

# Consecration of the Louis Isaacson HoD Lodge in Kimberley

22 November 1931

The consecration of the **Louis Isaacson Lodge no 29**, took place at the Synagogue Hall, Kimberley on 22 November 1931. There was a delegation of Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren to conduct the ceremony. They were cordially welcomed to Kimberley by the **Mayor, Mr Barney Cohen**, who spoke very eloquently and feelingly of the late Mr **Louis Isaacson**, after whom the Lodge is called. Read Barney Cohen's story here [Cohen, Barnerd \(Barney\)](#)



The Lodge began as a Benefit Society. Members paid a weekly contribution according to their age and means, which entitled them to medical assistance, sick and Shiva pay. On the death of a member the wife received a lump sum and the Lodge contributed to the erection of a tombstone.



The installing brethren were subsequently entertained by the local brethren of the newly consecrated Lodge to a ceremonial lunch at the **Savoy Hotel** where Bro. **Rev. M Konviser** proposed the toast of the Order, which had been in existence for 27 years, eloquently dwelling upon the spirit of **harmony, unity and fraternity**. Read Rev Konviser's story under Families <https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Families.html> and also on the Synagogue page.

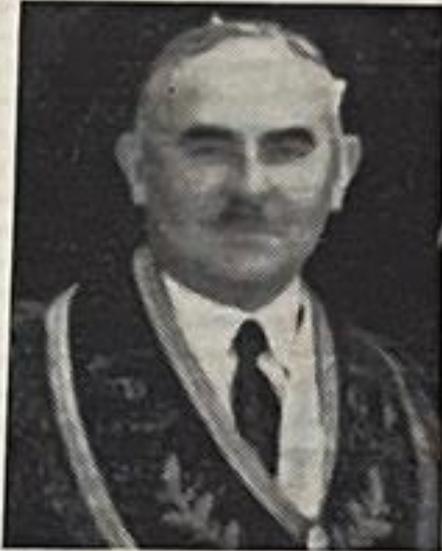
There was much toasting and drinking to and fro between those in the new Kimberley Lodge and visiting brethren. **Harry Frank** the Vice president of the new lodge welcomed the visitors. Brother **I Rigel** of the Kimberley Lodge was the MC. He was reported as having made a delightful little speech. Brother **J Gorohovsky**, the secretary of the Kimberley Lodge spoke of the fine example of Louis Isaacson whose good deeds and nobleness they would aspire to emulate.

**Rev M Konviser** replied and spoke of the fine and untiring spirit of the young men of Kimberley and their ability to carry out all their tasks. The toast to kindred Institution was proposed by bro **Gus Habelfeld** the treasurer of the new Lodge.

During the Second World War many members enlisted, and the Lodge went into recess, until 1947 when was rededicated.

Below is an article about the lodge in 1967, by it's the President Gussie Haberfeld (pictured on the article) who had been an hon officer from its inception

## LOUIS ISAACSON LODGE Kimberley



This year is a most momentous one in the history of the Hebrew Order of David. It marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Mother Lodge. Since then the Order has grown in stature and members can be proud to be associated with an organisation that has done more than any other Jewish organisation to cement the bonds of "chaver-shaft" and brotherly love.

This year also marks the end of an epoch by the retirement of Wor. Bro. H. S. Blank, who has given more than half of the past sixty years in loyal self-sacrificing service to his brethren and the community in general. He will be greatly missed by all of us to whom he was more than the Grand Secretary.

It was our proud privilege to extend congratulations to Bro. Cecil Sussman who has been elected First Citizen of the city of Kimberley. He is the third member of our lodge to hold this distinguished position. To Bro. Archie Sandler we also extend a hearty Mazeltov on his election as President of the Kimberley Rotary Club and also as a member of the local School Board.

We were very sad to bid farewell to our dear Wor. Bro. Louis Segal, who had served the lodge so well and loyally as hon. Secretary for nearly ten years. For one in such advanced years he was a shining example of what can be achieved by dedicated service.

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The highlight of the year's activities was the Second Degree raising at our June meeting. This was conducted entirely by our Past Presidents of whom there were eight present. It was a most impressive ceremony and an inspiration to all present.

We join our brethren in the Order in offering our felicitations to the Grand Lodge on the forthcoming celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee and express the hope that the Order will continue on its path of progress, spreading the principles of unity, fraternity and goodwill.

We wish all our brethren a "Shana Tovah" filled with God's richest blessings.

— GUS HABERFELD