, two of our compatriots arrived in Beira, from which they travelled to Umtali and Salisbury. This city was their temporary home, until they found their way to the Belgian Congo, and where today there is a thriving community.

At this stage, I would like to tell you that I have often been asked whether there is a special reason why we, hailing from the Island of Rhodes, situated in the Eastern Mediterranean, decided to settle in Rhodesia, as the two ileus have the same name. My answer is "No". It is just a coincidence, and we are glad of it.

When we decided the date on which this ceremony should take place, we did not realize that today would be Purim, a festival of rejoicing for the Jewish People. For it is on this day, many centuries ago, that according to the Book of Esther, of the "holy writings", the Jewish people were to be exterminated, by order of Haman, the deputy of King Ahasuerus. But thanks to God Almighty, who never forsakes his people, it was Haman and his children who perished on that day. I feel that it is a good omen for our congregation, for this ceremony to coincide with Purim.

It is due to the wonderful stamina and tenacity of our pioneers, who persevered in the face of many difficulties, of a young country, that we, the younger generation, are enjoying the fruits of their labours. They made Rhodesia their home, and it is ours today. Our committee had its roots buried deeply in this country, and as a consequence, a number of our members served in Her Majesty's Forces during the last war. We have the utmost trust in Rhodesia, and it is our pride and privilege, to build a house of worship and goodwill hall in this city.

Twenty five years ago, a group of our members, with strong will and vision, founded this congregation. I voice the feelings of every single one of our congregants, when I say, with sincere gratitude "Thank You" to our founders, as well as to those who joined them, and managed our affairs. It is thanks to them that we are able to congregate here today, and perform this name ceremony.

We have named the Synagogue "Shaare Shalom" meaning "The Gates of Peace". It is our fervent prayer that there be peace in this Community, in the Federation and the whole world.

Our hall is being named "The Rhodes Community Memorial Hall". We are dedicating it to the memory of our dear ones from Rhodes Island who, in 1944 were deported to Central and Eastern Europe by the Nazis. A great number perished in the gas chambers, Concentration and Slavery Camps. Not even 10 per cent survived the ordeal.

The foundation stone of the Synagogue will be laid by our Worthy Gabbai Emeritus, Mr. B.D. Almeleh, a well-respected and esteemed member of our community. He is one of our early pioneers, and a founder of the Congregation. He filled the post of Honorary Minister for many years before the arrival of our present Minister, Rabbi Dr. Papo, and since then, has been assisting him. I feel that this is an appropriate occasion to pay tribute to this esteemed gentleman who has given his untiring services to the Community. As a token of our appreciation, the Executive unanimously resolved to award him this honour today.

The foundation stone of the Hall will be laid by Mr. I.R. Rosin, our Vice-President. Mr. Rosin is a personality of his own, and is well known to all our members, as well as to the rest of the country. He has served this congregation for many years, and fulfilled the Office of President for several terms. Mr. Rosin has always been and still is today, ready and eager to assist our members. Here again it is the pleasure of the Executive to bestow on him this honour.

The Committee, wishing to honour other members, in recognition of their services to the Congregation, has adopted the unusual custom that of laying four cornerstones in the Synagogue.

The south-west cornerstone will be laid by our Minister Rabbi Dr. M. Papo, who has given of his best for the benefit of the members of this congregation. Dr. Papo serves not only as Minister, but also as Headmaster of the Hebrew School. He has been with us for many years and we greatly value his services.

Our Treasurer, Mr. J.N. Alhadeff has been given the honour of laying the north-west cornerstone. He is a Past President of the Congregation. He takes care of the properties of this community as well, or even better than his own. His love and zeal for the Congregation is well known to us all.

The north-east cornerstone will be laid by our Gabbai, Mr. S.N. Alhadeff, who is our Master of Ceremonies at all religious services. He was also the first Hebrew Teacher, before the arrival of Dr. Papo, and it is due to his efforts that the school exists today.

The south-east cornerstone will be laid by me.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Architect, Mr. Maw, The Contractors, Messrs. Thomson Van Zyl, the members of my committee, as well as all those who are assisting in making this ceremony possible.

Please forgive me for signaling out our Secretary, Mr. Albert Piha, for his unfailing assistance. He has been a tower of strength, and I singly appreciate the work he had done.

And last but not least, may I thank our ladies for providing refreshments, which will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

May I repeat to our guests, how delighted we are to have you with us and thank you for coming.

On behalf of my Congregation, I have much pleasure in extending to you all a cordial invitation to join us at refreshments which will be served in the marquee."

The Centre was to see more expansion. In 1961 the foundations were laid for the Samuel Leon Hebrew School. The school was officially opened on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1962.

In January 1960 Rev. S.R. Ichay was appointed associate minister of the congregation. He too showed a keen interest in the youth and introduced post barmitzvah classes, arranging for the youth to partake more fully in Shabbat evening "youth" services. In 1963, upon the retirement of Dr. Papo to Vienna, Rev. Ichay took over as minister. He held the appointment for five years until he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, USA, where he is now the Rabbi to the Sephardi Community.

In 1967 Reverend I. Benzaquen joined as Assistant Minister and was inaugurated as a Rabbi in 1974. He too was popular with the youth. In 1976 he immigrated to Brazil and was succeeded by the Rev. Suiza who served as Minister until 1979 when he immigrated to South Africa where he is now the Minister with the Sephardi Community in Cape Town.

From its inauguration in 1931 until the early seventies, the Sephardi Community in Rhodesia grew from strength to strength. In the mid-seventies, however, the political uncertainty (made worse by the growing war) took its toll of the Sephardi Community as it did every other community in the country. Slowly the numbers of the community have shrunk but the work of the community has not. Today we may be back in the days when we had to rely on lay religious leaders. But it is sincerely hoped that this will only be temporary.

# PRESIDENTS OF THE SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION

1931 B.D. Almeleh



1932 H.S. Court



1933 B.S. Leon



1934 B.S. Leon



1935 H.S. Court



J.N. Alhadeff



J.N. Alhadeff



1938

I.R. Rosin



1939

I.R. Rosin



1940

S.N. Alhadeff



1941

I.R. Rosin



1942

I.R. Rosin



I.R. Rosin



B.S. Leon



1945

S.N. Alhadeff



1946

I.R. Rosin



1947

I.R. Rosin



1948

J.N. Alhadeff



1949

S. Habib



S. Habib



A.I. Menashe



1952

I.R. Rosin



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B.S. Leon



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A.I. Menashe



A.I. Menashe



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I.R. Rosin



S.M. Alhadeff



1967

S.M. Alhadeff



1968

I.R. Rosin



1969

I.R. Rosin



1970

N.I. Alhadeff



1971

N.I. Alhadeff



R.J. Benatar



R.J. Benatar



1974

H. Van den Burgh



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R.J. Benatar



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R.J. Benatar



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I.E. Menashe



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A.J. Naim



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1987 A.J. Naim



1988 H.V.J. Alhadeff

1989 H.V.J. Alhadeff

1990 S. Benatar



1991 S. Codron

1992 S. Codron

1993 S. Codron

1994 S. Codron

1995 P.J.M. Hasson

1996 P.J.M. Hasson

1997 P.J.M. Hasson

1998 S. Codron

1999 S. Codron

2000 P.J.M. Hasson

P.J.M. Hasson

S. Benatar



S. Benatar



2004	P.J.M. Hasson
2005	V.E. Cohen
2006	V.E. Cohen
2007	R.H. Alhadeff
2008	P.J.M. Hasson
2009	P.J.M. Hasson
2010	P.J.M. Hasson
2011	P.J.M. Hasson
2012	P.J.M. Hasson
2013	V.E. Cohen

# MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREATION RABBI DR. MANFRED PAPO Ph.D.



Rabbi Dr. Manfred Papo was born in Vienna, Austria, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1898. He was the son of Rabbi Michael and Laura Papo.

Dr. Papo Graduated with a Ph. D. at the University of Vienna in 1922, and was ordained Rabbi by the Chief Rabbinate of Yugoslavia in 1938. He was interred at Dachau during the war. After his liberation from the Camps, he worked for the Sephardi community in Manchester. In 1944, Mr. Rosin, after interviewing Dr. Papo, recommended his appointment as the first Minister of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation of Rhodesia, and he arrived in Salisbury in April 1944. He served our community as Rabbi, Rosh Beth Din, and Headmaster of the Sephardi Hebrew School from 1944 until his retirement in 1963. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1966.

## Sammy Rodrigues Periera

#### **Assistant Minister**

#### RABBI SALOMON ROBERT ICHAY



Rabbi Salomon Robert Ichay was born in Sousse, Tunisia, on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1929, where he was a student at the College de Garcons and the Talmud Torah. In 1953 he went to the Lady Judith Montefiore College in Ramsgate, where he qualified in 1956 as a Hebrew Teacher.

He was appointed Minister of the Cheetham Hill Congregation, Manchester, in 1965. In 1960 he was appointed Associate Minister with the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation of Rhodesia. He was Minister of the Congregation from 1963 to 1968.

## **RABBI ISSAC BENZAQUEN**



Born in Tangiers, Morocco, in 1946, Rabbi Benzaquen studied at the Alliance Francaise. In 1961 he emigrated with his family to Brazil. He continued his studies at the Montefiore College, Gateshead Yeshiva and Yen's College in England.

In 1968 he came to Salisbury as assistant minister to Rev. Ichay. In 1969 he was appointed Minister of the Congregation and two years later married a local girl, Denise Lazarus.

His studies continued for the rabbinate and in 1973 he took a year's sabbatical leave to study at the Johannesburg Rabbinical College where he successfully obtained his semina. On 9<sup>th</sup> June 1974 Rabbi Benzaquen was inducted by the Very Rev Haham Dr. S. Gaon.

He remained with the community as rabbi until the end of 1976 when he and his family emigrated to Brazil.

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RABBI REUBEN SUIZA

1973 - 1979



#### THE GABBAIS

In the early 1930's before the Congregation was able to take on the services of a Minister, it has been the Gabbais who have given spiritual leadership in the services of the community. They have continued their work even during those periods when the community had its own Minister. It is a task requiring considerable devotion and the Sephardi Congregation has been particularly honoured to have a succession of such competent and dedicated men;-

#### **MARCO ALHADEFF**

The Community's first Gabbai



#### **BEHOR DAVID ALMELEH**



Behor David Almeleh, born Rhodes Island, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1880. Arrived in Rhodesia March 1906 and settled at Penhalonga. Established in Salisbury since 1928. The doyen of the congregation. Our first President 1931. The grand "Old Man" died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1979.

#### SALVATORE ALHADEFF



Salvatore Alhadeff's association with the congregation has been a long and most distinguished on. Born in Rhodes Island on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1917, he emigrated to this country at the age of twenty. He worked initially at Rusenza Stores for twenty four months before moving to Salisbury where he settled permanently and established a successful business. From the outset he took a keen interest in Jewish communal affairs and religious matters.

He had received religious training as the first student teacher at the Scude Israelitiche and also studied for three years at the Rabbinical College of Rhodes.

Upon the founding of the new congregation, Salvatore became the first Hebrew teacher. Lessons were conducted after working hours. As the community grew, so did his involvement with it. He served for many years as the Gabbai and chaired the Education Board. He served as President of the community for two successive years in the mid 1960's. He died on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1970.

# SANTO CODRON JOSEPH MENASHE REV. LEON MAYO:



Reverend Leon Mayo was designated a reverend by Dayan Rabbi Pinchas Toledano. Rev. Mayo served the Congregation from 1993 - 2003. He and his wife Sarah emigrated to South Africa.

He was born in 1924, in Rhodes Island and at the age of fifteen illegally immigrated to Palestine where he served in World War Two in the Jewish Brigade of the British Army.

Unable to settle in Palestine he emigrated to Southern Rhodesia in 1947. Two years later he married Sarah Cohen. They have two sons.

#### **RAPHAEL MENASHE**



In recognition of his outstanding services to the congregation, Raphael Jacob Menashe had the title of Honorary Life Gabbai bestowed upon him by the committee in 1980.

In this Jubilee year, Mr. Menashe has taken upon himself the task of Chazan and Minister. He leads the services in the Kehila; conducts the burial ceremonies and is always available for Zehirot.

Born in Rhodes Island in 1911, R.J. Menashe emigrated to Rhodesia in 1936, settling in Salisbury where he immediately became a member of the congregation. He established himself as a merchant here and in later years as a clothing manufacturer.

He has served on the committee and in the early 1970's assisted in the conducting of religious services. During Rabbi Benzaquen's absence on sabbatical leave, he conducted the services and recalls that in that year there were twelve Barmitzvahs.

In 1946, he married Regina Hasson, a survivor of Auschwitz. They were married in the Salisbury Street Synagogue.

In 1979, he succeeded Leon Mayo as Gabbai to the congregation and the following year the honorary life title was bestowed upon him. Throughout his period of service as Gabbai, R.J. Menashe has endeavored in his conducting of the religious services to imbue them with the beauty and cherished tradition of Rodis.

#### **JACQUES HASSON**



Mr. Jacques Hasson, Gabbai of the Synagogue and a survivor of Auschwitz, was born in Rhodes Island on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1927.

His education was interrupted in 1942 when the Germans closed the school he attended. At the age of seventeen and a half he was deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz. He was there for forty days before being sent to Ridaultau, Poland, where he was forced to work in a coal mine.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1945 he was sent to Malthauzen until May 5<sup>th</sup> 1945, when he was liberated by the Americans. He was dehydrated with typhoid and weighed only twenty-seven kilograms. He spent a month recuperating in a hospital in Linz, Austria. In June 1945 a year after his deportation he was repatriated to Merano in Italy. He later joined other Rodislis survivors in Bologna.

In 1947 he went to the Belgian Congo. Later in 1952 he set up a business partnership with a lifelong friend and companion in Auschwitz, Sammy Modiano.

In 1957 he married Ray Soriano, who did not wish to live in the Congo. In 1958 they both moved to Salisbury.

#### LEON HANAN



Leon Hanan was born in Rhodes Island in 1920, and was the second youngest of a family of eight, one of which died in infancy. It was a large family of five brothers and two sisters. The youngest brother together with his parents perished in Auschwitz. At an early age he wanted to become a Rabbi, but was unsuccessful in obtaining a bursary to study. Later on he regarded this as a blessing in disguise – otherwise he too may have perished in Auschwitz.

In 1953, he married Rachel Hougnu, who had just arrived in the country after surviving the ordeal and horrors of Auschwitz. They have two married sons, Maurice and Ronnie, who live in Johannesburg.

Gabbai Leon Hanan, a humble man with a strong singing voice founded the Sephardi Choir. Their first performance was at the cornerstone laying ceremony of the synagogue in 1957. Over the years it flourished until a rabbi, of another congregation declared that females were not allowed to participate, and numbers were reduced.

#### **VICTOR ALHADEFF**



Victor Alhadeff was born in Salisbury on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1948. In his youth he was active in Betar and the Zionist Youth Society, which was a social organization for the Jewish youth. He was also a junior representative on the congregation's committee for a couple of years.

