

People from Kimberley - as at 25 October 2021

This is a list of the people we know of who lived in Kimberley. Those whose names appear as a **blue underlined link** will have a family entry on the website. If you know of others you would like to see listed please send their names or stories to Eli or Geraldine.

1. **Allen, David** (and Shirley) still has his time cut out at his Quantity Surveyors office and that is also linked to being property manager for the Bishops Lodge building and office complex as well as a director in two hotel groups here in town. Diamond Lodge and Bishops Lodge! David is also a consultant to his profession of Quantity Surveyors, an exec member of the committee of the McGregor Museum, as well as the Historical Society – and Film Society.
2. [Allen, Gary](#)
3. [Apter Family Solomon and 5 children](#) 3 sons and two daughters: Lionel, Emanuel (Mendel), Nina, Alexander (Alec) and Ethel.
4. [Apter, Mendel](#) (son of Solomon)
5. **Arons, Leslie** – Sales Representative - for whom? When?
6. **Aronson, Jordy** - Diamond buyer
7. **Asherson, Benjamin** ?? Who was he? What did he do?
8. [Auerbach, \(nee Kretzmar\), Geraldine](#)
9. [Awerbuck, Raphael and family](#) (Awerbuck and Brown)
10. [Barnett, Laz and Freda \(nee Jawno\)](#) Laz Barnet met his future wife Freda Jawno at Ben Zolty's house.
11. [Benjamin, Basil](#)
12. [Benjamin, Bernard](#)
13. [Benjamin, Judy](#) (death announcement)
14. [Benn \(nee Brown\), Delia](#)
15. [Bergman, Jacob and Amalia, \(née Friedlander\)](#)
16. [Berman \(nee Brown\), Cherille](#)
17. Bernstein Harris, a farmer from the Kimberley area married Flora Lazarus also from Kimberley in the Kimberley synagogue on 26 May 1885. They had several children born in Kimberley and surrounding areas. Miriam on 4 March 1886 in Kimberley. The minister was Meyer Mendelssohn. Deborah b 17 January 1888, Judith at Tafelberg on 9 May 1891, Lazarus on 24 January 1894 also at Tafelberg, (his bris was performed by Rev S Rapaport; Rachel was bon in Tafelberg on 22 June 1896, Leah was born at 33 Sydney Street Kimberley on 10 December 1901 – the minister then was Rev Harris Isaacs. Deborah known as Bunny became beloved nurse and passed away on active service as the Staff Sister of the South African Military Hospital in Richmond Park, London 'to the deep grief of her patients on 6 November 1918. She is buried in ?Willesden Jewish cemetery in London. We have a picture of her tombstone
18. [Bergman Beryl \(see Jacob and Amalie above\)](#)
19. [Bernard \(nee Levinsohn\) Gail](#)
20. Blumenthal family see [Toube, Trevor Philip](#)
21. Boiskin, Hilda a stalwart of the 1970's and 80's in Kimberley passed away in Cape Town first week of October 2021. Our sincere condolences too, to her sons and daughter.
22. [Bonas, Charles](#) See Gustave Bonas
23. Bonas Gustave https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Gustav_Bonas.html
24. [Borkum, Philip & Ella \(nee Heydenreich\)](#) See article on [Smouse](#)
25. [Brown, Harry and family](#) (Awerbuck and Brown)
26. **Buirski Beverly Solsky (nee Buirski), Beverly**
27. Jimmy Callis, (James) married to Bessie, both moved to Johannesburg later in life, after her daughter Jean, married to Cecil Cohen, moved there in 1957.
28. [Cantor, Jane Beth](#) (Granddaughter of Aaron Senderovitz)
29. [Capon, Joy](#)
30. [Cohen, Barnerd \(Barney\)](#) - Mayor 1931-32 **Cohen, Barnerd** (known as Barney) was an agent for Chevrolet cars at 5a De Beers Road. (Milton recalls seeing, as a child, a rusty