Mr. Victor Alhadeff who served two years as President in 1988 and 1989. He also served a number of years as Chairman of the Chevra Kadisha. He has served on the Jewish Board of Deputies for several years both in executive and non-executive capacity.

#### SEPHARDI CHEVRA KADISHA

The Sephardi Hebrew Congregation of Rhodesia is particularly fortunate in being the only Sephardi Congregation south of the equator which boasts of the fact that is has a completely voluntary Chevra Kadisha. From its inception the Congregation has had dedicated service from both men and women who have served in this indispensable organization.

The Congregation acknowledges the part played by, and pays tribute to such past members on the Men's; Committee as:-

J.C. Benatar, J.N. Alhadeff, I.B. Benatar, V. Israel, S.N. Alhadeff, A.I. Menashe, M. Franco, B. Alhadeff, M. Strugo, J. Amato, V. Alhadeff, M. Dozetos, and I.E. Menashe

And on the Ladies Committee:-

V. Amato, E.N. Levy, M. Galante, C. Soriano, F. Menashe, F. Capeluto, R. Surmany, E. Alhadeff, H. Ben Yehuda, R. Benatar, B. Krikler, E. Bondi, S. Piha and D. Hasson.

#### CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SEPHARDI CHEVRA KADISHA

1992	Isaac Menashe / Victor Alhadeff
1993	Isaac Menashe / Victor Alhadeff
1994	Victor Alhadeff / Isaac Menashe
1995	Victor Alhadeff / Isaac Menashe
1996	Victor Alhadeff / Isaac Menashe
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1998	Victor Alhadeff / Isaac Menashe
1999	Victor Alhadeff
2000	Victor Alhadeff / Bertie Bondi
2001	Victor Alhadeff / Bertie Bondi
2002	Victor Alhadeff / Bertie Bondi
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2005	Victor Alhadeff / Bertie Bondi
2006	Victor Alhadeff / Bertie Bondi

#### THE LADIES SOCIETY

Following a meeting called by Mrs. Sarina Koblenz, the Sephardi Ladies Society came into being in 1954. The first Chairlady was Mrs. Amelie Benatar – a position she was to fill for six consecutive years. On the original committee is Mrs. Sarah Shapiro who is still a serving member of the society.

The original committee comprised the following:-

Chairlady Mrs. Amelie Benatar

Vice-Chairlady Mrs. Sarina Koblenz

Co-Secretaries Ruth Ferera and Sarah Shapiro

Committee Members: Behora Alhadeff, Perla Alhadeff, Rosa Ferera, Alegra

Hasson, Rica Menashe, Rachal Surmany and Rebecca

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This Society is an often unsung, but nevertheless vital organization which keeps the day to day running of the community so well oiled. The duties of the ladies are to attend to the upkeep of the Synagogue, to visit Jewish patients in hospital, to assist in raising funds for the Congregation and especially to cater for Barmitzvahs, weddings and festivals. Over the years the society has done sterling work for the Congregation.

The chairladies of the Society, since its inception have been as follows:-

1954	Amelie Benatar
1955	Amelie Benatar
1956	Amelie Benatar
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1958	Amelie Benatar
1959	Amelie Benatar
1960	Amelie Benatar
1961	Sarah Shapiro and Rachel Roditi
1962	Sarah Shapiro and Ettie Mizrahi
1963	Amelie Benatar
1964	Justine Piha
1965	Camilla Soriano
1966	Camilla Soriano

1967	Camilla Soriano
1968	Camilla Soriano
1969	Camilla Soriano
1970	Sarah Shapiro
1971	Rosie Benatar
1972	Camilla Soriano and Rosy Benatar
1973	Vivianne Capeluto and Ketty Amato
1974	Eve Bondi and Rosy Benatar
1975	Eve Bondi and Rosy Benatar
1976	Ettie Mizrahi, Lydia Marks, Betty Rodman
1977	Rosie Benatar, Babs Naim
1978	Babs Naim, Doris Menashe
1979	Rosy Benatar, Gene Trevis
1980	Becky Krikler, Sarah Shapiro
1981	Stella Cohen
1982	Stella Cohen
1983	Stella Cohen
1984	Stella Cohen
1985	Stella Cohen
1986	Stella Cohen
1987	Donna Hasson
1988	Donna Hasson (July)
1989	Donna Hasson
1990	Clairette, Alhadeff, Stella Cohen, Rachal Hanan
1991	Clairette Alhadeff, Stella Cohen, Rachal Hanan
1992	Lily Roth, Ray Cohen
1993	Lily Roth, Ray Cohen
1994	Lily Roth, Ray Cohen

Lily Roth, Gloria Levy
Lily Roth, Gloria Levy
Lily Roth, Gloria Levy

1997 Lily Roth1998 Lily Roth

1999 Leanne Merdjan

2000 Clairette Alhadeff

2001 Donna Hasson

2002 Donna Hasson

2003 Stella Cohen

2004 Stella Cohen

2005 Stella Cohen

2006 Stella Cohen

## **SEPHARDI LADIES COMMITTE**

#### 1957-1958

Chairlady Mrs. Amelie Benatar

Vice-Chairlady Mrs. Camilla Soriano

Secretary Mrs. Suzan Hasson

Treasurer Mrs. Rosa Ferera

Committee Members

Mrs. Rica Menashe Mrs. Vida Menashe

Mrs. Fortuna Menashe Mrs. Suzan Habib

Mrs. Clairette Alhadeff Mrs. Lucia Habib

Mrs. Sarah Almeleh Mrs. Ettie Mizrahi

Mrs. Sarah Shapiro Mrs. Sarina Koblenz

Mrs. Marie Leon Mrs. Louise Papo

Mrs. Marie Hanan

#### SILVER WEDDING OF RABBI DR. M. PAPO AND MRS. PAPO

Hundreds of members of Salisbury Jewry filled the Rhodes Community Memorial Hall to capacity last month at a reception given by the Sephardi Ladies Society in honour of Rabbi Dr. M. Papo and Mrs. Papo on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

Tributes were paid to Rabbi Papo and Mrs. Papo by Mrs. Camilla Soriano, Chairlady of the Sephardi Ladies Society, by Mr. G. Rosin, Chairman of the Regional Committee of the Rhodesian Jewish Board of Deputies, by Rabbi M. Konviser and Mr. A. Lessem, President of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation, and by Mr. J. Fintz, Chairman of the Sephardi Youth Society.

In his reply Dr. Papo thanked the speakers and Institutions for their good wishes and gifts.

#### Dr. Papo's Career

Dr. Papo has been the Rabbi of the Salisbury Sephardi Hebrew Congregation since April 1944.

Born in Vienna in 1898 the son of the late Rabbi Michael Papo who served the Vienna Sephardi Congregation as Minister for 45 years. Dr. Papo received his general and theological training in Vienna. He is a graduate of the Vienna University and was granted his Rabbinical Diploma by the Sephardi Chief Rabbinate of Yugoslavia.

Whilst still in the midst of his studies, Dr. Papo was appointed Assistant Minister of the Vienna Sephardi Community. From 1925 till 1928 he was the Rabbi in Salzburg.

His deep interest in religious education and Hebrew led Dr. Papo to publish two textbooks which were used at Austrian High Schools – Religious Instruction being a compulsory subject up to Matric standard. Dr. Papo was mainly responsible for the revision of the then outdated syllabus for Religious Instruction at Austrian schools.

In 1930 the title of "professor" was bestowed on Dr. Papo by the Austrian Ministry of Education.

During the Nazi period Dr. Papo spent three months in the notorious concentration camp at Dachau before being allowed to leave for England with his wife. His first ministerial in England was with the Withington Congregation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews in Manchester.

In 1933 Dr. Papo married his former pupil, Louisa Fleischer, a student at Vienna University.

Next year Dr. Papo will be completing his 40<sup>th</sup> year in the Ministry.

The best wishes of the Rhodesian Zionist Council and Rhodesian Jewry are extended to Rabbi and Mrs. Papo and their son Michael.

#### SALISBURY BIDS FAREWELL TO THE PAPOS

Rabbi Dr. M. Papo retired from the Ministry at the end of 1963 after 20 years' service to the Sephardic Community of Salisbury. He is returning with his wife to Vienna, his birthplace.

On Sunday afternoon, December 1, 1963, the pupils of the Samuel Leon Hebrew School made a presentation to Rabbi Dr. M. Papo in appreciation of his devoted services to the Hebrew education of the community. The senior pupil, Syma King, who made the presentation, stressed the high standard of Hebrew education Dr. Papo had set in Rhodesia.

The same afternoon a very well attended and successful Chanukah concert combined with a Farewell Party in honour of Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. Papo was held at the Sephardi Hebrew Nursery School. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. C. Mogilnick, Headmistress, Mr. A.I. Menashe, Chairman Education, Mr. N. Amato, Parents Committee and Rabbi Dr. M. Papo.

The concert comprised Hebrew songs, a play by the children and individual items, highlighted by the beautiful voice of Bonita Hanan accompanied by Sandra Mogilnick on the piano, and four little violinists from the College of Music.

This most enjoyable function concluded with a presentation to the Headmistress.

On Tuesday night, December 10, a farewell party was given by the Sephardi Congregation. Presentations were made by Mr. N. Alhadeff on behalf of the Rhodesian Jewish Board of Deputies, and Mr. B.M. Kass on behalf of the Rhodesia Zionist Council. Both speakers emphasized the Rabbi's dedication to united Jewry and his devotion to Jewish education and said he would be sorely missed.

Other speakers were Mr. H.H. Gollop, on behalf of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi M. Konviser, Minister of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Cowan, President of the Progressive Community. Mr. S Alhadeff referred to Dr. Papo's devotion to the Talmud Torah. Mrs. Ruben made a presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Papo on behalf of the Scripture Teachers' Group which Dr. Papo had been coaching for some time. Mr. J Fintz, on behalf of the Sephardi Youth, thanked Dr. Papo for all his assistance. Finally Mr. I.R. Rosin, President of the Sephardi Congregation, presented him with an illuminated address in appreciation of his work and also made a presentation to Mrs. Papo

Dr. Papo thanked everyone for the wonderful tributes which had been paid and also for the many gifts which were greatly appreciated.

#### THE DEATH OF RABBI DR. M. PAPO

We regret to record the death in Vienna, Austria, of Rabbi Dr. M. Papo, who was Minister of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation in Salisbury for twenty years.

Dr. Papo, who was born and educated in Vienna, served a number of congregations in Vienna, Salzburg and Manchester before coming ton Salisbury in 1944 to accept the call of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation in Salisbury, which he served until his retirement at the end of 1963 when he returned to Austria.

The condolences of the Central African Zionist Organization are extended to his widow, son and all members of his family.

Below is an appreciation by Mr. I.R. Rosin, O.B.E. F.R.C.S., President of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation., Salisbury: "All members of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation, and in particular past and present pupils of the Sephardi Hebrew School, regret the sudden passing away of their former Rabbi and Headmaster, Dr. M. Papo.

"His services to his congregation during the 20 years in Rhodesia were devoted to the spiritual welfare of all its members, and have tremendously helped in the preservation of all the customs and traditions of Sephardi Jewry.

"He was a distinguished Hebrew scholar and, above all, an outstanding educationalist and author of several Hebrew school text books. Within a few months of his arrival he undertook the most important task of reviving the Hebrew education of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation, and within a short time he had achieved a tremendous success by placing the standard of education of the said school to a level second to none in the African Continent.

"He was the first Hebrew School Headmaster in Rhodesia to implement the Hebrew language as a subject in the Cambridge examination, and for many years he produced distinctions. For this the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation of Rhodesia is deeply grateful and will forever commemorate the memory of this deeply humble man who had devoted 20 years of his life to the welfare of his congregation.

"His memory will always remain evergreen in the hearts of his congregants and many friends, not least for the friendly tolerant approach he brought to solving the problems of Jewry in this day and age."

# PERSONALITIES OF THE SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION BEHOR DAVID ALMELEH:



Behor David Almeleh, born Rhodes Island, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1880. Arrived in Rhodesia March 1906 and settled at Penhalonga. Established in Salisbury since 1928. The doyen of the congregation. Our first President 1931. The grand "Old Man"

"As one of the founders and staunch supporters of our Congregation, I wish to express here my deep appreciation and admiration for all that the past and present Presidents, together with their Committee members have done to make our Congregation the source of pride that it is to all its members"

#### **JACQUES NISSIM ALHADEFF:**



Jacques Nissim Alhadeff was President of the Congregation for three non-consecutive years. He also served the community in the executive positions of Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of the Chevra Kadisha. He was honoured with the congregation's first "Life" Award, - that of Honorary Life Treasurer.

#### **NICK ALHADEFF**



Nick Alhadeff arrived in Southern Rhodesia, (as it was then called) with his parents in 1932. He was nine years of age. He studied at Prince Edward School and later at Cape Town University. On graduating he joined the family business and at the outbreak of the Second World War, joined the army. On his return after military service, he became active in all spheres of Jewish affairs in the country. He served as President of the Central African Jewish Board of Deputies, the Central African Zionist Organization and on the committee of the congregation. He served two terms as President in 1970 and 1971.

#### **SALVATORE ALHADEFF:**



Salvatore Alhadeff's association with the congregation has been a long and most distinguished on. Born in Rhodes Island on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1917, he emigrated to this country at the age of twenty. He worked initially at Rusenza Stores for twenty four months before moving to Salisbury where he settled permanently and established a successful business. From the outset he took a keen interest in Jewish communal affairs and religious matters.

He had received religious training as the first student teacher at the Scude Israelitiche and also studied for three years at the Rabbinical College of Rhodes.

Upon the founding of the new congregation, Salvatore became the first Hebrew teacher. Lessons were conducted after working hours. As the community grew, so did his involvement with it. He served for many years as the Gabbai and chaired the Education Board. He served as President of the community for two successive years in the mid 1960's.

Salvatore Alhadeff was tragically killed in a Motor accident on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1970.

#### **SAUL NISSIM ALHADEFF:**

Saul Nissim Alhadeff came to this country in 1932 to join his brother Jacques. He always took an active interest in the affairs of the Community and served on the Committee for many years. In 1940, he was elected President, a position to which he was again elected in 1945.

#### **BOBBY BENATAR:**



Bobby Benatar is the son of a founder member of the congregation, the late Jacob S Benatar. Bobby was born in Salisbury on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1926 and attended Prince Edward School. In 1949 he joined his father's business and was the first chairman of the Sephardi Benevolent and Cultural Youth Society when it was formed in 1948. At the same time he was assistant secretary of the congregation's committee. Bobby has served on nearly every committee in the congregation since 1948 and for four non-consecutive terms has been president of the community.

#### HANS VAN DEN BERGH:



Hans Van den Bergh was born in Holland. In 1938, he emigrated to England. However, he returned to Holland during the war and was a prisoner of the Germans from 1943 to 1945. After the war, in 1948, he came to Rhodesia, living in Umtali for the first three years and settling later in Salisbury in 1951. He was elected treasurer of the congregation in 1961 and held that position until 1972, a period of eleven years. He was elected vice-president of the congregation for two consecutive years and in 1974, he served as president.

#### **HENRY S COURT:**



The late Henry Court was born in Poland in 1891, emigrating to England as a child. In 1910 his family moved to Cape Town where he stayed until, as a young man, he settled in Rhodesia.

After his arrival here in 1926 he became actively involved in all Jewish affairs. He had a strong religious background and often acted as Cantor in the synagogue.

When he was approached by the Sephardi Community in its early years to give assistance, he willingly consented and was elected the second President of the Congregation in 1932. He was also appointed the first marriage officer of the Congregation.

#### **SOLLY HABIB:**



Solly Habib was born in Rhodes Island in 1908. He studied in Beirut and, on graduating from College in 1927, he emigrated to Rhodesia to join his brother in his business in Shamva. In 1931 he opened his own concern in Filabusi and eventually settled in Salisbury in 1948. Soon after his arrival, he became an active member of the Congregation's committee. He served as President for two consecutive years in 1949 and 1950. It was during this period that (together with I.R. Rosin) he was instrumental in purchasing the site on which the Sephardi Community Centre has been built.

#### **DAVID KAY:**



David Kay was born in Tel Aviv on 23rd September, 1935. On completion of his studies at the Motor Industries Technical College, he served in the Israeli Army until 1955. In 1958 he graduated from the Israeli Institute of Engineering and decided to emigrate to this country. He arrived in 1958 and soon became active in communal affairs. He has served on numerous committees, culminating in his election to President in 1980, a post which he has had the honour of holding in the jubilee year of the congregation.

#### **BEHOR SAMUEL LEON MBE:**



Behor Samuel Leon was born in Rhodes Island on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1889 and came to Rhodesia in 1908.

Mr. Leon was a great benefactor to the Rhodesian community and was awarded the MBE for Social Services in the 1952 Birthday Honours List. He served our Congregation as President for 4 terms.

#### **ALBERT ISAAC MENASHE:**



A.I. Menashe, known by most – and for good reason – as "A One", has been President of the Sephardi Congregation for six terms. He is presently its Treasurer, a position which he has held for the past five years. His service, however has extended beyond the confines of the congregation into the Jewish Community in general. He was chairman of CAZO's Israeli Appeal Campaign for five years as well as its Treasurer, for an equal number of terms and still is. He is presently Treasurer of the Hebrew Order of David. His service to Jewry in this country goes back to forty years.

He is a quiet, practical man, not easily given to recounting his exploits, but "A One" has been one of this congregation's most devoted servants for nearly thirty five years.

Born on Rhodes in 1911, he was brought out to the Colony of Southern Rhodesia as a boy of fifteen years by his uncle Aron Menashe in 1926. English schooling was, by necessity, brief and lasted only a year. He studied in the mornings and in the afternoons assisted his uncle in the store.

Three years after his arrival (at eighteen years of age) he opened his own store. Like so many members of the Sephardi Community whose English at that timer was poor, the best living was to

be secured in the country areas. For a time he worked for other Sephardim after he closed down his first store. But he later reopened a shop in Que Que in 1932.

In 1935 his wife, Vida, emigrated from Rhodes to marry him. He remembers that the wedding took place in the Specks Hotel, Gatooma. Life in those early days was hard. Like so many other country and small town traders, he slept on the shop counter at night. He and his wife cooked on wood burning stoves. They ate by candlelight and collected their rainwater in corrugated iron storage tanks. But somehow the spirit was different then. They had come from a harsh background. Africa at least held out the promise of a future.

#### **ISAAC MENASHE:**



Isaac ("Zac") Menashe was born in Salisbury on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1926. Like so many of his contemporaries in the community, he was educated at Prince Edward School. From his youth, he showed a keen interest in Jewish affairs. He was active on youth committees and was Bakoach of Habonim for several years. Zac was well known as a keen sportsman, playing league cricket and friendly cricket for many years thereafter. He has put in sterling service on the congregation's committee and has served as president for two consecutive years in 1977 and 1978.

#### **RAPHAEL JACOB MENASHE:**



In recognition of his outstanding services to the congregation, Raphael Jacob Menashe had the title of Honorary Life Gabbai bestowed upon him by the committee in 1980.

In this Jubilee year, Mr. Menashe has taken upon himself the task of Chazan and Minister. He leads the services in the Kehila; conducts the burial ceremonies and is always available for Zehirot.

Born in Rhodes Island in 1911, R.J. Menashe emigrated to Rhodesia in 1936, settling in Salisbury where he immediately became a member of the congregation. He established himself as a merchant here and in later years as a clothing manufacturer.

He has served on the committee and in the early 1970's assisted in the conducting of religious services. During Rabbi Benzaquen's absence on sabbatical leave, he conducted the services and recalls that in that year there were twelve Barmitzvahs.

In 1946, he married Regina Hasson, a survivor of Auschwitz. They were married in the Salisbury Street Synagogue.

In 1979, he succeeded Leon Mayo as Gabbai to the congregation and the following year the honorary life title was bestowed upon him. Throughout his period of service as Gabbai, R.J. Menashe has endeavored in his conducting of the religious services to imbue them with the beauty and cherished tradition of Rodis.

#### **MORRIS MIZRAHI:**



Morris Mizrahi is Rhodesian born. He was born in Salisbury on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1930, studying at Prince Edward School and winning a Beit Senior Scholarship. He graduated from Cape Town University with a BSc (Chem. Eng.) On his return to Salisbury he joined his father's business and has continued in in that business since then. Morris has always shown a keen interest in communal affairs and over a period of twenty years has served on numerous committees. In 1979 he served as President of the congregation.

#### **DR. BENJAMIN RODITI:**

Dr. Benjamin Roditi, was born in Izmir on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1910, but emigrated to

England, where he completed his education. He graduated as an M.D. at Manchester University and practiced in England until 1948, when he came to Rhodesia. Dr. Roditi became interested in Community affairs and served as President in 1959.

#### Mr. I.R. (KIPPS) ROSIN:



Mr. I.R. Rosin O.B.E., FRCS, affectionally known as Kipps Rosin, a man with a distinguished professional career behind him as a surgeon, was made Honorary Life President of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation in 1970. This was a singular honour bestowed by a community in the main transplanted from Rhodes, upon a man who could trace no ancestry to that Island. Kipps Rosin's influence upon the Sephardi Community is an example of how out of sadness, and perhaps a certain bitterness, good and powerful things grow.

In 1935 Kipps Rosin became disenchanted with the Salisbury Ashkenazi Congregation for the manner in which he felt it had treated his father, the late Rabbi Joseph Julian Rosin, after eighteen years of service.

It was the young Aron King who encouraged him to approach the fledging Sephardi community, then some four years old, and conducting their services according to Rodis traditions. Kipps joined for Rosh Hashana and remembers that: They welcomed me with open arms".

While training as a Houseman in Manchester, Kipps attended the Withington Sephardi Synagogue, where the Rabbi had extended a warm hospitality. Enjoying a similar hospitality in Salisbury, Kipps asked if he could join the young congregation, was accepted and even preached a sermon at the High Festivals. This was the beginning of a long custom and since 1935 Kipps has given countless sermons to his congregation.

Soon his influence was being felt, in 1938 he served his first term as president/ "If we were going to be a congregation we had to be a proper congregation," he recalled. "We could not wander around with the Sepher Torah in a suitcase, and take a hall here and a home there for our Festivals. We had children growing up. We had to teach them to be Jews. We had to find a Rabbi". During his many terms of office as president a piece of land was acquired in Jameson Avenue and the first Sephardi Hall erected.

It was now essential to have a Minister and through Chief Rabbi I Abrahams in Cape Town contacted a Sephardi Rabbi, one who had been an inmate of Dachau Concentration Camp. He was Rabbi Manfred Papo who came to Rhodesia in 1944.

Kipps remembers that General Smuts had to give special permission for him to travel up from the Cape to Rhodesia, in those war years, Dr. Papo was an Austrian, considered in theory an enemy alien.

There were the more subtle and complex problems of trying to harmonize the old Rhodes Island traditions with the needs of a modern congregation. "This was not always easy" he recalls. Many of the old Sephardi's wished to stick to the old Turkish ways. But slowly the necessary transformations were made. In this I had tremendous support from B.D. Almeleh, B.S. Leon, J.N. Alhadeff, Saul Alhadeff and Salvatore Alhadeff. In all, Kipps Rosin served 16 years as President

He also made a tremendous impact on television viewers in the 1960's when he appeared on a religious programme "Viewpoint", in which members of the Christian and Jewish faith exchanged views. He cleared up many misconceptions Gentiles had about the Jewish faith, even to the extent that many wrote letters expressing the wish to convert to Judaism.

Perhaps the crowning culmination of his work was the building of the Sha'are Shalom Synagogue and the Rhodes Community Hall. He conceived the complex, was the mastermind behind the plans and with tireless support of A.I. Menashe, saw the centre become brick and mortar.

He recalls that one of the golden moments of his life, was the consecration of the Synagogue in 1958. The building was packed. Dignitaries consisted of the Governor-General, the Governor and the Mayor, all in morning coats and top hats. He was Master of Ceremonies that day and had the

honour of escorting Lord Dalhousie. The ceremony was conducted by the Haham Dr. Salamon Gaon assisted by Dr. Papo.

Despite the fact that he comes from an Ashkenazi background, Kipps still believes that the Sephardi Community must retain its own identity. "I do not believe in religious tribalism," he says, "but the Sephardi community has many beautiful traditions and rituals which should not be submerged to those of another community," He believes that all communities should work in harmony, each of them in their own separate ways towards the greater glory of Judaism.

Kipps Rosin passed away in June, 1993 aged 90.

#### **The First Officials 1931**



President Mr. B.D. Almeleh

Vice-President Mr. B. Alhadeff

Hon. Treasurer Mr. M. Tarica

Hon. Secretary Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Gabbai Mr. Marco Alhadeff

Committee Town: D. Franco, A.N. Alhadeff, H.S. Leon, I. Mizrahi and J.C. Benatar

Committee Country: Mr. J.S. Benatar - Gwelo/Victoria

Mr. A. Leon - Mazoe District

Mr. L. Ferera - Gatooma District

Chevra Kadisha: Mr. J.C. Benatar

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

**Committee of 1932** 



President H.S. Court

#### **Committee of 1933**



President B.S. Leon

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1934**



President B.S. Leon

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1935**



President Henry S. Court

Vice-President Jacques N. Alhadeff

Treasurer Joseph Tarica

Secretary Marco Benatar

Trustees B.S. Leon, B.D. Almeleh, Marco Alhadeff

Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

Committee Members

Ex-officio Members B.S. Leon (IPP), Joseph C. Benatar

Elected Members Jacques Mizrahi, Solly Leon, Abner H. Benatar M. Tarica

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1936



President J.N. Alhadeff

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

**Committee of 1937** 



President J.N. Alhadeff

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1938



President I.R. Rosin

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1939



President I.R. Rosin

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1940

President S.N. Alhadeff

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1941



President I.R. Rosin

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

**Committee of 1942** 



President I.R. Rosin

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1943



President I.R. Rosin

## Annual General Meeting Held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1944



President B.S. Leon

Vice-President S.N. Alhadeff

Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary M.B. Hasson

Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

#### **Committee Members**

J. Tarica, J. Hanan, N.J. Alhadeff, N.E. Merdjan, J.S. Benatar

Auditors G.M. Galante and H.S. Court

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

### Annual General Meeting Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945

President S.N. Alhadeff

Vice-President J. Tarica

Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary M.B. Hasson

Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

Trustees A.N. Alhadeff, J.S. Benatar, L. Ferera

Auditor Joe Galante

#### Committee Members

I.R. Rosin, J. Salomon, N. Codron, L. Sanua, N.E. Merdjan

### Annual General Meeting Held on 18th August 1946



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President J.N. Alhadeff

Treasurer I. Franco

Secretary M.B. Hasson

Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

Committee Members J. Salomon, N. Codron

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

## Annual General Meeting Held on 18th August 1947



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President S.N. Alhadeff

Treasurer Eli Capelluto

Secretary A. Piha

Trustees A.N. Alhadeff, L. Ferera, J.S. Benatar

Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

Auditors J. Galante, Marco Amato

#### Committee Members

J.N. Alhadeff, J. Tarica, A. Benzonana, M.B. Hasson, R. Menashe

Three Observers

Alfie Alhadeff, Bobby Benatar, Joe Halfon

#### **Committee of 1948**



President J.N. Alhadeff

### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

Committee of 1949



President Solly Habib

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

**Committee of 1950** 



President Solly Habib

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

Committee of 1951



President A.I. Menashe

# **Annual General Meeting Held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1952**



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President Solly Habib

Secretary A.I. Menashe

Gabbai R. Menashe

Trustees J.N. Alhadeff, Eli Capeluto, M.B. Hasson

Auditors S.N. Alhadeff, Joe Menashe

**Committee Members** 

B.S. Leon, F.J. Van Den Bergh, A.N. Alhadeff, Nick Alhadeff, A.N. Capouya,

Jackie Benatar, Bobby Benatar.