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old sign on the premises which was then Advance Furnishing Co.) He became **Mayor of Kimberley 1931-32**, A widower, some say his daughter Anita acted as his Mayoress. Anita (known as Nita) married Masel Frank, brother of Jack and was the mother of Sheila Grant, Marilyn and Colin and the late Jeffrey Frank (Milton Jawno's friend). (See **Sheila's complex history of the Frank families in Kimberley under 'Grant' on the family pages**). Cecil Sussman writes 2 January 2018, that in fact, it was his other daughter Francis who was the Mayoress. There was also a sister Ruth, who was married to Issie Brodie a dentist. During the war years Ruth, together with Bertie Sperber became traffic officers in order to release the incumbents so that they could join the army.

31. [Cohen, Bessie](#), death announcement wife of Late Leon
32. **Cohen Cecil** (Son of Barnerd – Barney- Cohen) was a diamond buyer who was close to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer. He was employed by De Beers and was sent to Sierra Leone to crack a diamond syndicate. Cecil Cohen's wife was called **Jean** and he was the uncle of our dear late friend Jeff Frank. Jeff's mother Anita (who married **Masel Frank**) was a sister of Cecil Cohen. Cecil worked in Kimberley at diamond house for the great Ernest Oppenheimer, And for very special services Sir Ernest awarded Cecil with a diamond 'sight' and great fame and fortune. Thanks. I have planned for many years to write up my fathers story, and need to get on with it, it is truly remarkable, and involves training with MI 5 (or was it MI 6?)and a whole back story, which really began during the war, but he only talked about the barest minimum. I hope to piece it all together, and also visit the public records office to see, now that more than 50 years has passed, what info they have there on this . He did know Sir Ernest, and he used to visit Harry O at his house 'Brenthurst.' Thanks, when this crisis is over, and you are back in the UK, maybe we can meet? Right now who can say when this will be possible? Hope you are well and stay well, Thanks bc
33. **Cohen 'Ettie' (Ethel)** David Sieff of Johannesburg writes (September 2019)'I have a vague Kimberley connection: I did my pharmacy apprenticeship in 1955/6 at "A Cohen & Co. Chemist" Ferreirastown, Johannesburg - a mostly Indian area - at the corner of Market St. and West St and where Diagonal Street ended. The pharmacy had been opened in 1903 by Abraham/Abe (?) Cohen, whose son 'Dawie' (David) Cohen was my boss and 'Master' - i.e. tutor. His wife 'Ettie' (Ethel) was from Kimberley, but I'm not recalling her maiden name - perhaps one of your group might remember? She managed the 'front shop' - toiletries, cosmetics, etc, while Dawie and I did the dispensing in the hidden dispensary at the back - often preparing medicines from the original herbal extracts, tinctures, powders, ointments, emulsions, etc. - a very good pharmacy grounding, although seldom used in today's practice. I later did short shifts during my study period, following my 2-year apprenticeship. They had a son, Leon, and a daughter Adelle, and grandchildren. I hope that this snippet of memories and my Kimberley 'connection' might add to your essential archive initiative.
34. [Cohen \(nee Cohen\), Fay](#) (Eulogy)
35. [Cohen, Leonard \(Webby\)](#) (Eulogy)
36. **Cohen Marvin** writes in September 2019. I was a border at boys High from Upington in the 1960s I Always thoroughly enjoy the newsletters and in the latest one with some reminiscing on Jewish education I remembered this photo I took on my visit to Kimberley a few years ago. Note the many Jewish students on the board. (I counted 19) See Leon Chonin's article on Jewish education in Kimberley. https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Jewish_Ed.html See also the article on the Jewish boys of Upington who came to Kimberley Boys' High Jewish Community of [Upington](#)
37. **Chananya, Philip** and wife **Ethel**, were American citizens of Polish origin. He was a diamond buyer representing his principals in New York. They made lengthy stays in Kimberley buying diamonds.
38. [Chonin, Edel](#)