# **Annual General Meeting Held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1953**



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President Solly Habib

Treasurer A.I. Menashe

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S.M. Alhadeff

Auditors S.N. Alhadeff, Joe Menashe

#### **Committee Members**

J.N. Alhadeff, Eli Ferera, V. Halfon, N. Fintz, Nick Benatar, Jackie Ferera, V. Sanua

N. Alhadeff

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### Annual General Meeting Held on 15th August 1954



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President S. Habib

Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S.M. Alhadeff

Auditors S.N. Alhadeff, Joe Menashe

Committee Members

M. Franco, Nick Alhadeff, B. Hakim, M.B. Hasson, E. Capeluto, Sammy Benatar

D. Van Den Bergh

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

### Annual General Meeting Held on 14th August 1955



President B.S. Leon

Vice-President A.J. Menashe

Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S.M. Alhadeff

Trustees L. Ferera, A.N. Alhadeff, J. Tarica

Committee Members

M.B. Hasson, A.N. Capouya, S.N. Alhadeff, Faic Tarica, M. Franco, J. Ferera, S. Habib N

Amato

# **Annual General Meeting Held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1956**



President A.I. Menashe

Vice-President I.R. Rosin

Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S.M. Alhadeff

Auditors J.S. Menashe, E. Ferera

**Committee Members** 

Dr. B. Roditi, Nick Alhadeff, Norman Amato, Faic Tarica, N. Fintz, M. Franco,

R. Hasson, E. Capeluto

#### **Annual General Meeting held in 1957**



President Mr. A.I. Menashe

Vice-President Mr. I.R. Rosin

Treasurer Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Hon. Secretary Mr. A. Piha

Secretary Mr. J. Variano

Gabbai Mr. S.M. Alhadeff

Trustee Mr. H.J. Tarica

Rabbi: Dr. M. Papo

Minister: Rev. S. Pereira

Committee: B.D. Almeleh, R.N. Alhadeff, E. Capeluto, J. Menashe, M. Charhon,

S. Levy, R. Mayo, Dr. B. Roditi, F. Tarica, R. Hasson, A.N. Alhadeff

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## **Annual General Meeting Held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1958**



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President Dr. B. Roditi

Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S.M. Alhadeff

Trustees L. Ferera, A.N. Alhadeff and J. Tarica

Committee Members A. Benzonana, Solly Habib, Victor Tarica, E. Capeluto

F. Tarica, N. Amato, Bobby Benatar, Sam Benatar

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Annual General Meeting held in 1959**

President Dr. B. Roditi

Vice-President Mr. I.R. Rosin

Treasurer E. Capeluto

Hon Life Treasurer Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Treasurer Mr. E. Capelluto

Secretary Mr. A. Piha

Executive Secretary Mr. J.J. Veriano

Committee Members

B. Benatar, A. Benzonana, J. Fintz, G. Goldstein, R. Hasson, A.I. Menashe, F. Tarica, F.J. Van den Bergh, Elie Ferera, J.N. Alhadeff

#### **Annual General Meeting held in 1960**



President Mr. Albert I. Menashe

Vice-President Mr. I.R. Rosin

Hon Life Treasurer Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Treasurer Mr. E. Capelluto

Secretary Mr. A. Piha

Gabbaim Mr. B.D. Almeleh and S.M. Alhadeff

Trustees Mr. B.S. Leon, J. Tarica and L. Ferera

Auditors Mr. J.S. Menashe and E. Ferera

#### **Committee Members**

Albert Benzonana, Eli Ferera, M.B. Hasson, F. Tarica, Raymond Hasson, Raymond Mayo, Joe Fintz and Dr. B. Roditi.

Representatives to the Jewish Board of Deputies

Nissim S. Alhadeff

Dr. B. Roditi

Joseph Salem

I.R. Rosin

Muriel Rosin

## Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1961



President A. I. Menashe

Vice-President I.R. Rosin

Treasurer E. Capeluto

Hon. Life Treasurer J.N. Alhadeff

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S. M. Alhadeff

Hon. Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

Committee Members Jack Solomon, M.B. Hasson, Henry Tarica, Solly Alhadeff,

Faic Tarica, M.G. Soriano, F.J. Van Den Bergh, Solly

Menashe, J. N. Alhadeff,

Auditors J.S. Menashe and Elie Ferera

### Annual General Meeting held on 19th August 1962



President Mr. A.I. Menashe

Vice-President Mr. I.R. Rosin O.B.E.

Honorary Life Treasurer Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Honorary Treasurer Mr. Ellie Capeluto

Honorary Secretary Mr. Albert Piha

Executive Secretary Mr. J.J. Veriano

Hon. Gabbai Emeritus Mr. B.D. Almeleh

Hon. Gabbai Mr. Salvatore M Alhadeff

Committee: J.N. Alhadeff, Solly Alhadeff, Mr. M.B. Hasson, Mr. Solly N Menashe,

Mr. Jack Salomon, Mr. Maurice Soriano, Mr. F. Tarica, Mr. Henry Tarica,

Mr. J.F. Van den Burgh, Dr. B. Roditi

Trustees: Mr. B.S. Leon M.B.E., S. Habib and J. Tarica

Clergy

Minister: Rabbi Dr. M. Papo

Associate Minister: Rev. S.R. Ichay

Representatives to Board of Deputies J. N. Alhadeff, V. Capeluto, A. I. Menashe

R. Weinberg and Nick Alhadeff

# Annual General Meeting Held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1963



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President Solly Habib

Treasurer E. Capeluto

Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai S. N. Alhadeff

Trustees J.N. Alhadeff and Dr. B. Roditi

Auditors Edward Menashe and Isaac Halfon

Committee Members A. Naim, E. Ferera, F. Tarica, J. Landau, H. Tarica

A. Alhadeff, J. Fintz, V. Capeluto

Ex- officio A. I. Menashe

# Annual General Meeting Held on 9th August 1964



President I.R. Rosin

Vice-President Solly Habib

Treasurer Ralf Cohen

Hon. Secretary Albert Piha

Hon. Gabbai S.M. Alhadeff

Committee Members J. Salem, N. Alhadeff, John Landau, Al Naim

Faic Tarica, A.N. Capouya, Joe Fintz, Elie Capeluto

Auditors Edward Menashe and Isaac Halfon

Chevra Kadisha Chairman Isaac Benatar

Victor Israel, A.N. Capouya, Morris Franco, V. Halfon

Moshe Franco, Robert Benatar

#### **Annual General Meeting held in 1965**



President Mr. I.R. Rosin

Vice-President Mr. S.M. Alhadeff

Hon Life Treasurer Mr. J.N. Alhadeff

Treasurer Mr. R. Cohen

Secretary Mr. A. Piha

Gabbai Mr. J. Menashe

Trustees Mr. B.S. Leon, J. Tarica and L. Ferera

Auditors Mr. J.S. Menashe and E. Ferera

Committee Members

Mr. I.U. Alhadeff, E. Capelluto, J. Fintz, V. Halfon, J. Landau, A.J. Naim, J. Salem and H. Tarica.

# Annual General Meeting Held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1966



President S.M. Alhadeff

Vice-President I.R. Rosin

Treasurer R. Cohen

Hon. Secretary A. Piha

Gabbai J.S. Menashe

Trustees Dr. B. Roditi, L. Ferera and Joe Tarica

Committee Members Joseph Salem, V.S. Halfon, Joe Fintz, Al Naim

I.N. Alhadeff, Jackie Ferera, H. Tarica Robert Benatar

Auditors Isaac Halfon and Edward Menashe

Chevra Kadisha Chairman Isaac Benatar

V. Halfon, Morris Franco, Norman Amato, A.N. Capouya

Sylvester Alhadeff, Moshe Franco, Victor Israel, M. Israel

Robert Benatar and Gerald Goldstein.

# Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1967



President S. M. Alhadeff

Vice-President I.R. Rosin

Treasurer H. Van Den Bergh

Secretary J. Fintz

Gabbai J.S. Menashe

Hon. Gabbai Emeritus B.D. Almeleh

Trustees L. Ferera, Dr. B. Roditi and J. Tarica

Committee Members R.J. Benatar, V. Capeluto, M.I. Franco, V.S. Halfon,

A.J. Naim, A. Piha, J.E.A. Salem, H. Tarica

Auditors Ralph Cohen and F. Tarica

#### **Annual General Meeting held in 1968**



President Mr. I. R. Rosin

Vice-President Mr. N. I. Alhadeff

Treasurer Mr. H. van den Bergh

Secretary Mr. J. Fintz

Gabbai Mr. S. M. Alhadeff

Gabbai Emeritus Mr. B.D. Almeleh

#### **Committee Members**

I.N. Alhadeff, R.J. Benatar, V. Capelluto, V. Halfon, Morris Mizrahi, A. Naim, A.Phia J.E.A. Salem,

Trustees Elie Capelluto, Leon Ferera and Joseph Tarica

Auditors Ralph Cohen and Louis Levinsohn

# Annual General Meeting Held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1969



President I. R. Rosin

Vice-President N. I. Alhadeff

Treasurer H. Van Den Bergh

Secretary J. Fintz

Gabbai S. M. Alhadeff

Hon. Gabbai Emeritus B.D. Almeleh

Trustees E. Capeluto, L. Ferera and J. Tarica

Committee Members I. N. Alhadeff, M. Alhadeff, R.J. Benatar, M. Franco,

M. B. Hasson, A. Piha, M. Mizrahi, H. Tarica

Auditors Ralph Cohen and Louis Levinsohn

Chevra Kadisha Chairman Isaac Benatar

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## Annual General Meeting held on 19th August 1970



President Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

Vice-President Mr. R.J. Benatar

Treasurer Mr. H. Van den Bergh

Secretary Mr. A. Piha

Gabbai Mr. J. S. Menashe

Gabbai Emeritus Mr. B.D. Almeleh

Trustees Mr. E. Capelluto, Leon Ferera and Joseph Tarica

Hon Life President Mr. I. R. Rosin

Committee Members

N.I. Alhadeff, M.S. Alhadeff, M.I. Franco, J.L. Ferera, M.B. Hasson, M. Mizrahi, H. Tarica, V.

Tarica

Chairman Chevra Kadisha I. B. Benatar,

Legal Adviser H. Kantor

Hon Engineer S. Menashe

Auditors R. Cohen and L. Levisohn

Executive Secretary Mrs. Renee Menashe

Minister Rev I. Benzequen

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## Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1971



President N.I. Alhadeff

Vice-President R.J. Benatar

Treasurer H. Van Den Bergh

Secretary Albert Piha

Gabbai J.S. Menashe

Hon. Life President I.R. Rosin

Hon. Life Gabbai B.D. Almeleh

Committee Members Maurice Alhadeff, Victor Capeluto, Morris Franco

Isaac Menashe, Ralph Menashe, Morris Mizrahi

Victor Tarica, Henry Tarica

Delegates to the Rhodesia Jewish Board of Deputies

Mr. I.R. Rosin, Mrs. Muriel Rosin, Maurice Franco

N.I. Alhadeff, V. Tarica

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1972**



President Mr. R. J. Benatar

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

# Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1973



President Mr. R. J. Benatar

Vice-President Mr. H. Van Den Bergh

Treasurer Mr. I. E. Menashe

Secretary Mr. A. Piha

Gabbai Mr. J. S. Menashe

Gabbai Emeritus Mr B D Almeleh

Hon Life President Mr. I. R. Rosin

Committee Members

N.I. Alhadeff, N. Amato, E. Alhadeff, M.I. Franco, I. Hasson, J.W. Levi, R.J. Menashe,

J.E.A. Salem, H. Tarica and V.H. Tarica.

Chairman Chevra Kadisha I. B. Benatar,

Legal Adviser H. Kantor

Hon Engineer S. Menashe

Auditors R. Cohen and L. Levisohn

Executive Secretary Mrs. Renee Menashe

Minister Rev I. Benzequen

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1974



President H. Van Den Burgh

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1975



# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1976



President R.J. Benatar

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1977



President I. E. Menashe

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1978**



President I. E. Menashe

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1979**



President Morris Mizrahi

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

### **Annual General Meeting 1980**



President David Kay

Immediate Past President Morris Mizrahi

Vice-President Victor Alhadeff

Treasurer Albert Menashe

Secretary Isaac Menashe

Hon. Life Gabbai Raphael Menashe

Committee: Isaac Merdjan, Neville Codron, Al Naim, Victor Surmany, Salvo Almeleh.

Bobby Benatar, Gerry Katzenberg

Chevra Kadisha: Mario Strugo

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1981



President David Kay

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1982



President David Kay

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1983



President David Kay

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1984



President Al Naim

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1985**



President Al Naim

Vice President Jack Amato

Treasurer H. van den Bergh

Secretary R. Neves

Gabai Jack Hasson

Committee: V. Alhadeff, S. Almeleh, M. Dozetos, E. Hasson, B. Leon

I. Menashe, I.H. Menashe and M. Mizrahi

### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### **Committee of 1986**



President Al Naim

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1987



President Al Naim

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1988

President H.V.J. Alhadeff

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1989

President H.J.V. Alhadeff

# SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA Committee of 1990



President Sam Benatar

#### **Committee of 1991**



President Sam Benatar

Vice-President Victor Alhadeff

Hon. Secretary Phillp Hasson

Gabbai Jacque Hasson

Committee Members: Leon Hanan, Benny Leon, Bobby Krikler, Sadoc

Codron, Raphael Mizan, Isaac Menashe, Salvo Hanan

Eddie Hasson, Victor Hasson, Marc Dozetos

## 61st Annual General Meeting held on 26th July 1992

President Mr. Santo Codron

Vice-President Mr. Mark Cohen

Treasurer Mr. Marc Dozetos

Secretary Mr. Phillip Hasson

Gabbai Mr. Jack Hasson

Assistant Gabbai Mr. Leon Hanan

Committee Members:

Mr. I. Alhadeff, R. Bar-David, S. Capelluto, D. Kay, B. Leon, I. Menashe (Jnr.), R. Merdjan, R.

Mizan and R. Shapiro

Chevra Kadisha:

Co-Chairmen Victor Alhadeff

Zac Menashe

Co-Chairladies Sarah Piha

Donna Hasson

Auditors Alfie Alhadeff and Zac Menashe

Legal Advisor Mr. Harry Kantor

Executive Secretary Mrs. Mary Levinsohn

# 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1993

President Mr. Santos Codron

Vice-President Mr. Sam Benatar

Treasurer Mr. Marc Dozetos

Secretary Mr. Phillip Hasson

Gabbai Mr. Jack Hasson

Assistant Gabbai Mr. Leon Hanan

Committee Members:

Mr. I. Alhadeff, R. Bar-David, S. Capelluto, D. Kay, B. Leon, R. Mizan and R. Shapiro

Chevra Kadisha:

Co-Chairmen Victor Alhadeff

Zac Menashe

Co-Chairladies Sarah Piha

Donna Hasson

Auditors Alfie Alhadeff and Zac Menashe

Legal Advisor Mr. Harry Kantor

Executive Secretary Mrs. Mary Levinsohn

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# 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1994

President Mr. Santo Codron

Vice-President Mr. Phillip Hasson

Treasurer Mr. Marc Dozetos

Secretary Mr. Isaac Menashe (Jnr)

Hon Life Gabbai Mr. Raphael Menashe

Gabbai Mr. Jack Hasson

Committee Members:

Mr. Isaac Alhadeff, Victor Alhadeff, Salvo Capelluto, Mark Cohen, Leon Hanan, Benny Leon,

Raphael Mizan and Richard Summerfield

Trustees Alphonse Naim and Zac Menashe (Snr)

Chevra Kadisha:

Co-Chairmen Victor Alhadeff

Zac Menashe

Co-Chairladies Sarah Piha

Donna Hasson

Legal Advisor Mr. Harry Kantor

Executive Secretary Mrs. Mary Levinsohn

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### Committee of 1995

President P.J.M. Hasson

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA

#### Committee of 1996

President P.J.M. Hasson

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### **Committee of 1997**

President P. Hasson

Vice-President S. Codron

Treasurer M. Dozetos

Secretary R. Alhadeff

Committee: V. Hasson, R. Mizan, L. Hanan, J. Hasson, S. Capelluto, B. Leon,

R. Merdjan, J. Tarica, Mrs. L. Roth, S. Hasson, S. Benatar, V. Alhadeff

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### **Committee of 1998**

President Santo Codron

Vice-President P. Hasson

Treasurer M. Dozetos

Secretary R. Alhadeff

Hon. Life President S. Benatar

Committee: V. Hasson, B. Leon, R. Mizan, L. Hanan, R. Merdjan, I. Menashe

J. Hasson, Mrs. L. Merdjan, J. Tarica, Mrs. L. Roth, S. Capelluto

#### **Committee of 1999**

President Santo Codron

Vice-President R. Alhadeff

Treasurer J. Tarica

Secretary P. Hasson

Hon. Life President S. Benatar

#### Committee Members:

R. Mizan, L. Hanan, B. Leon, V. Hasson, Mrs. S. Cohen, J. Hasson, Mrs. L. Roth

S. Capelluto, I. Menashe, R. Merdjan, M. Dozetos, Mrs. L. Merdjan

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### **Committee of 2000**

President P. Hasson

Vice-President R. Alhadeff

Secretary V. Alhadeff

Treasurer J. Tarica

Hon. Life President S. Benatar

#### Committee Members:

S. Capelluto, S. Codron, M. Dozetos, L. Hanan, J. Hasson, B. Leon

R. Merdjan, A. Michaan, Mrs. L. Merdjan

## **70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting June 2001**

President Mr. Philip Hasson

Vice-President Mr. Bertie Bondi

Hon. Treasurer Mr. Jacques Tarica

Hon. Secretary Mr. Benny Leon

Hon. Gabbais Jacques Hasson and Leon Hanan

Hon. Life President S. Benatar

Committee Members: Leon Hanan, Jacques Hasson, Victor Hasson, Albert

Michaan, Marc Dozetos, Robbie Merdjan, Salvo

Capeluto and Richard Alhadeff

Chevra Kadisha

Co-Chairmen Victor Alhadeff and Bertie Bondi

Legal Advisor Mr. Harry Kantor

Trustees Jackie Ferera, Eddie Hasson, Zac Menashe

#### **SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE**

72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2002



President Sam Benatar

Vice-President Philip Hasson

Secretary Benny Leon

Treasurer

#### **Committee of 2003**



President: Sam Benatar

Vice-President: Philip Hasson

Co-Treasurers: Zac Menashe and Raymond Levy

Secretary: Benny Leon

#### Committee Members:

S. Hanan, Jacques Hasson, Sadoc Codron, Leon Hanan, Richard Alhadeff, Victor Cohen Victor Hasson, Robbie Merdjan, Nikki Joselyn, Reuben Bar-David, Ellis Fintz,

Victor Alhadeff

Ladies Society: Stella Cohen

Apologies: Marc Dozetos, Leon Hanan and Robbie Merdjan

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### Committee of 2004

President P.J.M. Hasson Vice-President Philip Hasson

Co-Treasurers Zac Menashe

Secretary Benny Leon

#### Committee Members:

Salvo Hanan, Victor Alhadeff, Victor Cohen & Robbie Merdjan

# 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2005

President V.E. Cohen

Vice-President Richard Alhadeff

Secretary Benny Leon

Treasurer

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2006

President Victor Cohen

Vice-President Robbie Merdjan

Hon. Life President Sam Benatar

Treasurer Albert Bondi

Secretary Benny Leon

Gabbai Leon Hanan

Assistant Gabbai Victor Alhadeff, Issac Menashe

Trustees Victor Cohen, Issac Menashe and Eddie Hasson

Committee Members Phillip Hasson, Jacky Cohen, Victor Hasson,

Mark Cohen, Ellis Fintz, Reuben Bar-David

And Eli Bondi

Chevra Kadisha Victor Alhadeff and Bertie Bondi

#### **SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF RHODESIA**

#### **Committee of 2007**

President R.H. Alhadeff

### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### **Committee of 2008**

President P.J.M. Hasson

Vice-President Philip Hasson

Treasurer Bertie Bondi

Secretary Benny Leon

Committee Members:

Victor Alhadeff, Sam Benatar, Leon Hanan, Victor Hasson, Victor Cohen

Robbie Merdjan and Jacky Cohen

### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### **Committee of 2009**

President Philip Hasson

Vice-President Robbie Merdjan

Treasurer Raphy Israel

Secretary Benny Leon

#### Committee of 2010

President Philip Hasson

Vice-President Robbie Merdjan

Treasurer Raphy Israel

Secretary Benny Leon

Committee Members:

Sam Benatar, Jacky Cohen, Reuben Bar-David, Victor Hasson

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### Committee of 2011

President Philip Hasson

Vice-President Robbie Merdjan

Treasurer Raphy Israel

Secretary Benny Leon

Committee Members:

Sam Benatar, Jacky Cohen, Leon Hanan, Victor Hasson, Reuben Bar-David

Victor Alhadeff, Victor Cohen.

#### SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE

#### Committee of 2012

President Philip Hasson

Vice-President Robbie Merdjan

Treasurer Raphy Israel

Secretary Benny Leon

Committee Members:

Reuben Bar-David, Sam Benatar, Jack Cohen, Victor Hasson and Victor Alhadeff

#### **Committee of 2013**

President V.E. Cohen

Vice-President Robbie Merdjan

Treasurer Raphy Israel

Secretary Benny Leon

### **SEPHARDI HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ZIMBABWE**

#### **Committee of 2014**

President Victor Cohen

Vice-President Sam Benatar

Treasurer Raphy Israel

Secretary Benny Leon

Committee Members:

Philip Hasson, Victor Hasson, Reuben Bar-David and Sam Benatar

#### **HABONIM PARENTS COMMITTEE (SALISBURY)**

## Annual General Meeting held on the 8th June 1960

Chairman Mr. M. Peimer

Vice-Chairman Mr. L. Lessem

Secretary Mrs. A. Stern

Treasurer Mr. J. Waldbaum

Committee

Mrs. S. Palombo,

Mr. A. Berelowitz, G. Graham, B. Menashe, M. Lasovsky, E. Zagoria, Rabbi M. Konviser and Rabbi Dr. M. Papo.

#### **HABONIM PARENTS COMMITTEE (SALISBURY)**

### **Annual General Meeting held in 1963**

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. I. Passov

Secretary Mrs. F. Gersohn

Committee

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hassall, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shapiro, Mr. B. Menashe, G. Haimovitz and A. Leon

Ex-officio

Rabbi M. Konviser, I. Peimer, L. Lessem and D. Yesorsky

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## **HABONIM PARENTS COMMITTEE (SALISBURY)**

## **Annual General Meeting held in 1964**

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. I. Passov

Secretary Mrs. F. Weltman

Committee

Mrs. L. Lessem, Mr. L. Lessem, J. Melman, A. Leon, G. Haimovitz, M. Lasovsky and I.

Weltman

### MAGEN DAVID ADOM - SALISBURY BRANCH

### **Inaugural Meeting held in 1959**

Chairman Mr. C. Marks

Committee members

Drs. J.G.Borok, J. Kotzen, B. Roditi, E. Becker, A. Buchman, G. Graham, S. Joffe, A. Leon, S. King, B. Sacks, V. Sauna and M. Zlotnik.

Mrs. J. Marks, R. Kotzen and R. Wernick

## Appendix 3 <u>MASHONALAND MACABBI:</u>

## Annual General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1960

Chairman Mr. Harry Hart

Vice-Chairman Mr. Mannie Sklar

Secretary Mr. P. Vainik

Treasurer Mr. P. Vainik

Committee Mr. P. Drukman, D. Gordon, M. Gordon, B. Hassall, A. Maggen, B.

Marks, I. Menashe, A. Leon, E. Salgo and H. Samuels. Mrs. S. Fine and R. Sklar

#### MASHONALAND MACABBI:

## **Annual General Meeting held on 1st April 1963**

Chairman Mr. Harry Hart

Vice-Chairman Mr. Mannie Sklar

Secretary Mr. G. Haimovitz

Committee

Mrs. H. Menashe and R. Sklar

Mr. D. Kay, M. Dozetos, V. Steinberg, I. Menashe, A. Leon and E. Salgo

#### MASHONALAND MACABBI:

# Annual General Meeting held on 6th April 1965

Chairman Mr. Harry Hart

Vice-Chairman Mr. E. Salgo

Secretary Mr. G. Haimovitz

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Committee

Mr. M. Sklar, C. "Boy" Kaplan, I. Menashe, A. Leon, R. Harris, H. Bamberger and M. Dozetos

### **MASHONALAND MACABBI:**

# **Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1967**

Chairman Mr. E. Salgo

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Secretary Mr. G. Haimovitz

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Committee

Mrs. R. Gershon, H. Bamberger, W. Blacher, G. Goldstein, N. Grill, H. Hart, R. Langer, J.

Melman, I. Menashe and S. Udwin.

### **SALISBURY CHEVRA KADDISHA:**

### **Annual General Meeting for the year 1959**

Hon Life President Mr. Isaac Lasovsky

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. S. Baker and P. Ofman

President Mr. I. Passov

Chairman Mr. N. Ben Yehuda

Vice-Chairman Mr. M. Mande

Treasurer Mr. J. Waldbaum

Secretary Mr. M. Peimer

Committee

V. Barnett, D. Gordon, M. King, C. Kopman, F. Rosin, J. Rubenstein, B. Sacks and G. Singer.

Ex-Officio Rabbi M. Konviser, Rev J. Isaacs and Mr. H. Gollop

**Ladies Committee** 

Mrs. De Haas, Fleishman, S. Jones, Z. King, Negin, Sadowitz, Amato, A. Barnett, Ben Yehuda, H. King, R. Ofman, R. Rosen and Miss T. Rothstein

## Annual General Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1967

Hon Life President Mr. P. I. Ofman

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. I. Passov, J. Waldbaum

Hon Life Members Mr. M. Peimer

President Mr. A. King

Vice-Chairman Mr. D. Gordon

Treasurer Mr. H. Stiel

Secretary Mr. M. Peimer

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Mr. L. Baum

Committee

Mr. J. Melman, M. Mande, I. Rabinowitz, G. Singer, W. Harris, B. Sacks, O. Sussman and Dr.

M. Hodes

Women Workers

Mrs. R. Ofman (Hon Life Member), H. King, M. Silverton, H. Stiefel, S. Negin, J. Harris and E. Butler-Child

Sewing Circle

Mrs. R. Ofman, H. King, M. Peimer, G. Gordon, E. Butler-Child, R. Middeldorf, S. Negin, S. Fleischman, J. Harris and H. Stiefel

#### Annual General Meeting for the year 1970 – 1971

Hon Life President Mr. P. I. Ofman

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. I. Passov, Mr. J. Waldman and D. Gordon

Hon Life Members G. Singer, M. Peimer and B. Sacks

President Mr. A. King

Chairman Mr. H. Stiel

Vice-Chairman Mr. W. Harris

Treasurer Mr. L.J. Baum

Secretary Mr. W.B. Wigoder

Committee E. Mande, O. Sussman, W. Wigoder, M. Mande,

I. Rabinowitz and J. Melman

Drs. M. Hodes and G. Ress

Hon Life Members (Ladies) R. Ofman, H. King,

Committee (Ladies) H. Stiefel, M. Silverton, J Harris, S. Negin, A Barnet,

P. Brown, Z. King, M. Peimer, S. Fleishman,

E. Butler-Child and G. Gordon

#### **Annual General Meeting for the year 1971 – 1972**

Hon Life President Mr. P. I. Ofman

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. I. Passov, Mr. J. Waldman and D. Gordon

Hon Life Members G. Singer, M. Peimer and B. Sacks and M. Mande

President Mr. A. King

Chairman Mr. H. Stiel

Vice-Chairman Mr. L. Baum

Treasurer Mr. J. Melman

Secretary Mr. W.B. Wigoder

#### Committee members

M. Barnett, M. Fleishman, W. Harris, E Mande, R. Moss, M. Negin, I. Rabinowitz, E. Schonstein, O. Sussman and Drs. M. Hodes and G. Ress

#### Committee (Ladies)

A. Barnett, P. Brown, E. Butler-Child, J. Harris, S. Negin, M. Silverton, E. Stiefel and S. Wigoder.

Sewing Circle S. Fleishman, G. Gordon, Z. King, M. Peimer and

M. Sadowitz

#### Annual General Meeting for the year 1975 – 1976

Hon Life President Mr. P. I. Ofman

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. I. Passov and Mr. J. Waldman

Hon Life Members M. Mande, A. King, M. Peimer and B. Sacks

President Mr. M. Peimer

Chairman Mr. L. Baum

Vice-Chairman Mr. B. Sacks

Treasurer Mr. R. Moss

Secretary Mr. I. Levin

Committee M. Hodes, M. Fleishman, I. King, J. Levin, E. Mande

M. Negin, I. Rabinowitz, E. Schonstein, H. Stiel,

O. Sussman and W. Wigoder

Hon Life Members (Ladies) R. Ofman, H. King, E. Butler-Child, H. Stiefel,

S. Negin

Committee (Ladies) C. Aviv, L. Schneider and M. Silverton

Sewing Circle G. Gordon, Z. King, M. Peimer and P. Scolnik

#### **Annual General Meeting - 1977**

Hon Life President Mr. P. I. Ofman

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. I. Passov and Mr. J. Waldman

Hon Life Members M. Mande, A. King, M. Peimer and B. Sacks

President Mr. M. Peimer

Chairman Mr. L. Baum

Vice-Chairman Mr. B. Sacks

Treasurer Mr. R. Moss

Secretary Mr. I. Levin

Committee M. Hodes, M. Fleishman, I. King, J. Levin, E. Mande

M. Negin, I. Rabinowitz, E. Schonstein, H. Stiel,

O. Sussman and W. Wigoder

Hon Life Members (Ladies) R. Ofman, H. King, E. Butler-Child, H. Stiefel,

S. Negin

Committee (Ladies) C. Aviv, L. Schneider and M. Silverton

Sewing Circle G. Gordon, Z. King, M. Peimer and P. Scolnik

## **HEBREW EDUCATION BOARD**

# Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1936

Chairman Nr. D. Shapiro

Vice-Chairman Dr. M. Gelfand

Treasurer Mr. A. Benjamin

Secretary Mr. I. Iljon

Committee Members A. Buchman, M. Gordon, L. Harris and S.