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39. [Chonin, Leon](#)
40. [Chonin, Seville](#)
41. **Chorn, Abie** and his wife Dina worked in an administrative capacity at the SAR in Kimberley. (Dina was a convert). Both Abie Chorn and Caspar Klewansky families should be remembered. Milton Jawno knew them well.
42. [Clingman \(nee Kroll\), Estella \(Stella\)](#)
43. [Cvi, Anna \(now Teper\)](#)
44. [Dalrymple, Mike \(re Dr Solly Perel and many other families\)](#)
45. **Damelin H ??**
46. [Datnow Family](#) Mike and Marie Levine and Betsie Beverly sisters Denise and Jennifer **Datnow Trevor** (son of Mike and Marie) lives 28kms out of town on his Farm Marrick and has a 24/7 farming interest – as well as running safaris and shoots making the Northern Cape an important area for tourism.
47. [Datnow \(nee Shain\), Lisette](#)
48. [David, Louis and Connie](#) (of A David & Co). Bobby married the beautiful Lorraine Hendler (Nate's niece). They lived in Kimberley where Bobby worked in the business. They had 4 sons. Bobby's brother **Aubrey David**, became an architect/artist and a pioneer property developer at Malaga on the Costa Del Sol see their page in families see also 10 most [important wholesalers](#) in Kimberley
49. **Dave, Monty** – worked for A David & Co. Children: Allan Dave and Barbara Dave (see tribute to her after her passing, in families under 'Grigson') see Louis David and wholesalers A David and Co
50. **Davidson** – Haberdashery ??
51. **Davies, Leo??**
52. **Davis family** at some stage. (possibly the 1930's) owned the Grand Hotel. Their daughter, Stella, was married to Dr Norman Weinberg. (Stella Weinberg was the doyen of fudge-makers in Kimberley.)
53. **Davis, Leo** a bachelor who boarded with my parents(says Leon Chonin) for a while before moving to a boarding house. I only remember him as a retired bachelor. Can't remember what he did before his retirement. He died on 1 February 1962 and is buried in the Green Street cemetery in Kimberley.
54. [Diamond Family](#) on the website for the whole family, **Sonia, Ray, Saul (Solly), Barney, Aaron (Beady) and Ivan** (compiled by Geraldine Auerbach MBE from information from **Shirley Talerman** (nee Silkiner, Sonia's daughter) and David Diamond, Beady's son.
55. **Dubowitz Ray** sister of Klein Brothers. Ran D B Bazaars.
56. [Eberlin, Stanley](#)
57. [Edelman Family](#) Tattersalls
58. [Ellis, Sam, Edith & son Raymond](#)
59. [Finberg, Mickey & Dorothy Finberg, Mickey](#) – Had his own business as a manufacturer's representative for V. Katz appliances Cape Town and others. Micky was in Milton Jawno's opinion a war hero having flown very many active missions as a tail end gunner in Liberator bombers. Milton says, I saw his log book. Please believe me, this modest man was a true unsung war hero. His wife Dorothy had a Beauty Salon and they also ran a private boarding house. Their daughter Eleanor is now **Eleanor Kotkis**. Eleanor write and their story is on the website (September 2019)
60. **Frank, Cyril** – brother of Jack Frank the attorney was married to Renee; (Milton Jawno remembers he was a great friend of Willie Smith the manager of Plaza cinema – always sat with his wife in the royal circle right at the back of the old Plaza every Saturday night.) see <https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Grant.html>
61. **Frank Family** <https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Grant.html> To see how you may be related or connected to the Frank family, look at Sheila Grant's (née Frank) description at the end of her own immediate family questionnaire on the 'Families' pages.
62. [Frank, Jeffrey](#)
63. [Frank, Masel and Nita and family](#)

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64. [Friedman, Joe & Kate \(nee Bergman\) & son David](#)
65. [Friedman, Norma \(nee Levinsohn\) & Milton](#)
66. [Geller \(nee Malkenson\) Sharon](#) late wife of Jeff (Eulogy)
67. **Garsh Alec** – worked at Diamond Fields Bazaar for Klein Brothers. Had two daughters Jill and Brenda. Brenda writes in September 2019 - Hi Leon. Have just received your articles on the different aspects of life In Kimberley and so enjoyed reading them. Having left so many years ago I still value the years of growing up there I left Kimberley for Johannesburg in 1960 but still remember the close Community life we led Kindest regards Brenda (Garsh) Nathan
68. **Geller Jeff and Sharon** [Geller \(nee Malkenson\) Sharon](#) late wife of Jeff (Eulogy)
69. **Gershovitz, Maurice and Minnie (nee Frank)** when first married, c 1920 they went to live in Windsorton, a diamond diggers town, 55km north of Kimberley. They had a home and grocery store on the bank of the Vaal river. When the river came down in flood, everything was swept away. To get to Windsorton to visit them in the early days, Minnie's brother Nappy and family had to cross the steep-banked river on a pont, a sort of raft pulled across by several men and a rope or chain - a nightmare inducing experience. Minnie and Maurice then moved to Kimberley, they had three daughters, Marion, Joan, Judy and a son Eric, who was born around 1938. See [Grant \(nee Frank\), Sheila](#) for the history of the Franks Family
70. [Gillis \(nee Toubé\), Daphne Rose](#) (daughter of Abie and Violet)
71. [Ginsberg Family Ginsberg, Simon and Rachel](#) sons Hirschel and Jackie – daughter Jean who married Solly Tockar see **Ginsberg Tockar family page**.
72. [Goldberg, Abe](#) Dr, eldest **son of Solomon**
73. **Goldberg Abraham** His son, [Leslie Goldberg](#) writes on 8 January 2018: My dad came from Latvia and my mom from Lithuania. Before I was born my dad made a lot of money prospecting for diamonds He even dug in the big hole. He lived in Gong Gong at one stage and got married then. When I was about seven my dad owned a supermarket opposite the market near the Astra bioscope. Subsequently he travelled around the districts near Kimberly such as Barkley West and Gong Gong trading in hides, bags and skins. He sold his business to Mr Harry Nogid. In his old age my dad, mom and I moved to Johannesburg.
74. [Goldberg, Mr & Mrs Bernard & Family Mr B.](#) Diamond dealer, digger and explorer. Known as 'Mr B the breakwater man'. built numerous breakwaters on the alluvial diamond fields. You can read about him in a chapter in a book by Lawrence Green here: <https://archive.org/details/TheresASecretHidAway/page/n107>
75. [Goldberg, Rev Chaim, Tribute by Leon Chonin](#)
76. **Goldberg Fay** b c1939
77. [Goldberg, Isidore](#) **b. 1916 son of Solomon**
78. **Goldberg, Nathan** – Natie was a scrap merchant. Lived in a beautiful old colonial-style house. He was the son of Rev Chaim Goldberg (who was Milton Jawno's mohel.) David Goldberg is his son they had a sister Maureen. They now live in Sydney.
79. [Goldberg, Solomon, Deborah & Family](#) **The Enterprise Dairies Joubert Street**
80. [Goldenbaum, Louis, Joseph & Pearly](#)
81. [Goldenbaum, Myra & Joseph](#) **Goldenbaum, Louis and Annie**, born Alufovitz, (Joseph and Pearly's late mother.) She was a fine lady and stood beside her husband Louis and established Bargains Unlimited. Annie died a young woman in childbirth.
82. [Goldman, Buddy](#)
83. **Goldman Phil** – bookmaker - see **Buddy Goldman** family page
84. [Goodman \(nee Cohen\), Sarah](#)
85. [Grant \(nee Frank\), Sheila](#)
86. [Grigson \(nee Dave\), Barbara](#)
87. **Gross Frank** came to Kimberley via Port Elizabeth in 1895 Giving his occupation as 'miner', Frank left for the Cape Colony on the *Arundel Castle* on 8 June 1895, probably disembarking in Port Elizabeth. He immediately went to Kimberley, 444 miles /715 km