Lasovsky

### **SALISBURY HEBREW EDUCATION BOARD**

## Annual General Meeting held on November 25th 1959

Chairman Mr. J. Schwartz

Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Graham

Treasurer Mr. M. Peimer

Secretary Mr. H. Bamberger

Ex-Officio Mr. R. Lazarus

Committee Mr. M. Lasovsky, L. Lessem, Mrs. L. Graham, Mrs. B. Kass

### SALISBURY HEBREW EDUCATION BOARD

# **Annual General Meeting held on November 19th 1968**

Chairman Mr. H. Lewin

Vice-Chairman Mr. Ray Langer

Treasurer Mr. Alec Berelowitz

Secretary Mrs. C. Perlmutter

Committee Members Dr. J.G. Borok, M. Lasovsky, A. Weiss, W. Perlmutter

W. Wigoder, Mrs. F. Haimovitz, Mrs. J. Kohll, Mrs. L Lowenson,

Mrs. F. Steil

Mrs. R. Sklar

## **SALISBURY HISTADRUT IVRIT**

# Annual General Meeting held on 8th February

Chairman Mr. M. Harary

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Schonstein

Secretary Mrs. P. Galaun

Treasurer Mr. M. Franco and Mr. Schonstein and Mr. B. Palman

#### SALISBURY SYNAGOGUE LADIES GUILD

#### **Annual General Meeting held in March 1961**

Chairlady Mrs. Rae Konviser

Vice-Chairlady Mrs. De Hass

Chairman of House Committee Mrs. C. Ben Yehuda

Treasurer Mrs. Benjamin

Committee

Mrs. Harris, Grill, Isaacs, L. King, Z. King, R. Kristeller, Rosenthal, Stiefel, Sussman, Walters and Wiesenbacher

#### SALISBURY SYNAGOGUE LADIES GUILD

## **Annual General Meeting held in 1965**

Chairlady Mrs. Herta Stiefel

Vice-Chairlady Mrs. De Hass and Rae Konviser

Chairman of House Committee Mrs. C. Ben Yehuda

Treasurer Mrs. M. Walters

Secretary Mrs. J. Melman

#### Committee

Mrs. Fleishman, Hyton, Joffee, King, Middeldorf, Melamed, Negin, Salomon, Singer and Sussman

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 12<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 6/7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1958

President Mr. E. Eliasov

Vice-President Mr. N. Jacobson

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. G. Rosin

Chairman (Northern Rhodesia Region Mr. A. Galaun

Treasurer Mr. H. Eliasov

#### **Executive Committee**

A. Baron, B. Baron, W. Fredman, C.I. Jacobs, A. Kaplan, W. Kaplan, B. Katz, J.B. Katz, S.I. Lutrin, S. Rabinowitz, H.M. Roan and C. Segal.

Mashonaland Regional Committee (Ashkenazi)

A. Buchman, S.A. Jones, C. Marks, B.M. Kass, I. Srago and J.B. Anolick

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 13<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 11/12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1960

President Mr. E. Eliasov

Vice-President Mr. C. Segal

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. G. Rosin

Chairman (Northern Rhodesia Region Mr. A. Galaun

Treasurer Mr. H. Eliasov

**Executive Committee** 

A. Baron, B. Baron, W. Fredman, C.I. Jacobs, L. Jason, A. Kaplan, W. Kaplan, B. Katz, J.B. Katz, S.I. Lutrin, S. Rabinowitz, H.M. Roan .

Mashonaland Regional Committee (Sephardi)

Mr. N.I. Alhadeff, J.N. Alhadeff, A.I. Menashe, Dr. B. Roditi, Mrs. M.E. Rosin and Mr. M.I. Rosin

Mashonaland Regional Committee (Ashkenazi)

Mr. J.B. Anolick, A. Buchman, H.H. Gollop, B.M. Kass, A. Lessem and I. Srago

Eastern Districts Mr. L. Buffenstein

Progressive Congregation Mr. A.D. Schulman

Midlands Mr. R. Sternberg

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 14<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 8/9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1962

President Mr. C. Segal

Vice-President Mr. E. Eliasov

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

Vice-President (Northern Rhodesia Region Mr. M. Prins

Vice-President N.R. Copperbelt Mr. S.W. Magnus

Treasurer Mr. H. Eliasov

**Executive Committee** 

B. Baron, H. Bloch, W. Fredman, H.J. Goldsmith, C.I. Jacobs, S, Jossel, W. Kaplan, J.B. Katz, S.I. Lutrin, M. Markov, H. Orkin and S. Rabinowitz.

Senior Vice-Chairman (Mashonaland) Mr. G. Rosin

Committee

J.N. Alhadeff, J.B. Anolick, V. Capelluto, H.H. Gollop, Mrs. S. Gordon, B.M. Kass, A. Lessem, A.I. Menashe, Mrs. M.E. Rosin, B. Salkind, A. Schulman and I. Srago

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 15<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 15/16<sup>th</sup> August 1964

President Mr. A.E. Abrahamson

Vice-President Mr. Ben Baron

Vice-President Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

Treasurer Mr. Ralph Harris

**Executive Committee** 

Mr. H. Bloch, E. Eliasov, M. Golden, H.J. Goldsmith, C.I. Jacobs, J.B. Katz, S.I. Lutrin, M.

Markov, H. Orkin, S. Rabinowitz, G. Rabinovitch, and H. Weinstock

Ex-Officio members

Mr. C. Segal, S. Jossel, A. Menashe, D.L. Melmed, Eric Bloch

Mashonaland Regional Committee

Vice-President/Chairman Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

Senior Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Rosin

Members

Mr. I.M. Alhadeff, J.B. Anolick, A Cowan, H.H. Gollop, W. Kaim, B.M. Kass, B. Salkind, I.

Srago, Dr. B. Roditi, Mrs. M.E. Rosin, I.R. Rosin, Dr. A. Woolfson

Midlands Mr. R. Sternberg

Eastern Districts Mr. L. Buffenstein

Central Provincial Regional Committee of N.R.

Vice-President/Chairman Mr. M. Prins

Copperbelt Regional Committee

Vice-President/Chairman Mr. S.W. Magnus

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 16<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 20/21<sup>st</sup> August 1966

President Mr. A.E. Abrahamson

Vice-President (Matabeleland) Mr. Ben Baron

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. H.H. Gollop

Treasurer Mr. Ralph Harris

**Executive Committee** 

Mr. E. Bloch, H. Bloch, E. Eliasov, H.J. Goldsmith, C.I. Jacobs, J.B. Katz, S.I. Lutrin, M.

Markov, A. Menashe, H. Orkin, J. Palte, Dr. B. Tatz

Mashonaland Regional Committee

Vice-President/Chairman Mrs. M.E. Rosin

Senior Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Rosin

Members

Mr. J.B. Anolick, L. Baum, J. Fintz, V. Halfon, A. Piha, W. Kaim, I. Srago, Dr. A. Woolfson

Central Province (Zambia)

Vice-President/Chairman Mr. M. Prins

Copperbelt Regional Committee

Vice-President/Chairman Mr.H. Elkaim

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 17<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> July 1969

President Mr. A. E. Abrahamson

Vice-President (Matabeleland) Mr. R. S. Harris

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. H. H. Gollop

Treasurer Mr. E. W. Bloch

Senior Vice-Chairman (Mashonaland) Mrs. M. E. Rosin

J.C.F. Convener Mr. A. M. Kaplan

Executive Mrs. C. Cassell, Mr. E. Eliasov, Mr. B.J.

Katz, Mr. J.L. Mendelsohn, Dr. B. Tatz,

H. Bloch, S. Jossel, J. Katz, A. Menashe,

J. Palte and E. Zacks

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

S. Rabinowitz (Hon Life Pres), S. Lutrin (CAZO), J. Orkin (Zionist Youth Council

L. Woolfson (Bulawayo Progressive Congregation), Mrs. S. Krengel (UJW)

Mashonaland Regional Committee Mr. L.J. Baum, Mr. L.J. Brenner, N. Alhadeff

M. Franco, Mr. W. Kaim, Mr. J. Lowe,

B. Salkind and Mr. V. Tarica

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

M. Lasovsky (CAZO), J. Pelham (Salisbury Hebrew Congregation), Dr. B. Baldachin

(Salisbury Progressive Congregation), S. Strauss (Zionist Youth Council), Mrs. A Graham (Union of Jewish Women)

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 18<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 7/8<sup>th</sup> August 1971

President Mr. A. E. Abrahamson

Vice-President (Matabeleland) Mr. R. S. Harris

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. H. H. Gollop

Treasurer Mr. E. W. Bloch

Senior Vice-Chairman (Mashonaland) Mrs. M. E. Rosin

J.C.F. Convener Mr. A. M. Kaplan

Executive Mrs. C. Cassell, Mr. E. Eliasov, Mr. B.J.

Katz, Mr. J.L. Mendelsohn, Dr. B. Tatz,

H. Bloch, S. Jossel, J. Katz, A. Menashe,

J. Palte and E. Zacks, M.H. Schmulian,

C. Swiel, M. Weinberg, Mrs. Z. Klein

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Rabbi C.E. Cassell, Rabbi I. Zwebner, Mr. M. G. Gordon, Mr. S. Jossel, Mrs. A. Moss and Mr. M. Rosenbaum.S. Rabinowitz (Hon Life Pres),

#### Mashonaland Regional Committee

Mr. H.H. Gollop, Mrs. M.E. Rosin, Mr. J.H. Baum, M. Franco, W. Kaim, J. Lowe, S.I. Lutrin, J. Pelham, I.R. Rosin, F. Salomon and V. Tarica

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

N.I. Alhadeff (Sephardi Hebrew Congregation), M. Capelluto (CA Zionist Youth Council), W. Harris (Salisbury Hebrew Congregation), M. Lasovsky (CAZO), M. Myerson (Salisbury Progressive Hebrew Congregation), Mrs. H. Zlotnik (Union of Jewish Woman)

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 19<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1973

President Mr. A. E. Abrahamson

Vice-President (Matabeleland) Mr. R. S. Harris

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. H. H. Gollop

Treasurer Mr. E. W. Bloch

Senior Vice-Chairman (Mashonaland) Mrs. M. E. Rosin

J.C.F. Convener Mr. A. M. Kaplan

Executive Mrs. C. Cassell, Mr. E. Eliasov, Mr. B.J.

Katz, Mrs. Z. Klein, Mr. J.E.I. Lieberman

Mr. J.L. Mendelsohn, Mr. M.H. Schmulian

Mr. B. Shlom, Mr. C. Swiel, Dr. B. Tatz,

Mrs. E. Zlattner

Ex-officio members Mr. S. Jossel, Mr. R.W.S. Moss, Mrs.A.Moss

Mr. Irwin Sarif

Mashonaland Regional Committee Mr. H.S. Abrahamson, Mr. L.J. Baum,

Dr. J.G. Borok, Mr. L.J. Brenner, Mr. G.N. Clain

Mr. M. Franco, Mr. J. Lowe, Mr. I. Menashe

Mr. I.R. Rosin OBE, Mr. V. Tarica

The Constitution provides for ex-officio seats for the following: Mr. R.J. Benatar, David

Bloom, Mrs., S. Capelluto, Mr. W. Kaim, Mr. M.

Lasovsky, Mr. M. Myerson, Rev I. Benzequen

And Rabbi Y. Shalpid

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 20<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 4/5 OCTOBER 1975

President Mr. A. E. Abrahamson

Vice-President (Matabeleland) Mr. R. S. Harris

Vice-President (Mashonaland) Mr. H. H. Gollop

Junior Vice-President Dr. B. Tatz

Treasurer Mr. E. W. Bloch

Senior Vice-Chairman (Mashonaland) Mrs. M. E. Rosin

J.C.F. Convener Mr. A. M. Kaplan

Executive Mrs. C. Cassell, Mr. E. Eliasov, Mr. B.J.

Katz, Mrs. Z. Klein, Mr. J.E.I. Lieberman

Mr. J.L. Mendelsohn, Mr. M.H. Schmulian

Mr. B. Shlom, Mr. C. Swiel, Dr. B. Tatz,

A Feigenbaum, S. Jossel

Mashonaland Regional Committee

Chairman Mr. H.H. Gollop

Members Mrs. L. Graham, Mrs. D. Zilberg

Mr. H.S.Abrahamson, Mr. L.J. Baum,

N.I. Alhadeff, M. Franco, W. Kaim, J. Lowe

Mr. I.R. Rosin OBE, Mr. J. Salem

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 27<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1992

Life President Mr. A.E. Abrahamson

Life Vice-President Mr. H. H. Gollop

Life Member Mr. I.R. Rosen O.B.E.

President Mr. Stanley Harris

Senior Vice-Presidents

Mashonaland Mr. Isaac Menashe

Matabeleland Dr. B. Tatz

**Vice-Presidents** 

Mashonaland Mr. M. Ross

Matabeleland Mr. A. Kaplan

J.C.F. Conveners

Mashonaland Mr. V. Alhadeff

Matabeleland Mr. M.H. Schmulian

Hon. Treasurer Mr. A. P. Joffe

Members Matabeleland Divisional Council:

Mrs. C. Bernstein, Mrs. R. Tatz and Mrs. S. Orkin

Mr. L. Bernstein, J. Brenner, J. Goldwasser, C. Gordon, Basil Katz, A.J. Lewin, H. Rabinson, T. Wiessenbacher and Mr. M. Rudnick

Members Mashonaland Divisional Council:

Mrs. D. Rider

Mr. S. Benatar, M. Dozetos, D. Kay, M. Cohen, F. Plein, J. Pitluk, J. Cohen, G. Treger and R. Summerfield.

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 28<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 12/13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1994

Mashonaland: Hon Officers:

President Mr. Stanley Harris

Senior Vice-President Mr. M. Ross

Vice-President Mr. S. Benatar

Treasurer Mr. A. P. Joffe

Executive Member Mr. I. Menashe

Mashonaland: Elected Members

Marc Dozetos, Phillip Hasson and Mrs. Sheila Pitluk

Matabeleland: Hon Officers:

Senior Vice-President Dr. B. Tatz

Vice-President Mr. A.M. Kaplan

JCF Convener Mr. M.H. Schmulian

Matabeleland: Elected Members:

Messrs. J. Goldwasser, C. Gordon and B. Katz

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 29th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 26/27th OCTOBER 1996

National President Mr. Morris Ross

Senior Vice-President

Mashonaland Mr. I. Menashe

Senior Vice-President

Matabeleland Dr. B. Tatz

Treasurer Mr. A. Joffe

Vice-President

Mashonaland Mr. Ivor Davis

Vice-President

Matabeleland Mr. A. Kaplan

JCF Convener

Mashonaland Mr. Victor Alhadeff

JCF Convener

Matabeleland Mr. Maurice Rudnick

**Elected Members** 

Mashonaland: Mr. S. Codron, Mr. M. Dozetos, Mr. P. Hammar

**Elected Members** 

Matabeleland: Mrs. C. Bernstein, Mr. J. Goldwasser, Mr. C. Gordon, R. Tatz

# THE CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES 31<sup>st</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 11/12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2000

National President Mr. Maurice Ross

Matabeleland Vice-President Dr. Bernie Tatz

Mashonaland Vice-President Mrs. Ilana Hasson

Treasurer Mr. Peter Sternberg

## <u>UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – SALISBURY BRANCH</u>

### Committee of 1948

Chairlady Mrs. M. Rosin

Vice-Chairladies Mrs. H. Susman, Mrs. M. Stein

Treasurer Mrs. M. Bloom

Secretary Mrs. B. Jones

Committee: S. Bloom, E. Galante, F. Isaacson, F. Joleson

S. Lasovsky, R. Lawson, R. Tarica

Representatives of

Salisbury Jewish Appeal: B. Kass and H. Lazarus

Ex-officio: R. Konviser and E. Papo

## UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – SALISBURY BRANCH

## Annual General Meeting Held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1959

Chairman Mrs. R. Lawson

Senior Vice-Chairman Mrs. B. Kass

Junior Vice-Chairman Mrs. R. Kotzen

Treasurer Mrs. C. Van den Bergh

Secretary Mrs. D. Berelowitz

#### Committee

Mrs. C. Alhadeff, M. Becker, M. Benatar, S. Bloom, S. Gordon, B. Grill, R. Lazarus, S. Levy, S. King, Marcus, S. Rabinowitz, A. Wenezsky and D. Zilberg

### <u>UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – SALISBURY BRANCH</u>

#### **Annual General Meeting Held in 1968**

Chairman Mrs. D. Zilberg

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. L. Graham and H. Zlotnick

Treasurer Mrs. D. Goldstein

Secretary Mrs. B. Baum

Subscription Treasurer Mrs. B. Grill

Minuting Secretary Mrs. M. Appel

Publicity Convener Mrs. J. Schwartz

Cultural Convener Mrs. C. Negin

#### Committee

Mrs. R. Lawson, A. de Haas, P. Salomon, S. Negin, R. Rubin, W. Kavonic, G. Pick, I. Notwitch, M. Halfon, C. Ross, S. Carr, P. Baldachin, E. Ress, J. Levinson, S. Mande, P. Sadowitz, S. Pitluk, C. Kopman, M. Bennet

Sisterhood Representative Mrs. M. Bernberg

Sephardic Representative Mrs. R. Benatar

WIZO Representative Mrs. R. Anolick

#### UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN - SALISBURY BRANCH

#### Committee of 1969

Hon. Life Vice-Presidents Mrs. A. de Haas, Mrs. R. Lawson

Chairlady Mrs. L. Graham

Vice-Chairladies Mrs. H. Zlotnik, Mrs. C. Negin

Treasurer Mrs. N. Menashe

Ex-Officio Mrs. D. Zilberg

Committee: M. Appel, M. Bennett, S. Carr, B. Grill, L. Kaplan

R. Kavonic, J. Levison, S. Mande, S. Negin, E. Ress

I. Notwich, R. Rubin, P. Sadowitz, P. Salomon,

J. Schwartz, S. Weiss

Representatives of

Affiliated Societies Mrs. P. Baldachin (S.W.Z.L.)

Mrs. R. Benatar (Sephardi Women's Society)

Mrs. M. Bernberg (Sisterhood)

Mrs. S. Pelham (Synagogue Ladies Guild)

## **ADULT EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE - 1969**

Chairlady Mrs. D. Zilberg

Committee: I. Kohll, M. Appel, L. Graham, L. Kaplan, E. Michelsen, C. Negin,

J. Schwartz, S. Segay, J. Wesseik, H. Zlotnik

#### UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN - SALISBURY BRANCH

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1971

Chairman Mrs. L. Graham

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. S. Capelluto and J. Schwartz

Treasurer Mrs. E. Krikler

Secretary Mrs. C. Negin

Ex-Officio Mrs. H. Zlotnik (Out-going Chairman)

Hon Life Presidents Mrs. A. de Haas and Mrs. R. Lawson

## UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – HARARE BRANCH

## **Annual General Meeting Held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1993**

National President Sheila Pitluk

Chairlady Sandra Muir

Vice-Chairlady Rachel Caspi

Treasurer Beryl Thal

Minute Secretary Joyce Kohll

Social Secretary Audrey Blacher

#### Committee Members:

T. Benny, M. Bernberg, M. Brest, R. Caspi, H. Cinamon, D. Cohen, J. Dee, L. Farhangi, L. Kantor, L. Kaplan, C. Kopman, B. Krikler, L. Merdjan, L. Plein, S. Palombo and V. Levy

#### UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – HARARE BRANCH

## Annual General Meeting Held on the 21st February 1995

Chairperson Mrs. Leanne Merdjan

Vice-Chair Mrs. Rachel Caspi

Treasurer Mrs. Beryl Thal

Social Secretary Mrs. Audrey Blacher

Secretary Mrs. Joyce Kohll

Ex-Officio Mrs. Sandra Muir

## **UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – HARARE BRANCH**

# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held in 1996

Chairperson Mrs. S. Pitluk

Vice-Chair Mrs. D. Alhadeff, D. Rubin and M. Zion

Treasurer Mrs. Beryl Thal

Secretary Mrs. Joyce Kohll

Ex-Officio Mrs. Leanne Merdjan

#### UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – HARARE BRANCH

# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1997

Chairpersons Mrs. D. Cohen and Mrs. D. Rubin

Vice-Chair Mrs. H. Sternberg

Treasurer Mrs. Beryl Thal

Secretary Mrs. R. Krikler

### UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN – HARARE BRANCH

# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1999

National President Mrs. Joyce Kohll

Chairpersons Mrs. H. Sternberg

Treasurer Mrs. Beryl Thal

Secretary Mrs. D. Benedretti

#### Committee Members:

B. Barr, A. Bernstein, A. Blacher, S. Burke, R. Caspi, D. Cohen, J. Dee, J. Jarzyna, L. Kantor, L. Kaplan, J. Kohll, C. Kopman, R. Krikler, G. Levy, A. LeRoith, S. Lobel, M. Meltzer, L. Merdjan, H. Noar, L. Plein, S. Pitluk, L. Roth, D. Rubin, S. Sher, A. Susman, N. Tarica and I. Wiessenbacher

## **WINGATE PARK CLUB:**

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in 1959

President B. Joleson

Vice-President H. Robinson

### Council

L. Joleson, C. Kaplan, C. Landau, D. Lewis, G.J. Meyers, S. Udwin

### **Executive Committee**

Chairman P. Bierman

Vice-Chairman H. Samuels

Treasurer E. Brin

Secretary Mrs. E. Ferera

#### Committee

R. Blank, D. Gordon, A. Graham, L. Harris, I.Iljon, J. Levy, A. Ruda, P. Rudolph, A. Sheen, A. Bennet, A. Bernstein, S.C. Harris, B. Lubner, B. Marks and H.I. Bernstein

## **ZIONIST REVISIONIST ORGANIZATION**

# Annual General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1969

Chairman Isaac Lieberman

Treasurer Mr. S. Zelichov

Secretary Mr. I. Elkaim

**Committee Members** 

Mrs. Paula Miller, Mr. L. Bernstein, P. Golembo, J. Nadel and H. Sack

Ex-Officio

Mr. D.J. Melmed, Mark Markov and Joel Pincus

## SALISBURY WOMENS ZIONIST LEAGUE

## Annual General Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 1959

Chairman: Mrs. Leah Nathan

Vice-Chairman Mrs. Babs Naim, Mrs. Eve Odes and B. Rosen

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Assistant Treasurer Mr. Fran Ruda

Secretary Mrs. L. Blank

Publicity Mrs. Hannah Wulfsohn

J.N.F. Mrs. Diana Srago

Membership Mrs. Babs Jones

Functions Secretaries Lily Graham, Lala Bloom, J.J.Benatar and J. Trevis

Cultural Secretary Mrs. Joyce Lasovsky

Sewing Ben Yehuda, Elkaim, Koblenz and F. Harris

Campaign Mrs. Rosa Anolick

Catering Mrs. Babs Naim

Floral Arrangements Mrs. Bubbles Gelfand assisted by Joyce Marks

## Annual General Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1961

Chairman: Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairman Mrs. C. Shulman and B. Rosen

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Secretary Mrs. S. Shatz

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick

J.N.F. Mrs. D. Srago

Membership Mrs. P. Greenblatt

J.N.F. and WIZO Functions Mrs. B. Rosen

Cultural Secretary Mrs. L. Nathan

Sewing Mrs. Ben Yehuda

Catering Mrs. F. Naim

# Annual General Meeting held on the 31st January 1962

Chairman: Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairman Mrs. C. Shulman

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Secretary Mrs. H. Hayim

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Functions Convener Mrs. C. Shulman

Membership Mrs. L. Blank

J.N.F. and WIZO Functions Mrs. B. Rosen

Cultural Conveners Mrs. L. Hatchuel and Mrs. Rankow

Sewing Mrs. Ben Yehuda

Catering Mrs. F. Naim and A. Price

Cards Conveners Mrs. Ordman and Rosenbaum

## **Annual General Meeting held in January 1963**

Chairman: Mrs. R. Anolick

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. M. Hirsch and M. Maisels

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Acting Secretary Mrs. H. Hayim

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Functions Conveners Mrs. P. Holt and M. Hirsch

Membership Mrs. P. Greenblatt

Cultural Conveners Mrs. M. Maisels

Publicity Convener Mrs. L. Burstein

Catering Mrs. F. Naim and A. Price

## **Annual General Meeting held in 1964**

Life-Vice-Chairmen Mrs. R. Anolick and L. Nathan

Chairman: Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. Capouya

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Cultural Convener Mrs. P. Greenblatt

Publicity Conveners Mrs. F. Naim and M. Hirsch

Catering Mrs. F. Naim and A. Price

Group Leader Mrs. P. Holt

#### **Annual General Meeting held in 1965**

Life-Vice-Chairmen Mrs. R. Anolick and L. Nathan

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Secretary Mrs. S. Capelluto

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Membership Mrs. M. Hirsch

Cultural Convener Mrs. J. Adelsky

Publicity Conveners Mrs. F. Naim

Catering Mrs. F. Naim and A. Price

Group Leader Mrs. P. Holt

Social Convener Mrs. L. Blank

### **SALISBURY WOMENS ZIONIST LEAGUE**

### **Annual General Meeting held in 1966**

Life-Vice-Chairmen Mrs. R. Anolick and L. Nathan

Chairman: Mrs. Rosa Anolick

Vice-Chairman Mrs. Pauline Greenblatt

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Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick

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Membership Mrs. M. Hirsch

Cultural Convener Mrs. "Babs" Jones

Catering Conveners Mrs. F. Naim and A. Price

## Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1967

Life-Vice-President Mrs. L. Nathan

Chairman: Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairman Mrs. M. Hirsch

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Secretary Mrs. M. Schwartz

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Membership Mrs. I. Notwitch

Catering Conveners Mrs. F. Naim and A. Price

### SALISBURY WOMENS ZIONIST LEAGUE

# Annual General Meeting held on 7th February 1968

Life-Vice-President Mrs. L. Nathan

Chairman: Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairman Mrs. M. Hirsch and P. Baldachin

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Secretary Mrs. S. Codron

Campaign Conveners Mrs. R. Anolick and S. Tarica

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

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Cultural Conveners Mrs. R. Packer and L. Bloom

## Annual General Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 1970

Chairman: Mrs. Myra Hirsch

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Minuting Secretary Mrs. Monica Menashe

Campaign Conveners Rosa Anolick and Sarina Tarica

J.N.F. Mrs. D. Srago

Catering Convener Mrs. Anita Price

Functions Convener Mrs. Ethel Simpson

Cultural Convener Mrs. Lala Bloom

Hon Life Vice-Chairman Mrs. Leah Nathan

## SALISBURY WOMENS ZIONIST LEAGUE

## Annual General Meeting held on February 15th 1972

Chairman Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. E. Simpson and Mrs. M. Hirsch

Treasurer Mrs. A. Price

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick and Mrs. S. Tarica

Catering Co-Conveners Mrs. A. Price and Mrs. F. Naim

Membership Convener Mrs. S. Sager

Secretary Mrs. M. Menashe

Functions Convener Mrs. E. Simpson

Publicity Convener Mrs. M. Hirsch

Social Secretary Mrs. F. Joleson

Fete Organiser Mrs. E. Ferera

Hon Life Vice-Chairmen Mrs. L. Nathan, Mrs. F. Naim

## Annual General Meeting held on February 14<sup>th</sup> 1973

Chairman Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. E. Simpson and Mrs. M. Hirsch

Treasurer Mrs. A. Price

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Campaign Convener Mrs. R. Anolick and Mrs. S. Tarica

Assistant Campaign Conveners Diana Srago, Allegra Hasson and Rosa Ferera

Catering Co-Conveners Mrs. A. Price and Mrs. F. Naim

Membership Convener Mrs. S. Sager

Secretary Mrs. M. Menashe

Functions Convener Mrs. E. Simpson

Cultural Convener Mrs. M. Shalpid

Publicity Convener Mrs. M. Hirsch

Social Secretary Mrs. F. Joleson

Fete Organizer Mrs. F. Naim

## SALISBURY WOMENS ZIONIST LEAGUE

## Annual General Meeting held on February 12th 1974

Chairman Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairmen Mrs. E. Simpson and Mrs. S. Tarica

Treasurer Mrs. A. Price

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Campaign Convener Mrs. M. Hirsch

Catering Co-Conveners Mrs. A. Price and Mrs. F. Naim

Membership Convener Mrs. S. Sager

Secretary Mrs. M. Menashe

Hon Life Vice-Chairmen Mrs. L. Nathan, Mrs. F. Naim and Rosa Anolick

#### **Annual General Meeting held on February 1975**

Chairman Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairmen E. Jarzin, V. Koblenz and S. Sager

Treasurer Mrs. A. Price

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Campaign Convener Mrs. M. Hirsch

Catering Co-Conveners Mrs. A. Price and Mrs. F. Naim

Membership Convener Mrs. R. Bierman and S. Tarica

Secretary Mrs. M. Menashe

Social Secretary Mrs. R. Joleson

Publicity Secretary Mrs. F. Joleson

Hon Life Vice-Chairmen Mrs. L. Nathan, Mrs. F. Naim and Rosa Anolick

## SALISBURY WOMENS ZIONIST LEAGUE

## Annual General Meeting held on 21st January 1976

Chairman Mrs. F. Naim

Vice-Chairmen E. Jarzin, V. Koblenz

Treasurer Mrs. A. Price

J.N.F. Convener Mrs. D. Srago

Campaign Conveners Mrs. D. Srago and Mrs. M. Hirsch

Catering Co-Conveners Mrs. A. Price and Mrs. F. Naim

Membership Convener Mrs. R. Bierman

Secretary Mrs. M. Pitch

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Publicity Secretary Mrs. E. Simpson

Hon Life Vice-Chairmen Mrs. L. Nathan, Mrs. F. Naim and Rosa Anolick

## **HARARE WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE**

## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on February 9, 1993

Chairman: Mrs. Babs Naim

Vice-Chairman Mrs. Debbie Rider

Treasurer Mrs. Anita Price

Secretary Mrs. L. Mizan

Social Secretary Mrs. Micky Rosenberg

Cultural Convener Mrs. Pnina Galaun

Committee Members:

Betty Bondi, Hilda Cohen, Minnie Goldwater, Sarah Kaplan, Becky Krikler, Doris

Menashe, Simcha Menashe, Sarah Shapiro and Carol Weltman.

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Samuel Rabinovitz 1943 – 1957

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Mervyn Lasovsky 1970 - 1972

Abraham Buchman 1974 -

Nick Alhadeff 1975, 1976, 1977

Eric Brod 1977, 1978

Marvyn Hatchuel 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984,

Adolf Leon 1985 - 2003

### **HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENTS OF CAZO**

Samuel Rabinovitz, David J Melmed, Boris M Kass

### **HONORARY LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF CAZO**

Shumel Gotz, Isaac Lasovsky,

### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF CAZO**

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held on May 17/18<sup>th</sup> 1959

Hon Life President Mr. Samuel Rabinowitz

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held on May 9/10<sup>th</sup> 1964

Chairman Mr. Dave Melmed

Vice-Chairman (Matabeleland) Mr. S.I. Lutrin

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Mr. I. Srago, A. Buchman and A. King

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Rabbi M. Konviser, Rev. S.R. Ichay, Mr. S. Lasovsky and R. Lazarus

Women's Zionist Council Mrs. R. Baron and S. Herscovitz

Zionist Youth Council Mr. Eric Bloch

## 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held in Bulawayo on March 23 – 24 1968

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President Mr. S. Lutrin

Vice-Presidents (Matabeleland) Mr. A.E. Abrahamson and Mrs. Sadie Herscovitz

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Zionist Youth Council

Member Mr. J. Orkin

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Chairman Mr. Mervyn Lasovsky

Vice-Chairman Mr. E. Brod

Treasurer Mr. I. Srago

United General Zionist Group

Chairman Mr. M. Lasovsky

Vice-Chairman Mr. E. Brod

Members Mr. B. Kass

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Treasurer Mr. I. Srago

Members Mr. A. Buchman and Mrs. B. Kass

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N.I. Alhadeff, M. Franco, W. Kaim, A. King,

R. Lazarus, L. Lessem and D. Wesseik

# 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held in Salisbury on April 4/5 1970

President Mr. M. Lasovsky

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Vice-Presidents Mr. A. Buchman

Vice-Presidents Mr. S. Jossel

Treasurer Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

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Chairman Mr. S. Jossel

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Treasurer Mr. I. Lieberman

Hon Life President Mr. Samuel Rabinowitz

Hon Life Vice-Presidents Mr. D.J. Melmed, S. Lasovsky and S. Gotz

## 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held in Salisbury on March 11/12 1972

President Mr. M. Lasovsky

Vice-Presidents Mr. A. Buchman (Salisbury)

Vice-Presidents Mr. S. Jossel (Bulawayo)

Treasurer Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

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Vice-Chairman Dr. M. Golden

Treasurer Mr. I. Lieberman

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Secretary Mr. B. Katz

## 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held in Salisbury on March 23 – 24 1974

President Mr. A. Buchman

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General Secretary Mr. Barney Katz

Secretary Mr. Gaby Haimovitz

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Vice-Chairman Mr. M. Hatchuel

Members Dr. J.G. Borok, Mr. A.J. Alhadeff, H. Bamberger, M. Franco

M. Gordon, M. Kaim, B. Kass, W. Krikler, R. Lazarus, A. Leon

A.I. Menashe, I. Menashe, M. Myerson, I. Srago, and V. Tarica

Women's Representatives Mrs. F.M. Naim and A. Price

Youth Representatives Leon Codron and Ilan Zagoria

Secretary Gaby Haimovitz

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Vice-Chairman Dr. M. Golden

Treasurer Mr. J. Bernet

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Zwebner.

Women's Representatives R. Baron and S. Herscovitz

Youth Representatives Rodney Ayl and Howard Palte

Secretary Barney Katz

## 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held in Bulawayo on 6/7<sup>th</sup> March 1976

President Mr. N.I. Alhadeff

Northern Region – Vice-President Mr. E. Brod

Southern Region – Vice-President Mr. M. Weinberg

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## **CENTRAL AFRICAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION**

# 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference held in Harare in March 2000

Presidents Adolf Leon and Zac Menashe

Northern Region – Vice-President Paul Hammer

Southern Region – Vice-President Celia Bernstein

Treasurer Franklin Plein

#### Mashonaland Section Committee:

Jacque Tarica, Tony Rubin, Debbie Rosin, Joey Burke, Sam Benatar, Benny Leon and Ivor Davis

# **Appendix 14**

## **HEBREW ORDER OF DAVID – LODGE NETANYA – HARARE – 1993**

President Bro. Benny Leon

I.P.P. Bro. Ellie Bondi

Vice-President W/B Adolf Leon

Secretary W/B Franklin Plein

Treasurer Bro. Zac Menashe

Preceptor W/B Reuben Moss

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Chaplain Bro. Jack Hasson

Registrar Hertzl Keril

Inner Guard Emo Waxman

Trustees Bro. Jack Jarzyna

Bro. Raphael Mizan

Bro. Jack Sussman

## HEBREW ORDER OF DAVID – LODGE NETANYA – HARARE – 1994

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Secretary W/B Franklin Plein

Treasurer Bro. Zac Menashe

Preceptor W/B Reuben Moss

Master of Ceremonies W/B S. Alhadeff

Scribe W/B A.Noar

Chaplain Bro. Jack Hasson

Registrar Hertzl Keril

Inner Guard Bro. A. King

Trustees Bro. Jack Jarzyna

Bro. Raphael Mizan

Bro. Jack Sussman

# **Appendix 15**

#### **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

# **Annual General Meeting held on 29th October 1958**

Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Vice-Chairman Mr. E. Brod

Treasurer Mr. J. Beer

Secretary Mr. I. Etherton

#### **Committee Members**

Rabbi M. Konviser, Mr. M. Hatchuel, M. Lasovsky, A. Buchman, M. Gordon, A. Salzman, Dr. G. Borok and Miss R. Krieger.

#### **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

# Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1961

Chairman Mr. Mervyn Lasovsky

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. L. Lessem

Secretary Mr. P. Vainik

Ex Officio Mr. E. Brod

Committee Members

Rabbi M. Konviser, Dr. L. Colin, Dr. L. Lichenstein, Mr. E. Etherton and Mr. R. Lazarus.

# Annual General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1962

Chairman Mr. Mervyn Lasovsky

Vice-Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Treasurer Mr. L. Lessem

Secretary Mr. I. Etherton

Ex Officio Rabbi M. Konviser

Committee Members

Dr. L. Lichenstein, Mr. A. Leon, R. Lazarus, E. Brod and G. Haimovitz

## **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

# Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1963

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. L. Lessem

Treasurer Mr. A. Leon

Secretary Mrs. R. Rubin

Ex Officio Rabbi M. Konviser and M. Lasovsky

Committee Members

Mr. S.J. Musikanth, Dr. L. Lichenstein, E. Zagoria, I. Etherton, B. Friedlander, R. Lazarus, E.

Brod and G. Haimovitz

# Annual General Meeting held on 29th June 1964

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mr. I. Etherton

Ex Officio Rabbi M. Konviser and M. Lasovsky

**Committee Members** 

Mr. E. Zagoria, E. Brod, M. Lasovsky, Dr. J.G. Borok, E. Schonstein, A. Schonstein and Mrs. R.

Rubin

#### SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY

# Annual General Meeting held on 9th August 1965

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

#### Committee Members

Mr. E. Brod, Mr. N. Jacobson, Mr. M. Lasovsky, Mr. L. Lessem, Mr. E. Schonstein, Mr. A. Schonstein.

## Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1966

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mr. G. Haimovitz

Ex Officio

**Committee Members** 

Mr. M. Harary, R. Lazarus, L. Lessem, R.B. Lowe and A. Schonstein.

## **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

## Annual General Meeting held on 21st August 1967

Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Vice-Chairman Mr. L. Lessem

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mr. G. Haimovitz

Ex Officio Dr. L.L. Colin

Committee Members

Mr. B. Adelsky, M. Brisk, R. Lowe, M. Notwitch, E. Schonstein, V. Alhadeff (Youth Representative)

# Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1968

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. J. Schwartz

Committee Members

Mrs. I. Lowe, Mrs. I. Notwitch, Rev. D. Landy, Mr. M. Brisk, Mr. M. Franco, Mr. N. Jacobson, Mr. R. Lowe, Mr. I. Menashe and Mr. V. Tarica

## **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

# Annual General Meeting held on 14th October 1969

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. J. Schwartz

**Committee Members** 

Mrs. I. Lowe, Mrs. D. Landy, Mr. M. Brisk, Mr. M. Franco, Mr. N. Jacobson, Mr. R. Lowe, Mr. I. Menashe and Mr. V. Tarica

# Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1970

Chairman Dr. L. L. Colin

Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Leon

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. J. Schwartz

Committee Members

Mrs. I. Lowe, Mr. M. Brisk, Mr. M. Franco, Mr. N. Jacobson, Mr. R. Lowe, Mr. I. Menashe and

Mr. V. Tarica

## **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

# Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October1972

Chairman Marvyn Hatchuel

Vice-Chairman Victor Tarica

Treasurer Gaby Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. Pat Burleigh

Committee Members I. Rabinowitz, M. Brisk, I. Menashe, A. Leon, M. Franco

G. Meltzer, B. Menashe and W.L. Krikler, V. Sauna and

Dr. I. Yehuda

# **Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1973**

Chairman Marvyn Hatchuel

Vice-Chairman Victor Tarica

Treasurer Gaby Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. Pat Burleigh

Committee Members I. Rabinowitz, M. Brisk, I. Menashe, A. Leon, M. Franco

G. Meltzer, B. Menashe and W.L. Krikler.

## **SALISBURY ZIONIST SOCIETY**

# Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1974

Chairman Mr. V. Tarica

Vice-Chairman Mr. B. Menashe

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. P. Burleigh

Committee Members Rabbi I. Benzequen, B.J. Adelsky, M. Brisk, M. Franco

M. Koval, W. Krikler, A. Leon, G. Meltzer, I. Menashe

# Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1974

Chairman Mr. Boaz Menashe

Vice-Chairman Mr. "Lolly" Krikler

Treasurer Mr. G. Haimovitz

Secretary Mrs. P. Burleigh

Committee Members Rabbi I. Benzequen, B.J. Adelsky, M. Brisk, M. Franco

M. Koval, W. Krikler, A. Leon, G. Meltzer, I. Menashe

Co-opted Members Ronnie Cowan and Mrs. Ayala Clapper

# **Appendix 16**

## **SALISBURY JEWISH EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATION**

# **Inaugural Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1960**

Chairman Mr. Harry Bloom

Vice-Chairman Mr. Arthur Cohen

Secretary Mr. Benny Sacks

Treasurer Mr. Ronnie Rosenbaum

#### Committee

Mrs. C. Mogilnik, Major E.J. Bender, H.C. Greenblatt, Al Naim and Leslie Thal

# **Appendix 17**

## PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF SALISBURY, RHODESIA

## **Inaugural Annual General Meeting held in 1960**

President Mr. A.D. Schulman

Vice-Presidents Mr. L.D. Frenkel and B. Hassall

Secretary Mr. J.E. Creswell

Treasurer Mr. L. Heyman

#### PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF SALISBURY, RHODESIA

# Annual General Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1967

President Mr. A. D. Schulman

Chairman Mr. J. Lowe

Vice-Chairman Dr. H. Bernberg

Secretary Mrs. J. Van den Bergh

Treasurer Mr. R. Landau

## **Council Members**

Mrs. Gadiel, M. Summerfield, C. Van den Bergh, and E. Nathan (Chairman of the Sisterhood)

Dr. B. Baldachin, Dr. A. Gershon, H. Gadiel, M. Myerson, G. Meltzer, J. Nathan, R.

Summerfield and M. Notwitch (Chairman of the Brotherhood)

## Annual General Meeting held on the 8th May 1968

President Dr. B.J. Baldachin

Chairman Mr. M. Myerson

Vice-Chairman Mr. H.J. Gadiel

Treasurer Mrs. C. van den Bergh

Secretary Mrs. J. van den Bergh

Ex-Officio Rev D. Silvera

Members H. Bernberg, H. Fox, R.J. Landau, J. Lowe, R. Summerfield

L. Taylor

**SISTERHOOD** 

Chairman Mrs. E. Nathan

Vice-Chairman Mrs. M. Bernberg

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman Mrs. I. Notwich

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Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Lowe

Secretary/Treasurer Mr. F. Herbstein

Ex-Officio Rev D. Silvera

Workers P. Baldachin, M. Bernberg, R. Herbstein and Mr. R.B. Lowe

ATTENDANCE AT MINYAN

L. Dyne, H. Fox, H.J. Gadiel, C. Levy, M. Myerson and N.

Timms

#### **Annual General Meeting held 1969**

President Dr. B. J. Baldachin

Chairman Mr. M. Myerson

Vice-Chairman Mr. M. Summerfield

Treasurer Mrs. C. van den Bergh

Secretary Mrs. J. van den Bergh

#### Members

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# PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF SALISBURY, RHODESIA Annual General Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1970

President Mr. M. Myerson

Chairman of Council Mr. R. Summerfield

Vice-Chairman Dr. B.J. Baldachin

Treasurer Mrs. C. Van Den Bergh

Secretary Mrs. J van den Bergh

#### Council Members:

Mrs. P. Baldachin, Miss H. Warren, Mr. E. Benedretti, H.J. Gadiel, J. Lowe, E. Marx, G. Meltzer and B. Metz

## Annual General Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1972

President Mr. M. Myerson

Chairman of Council Mr. A.D. Schulman

Vice-Chairman Mrs. J. Van den Bergh

Treasurer Mrs. C. Van Den Bergh

Secretary Mr. L. Reubenson

Council Members:

Mr. R. Summerfield, J. Lewin, E. Haberer, H. Gadiel, N. Timms, L. Taylor, A. Gershon, and

Mrs. M Summerfield.

Ex-Officio Mrs. P. Baldachin

Chevra Kadisha

Chairman Mr. A.D. Schulman

Vice-Chairman Mr. N. Efroiken

Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. C. Van den Bergh

## PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF SALISBURY, RHODESIA

# Annual General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1973

President Mr. M. Myerson

Chairman of Council Mr. A. D. Schulman

Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Lowe

Treasurer Mrs. C. Van Den Bergh

Secretary Mr. L. Reubenson

Council Members: S. Dembovsky, H. J. Gadiel, J. Lewin, R. Summerfield

L. Taylor,

Sisterhood: P. Baldachin, M. Lewin, M. Summerfield and J. Van

Den Bergh

# Annual General Meeting held on the 29th May 1975

President Mr. M. Myerson

Chairman of Council Mr. R. Summerfield

Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Lewin

Treasurer Mrs. C. Van Den Bergh

Secretary Mr. L. Reubenson

Council Members: H. J. Gadiel, J. Lewin, R. Summerfield

A Curtiss, R. Landau, G. Meltzer,

Sisterhood: D. Meltzer, M. Lewin, M. Summerfield and J. Van

Den Bergh

#### PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF HARARE, ZIMBABWE

# Annual General Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1993

President Mrs. D. Meltzer

Vice-President Mr. J. Lowe

Secretary Mrs. R. Liber

Treasurer Mrs. R. Liber

Committee Members: Mrs. R. Fox, Mr. R. Summerfield

Chevra Kadisha

Chairman Mr. J. Lowe

Vice-Chairman Mr. R. Summerfield

Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. R. Liber

Committee Members:

Mrs. I. Fox, Mrs. D. Meltzer

Mr. N. Efroiken, Mr. L. Heyman