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northwest of Port Elizabeth, most likely travelling on a Cobb & Co stagecoach as there was no other form of transport available then. (On Wikipedia I found that Freeman Cobb went to South Africa in 1871 to establish the stagecoach service with Charles Cole between Port Elizabeth and the new Kimberley diamond fields.) Instead of becoming a miner, Frank opened a **concession store**, known as a 'native shop'. His stock consisted of whatever the 'natives' required for living in the outback such as hand-operated Singer sewing machines, thread, cheap fabric, tobacco, pots and pans, **blankets** and so on. Large trunks were also much in demand because the 'natives' filled them with merchandise and sent them home to their families who lived far away. Frank returned to Port Elizabeth four years later to marry Lena (aka Lily; 1871-1938) on 9 June 1899, returning to Kimberley immediately. They lived behind the store and had four children there. The third was **Bertram David (aka Bertie; 1904-1987)**, Richard's father. Richard remembers his father saying he was with Cecil Rhodes during the Siege of Kimberley (14 October 1899-15 February 1900).

88. [Haas, Gertie, Ivor & Family](#)
89. [Haberfeld, Gus & Family](#) Also Cyril Ivor and June – Gus was the first Kimberley born Jewish person to be **Mayor of Kimberley**. He served two terms **1953-55 and 1965-67**. He was President of the shul from 1947 – 1954. Cyril was the historian of the Community and wrote the history of the community in 1973 on the centenary of its establishment. You can read it here https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Community_files/Haberfeld%201.pdf
90. [Hammar Family](#) Sonny and Myrtle children Leonard, Madelene and Dennis
91. [Hammerschlag, Jeff](#)
92. [Harris, Colonel Herbert Sextus](#)
93. [Harris, Cyril Harris, Cyril](#) – Journalist on DFA and later editor De Beers Diamond News journal. His daily DFA column was entitled "The Conning Tower" and his byline, or pen-name, was "Rockshaft". This column was a hotch-potch of Kimberley and regional gossip and included many quite amazing interviews and stories from the early diamond days. Harris married late in life, tying the knot with Sophie Zweiback (nee Ettin), a widow, in 1946. (Sophie's first husband, Dr Solomon Zwieback, had represented Beaconsfield in the Cape Provincial Council in the 1920s and been a town councillor for some time. He died in January 1943). He was Chairman of the Red Cross Society and the editor of the Diamond News and SA Jeweller when he died in Kimberley on 1 October 1967. Cyril Bertram Harris is buried in the West End Jewish cemetery. It was Cyril Harris who was the instigator of the Big Hole Museum. See his full entry on the family pages here: https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Harris,_Cyril.html
94. [Harris, Colonel Sir David](#) https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/David_Harris.html
95. [Harris \(nee Gluckman\), Monica](#)
96. [Harris, Solomon & Harry](#) also see Upington
97. [Hecht, Harold](#) (and Fritz employed by De Beers as an engineer)
98. **Hendler, Nate**. Although Geraldine has no recollection of Nate Hendler being in the Motor business, Milton Jawno says that in the Jewish Year Book of 1929, 5689/90, on page 342 there is an advert Hendler's Motors. This was in Stockdale Street and in 1929 the phone number was 773; P.O. address Box 91, Telegrams Henmotor. They were distributors for Buick, Cadillac, La Salle, Vauxhall and Pontiac cars. I am wondering if this could have been Nate's father's business with **brother Alec** who later went to Johannesburg and imported Catalina Swimwear. Alec and his wife Chrissie's beautiful daughter **Lorraine, married Bobby David**, son of **Louis David**
99. **Herman J. ??**
100. [Hertog, Lucien](#) Attorney partner in old firm of Haroff, Hertog and Moul. He lived in a beautiful old colonial mansion at 28 Carrington Road. Their Law offices were definitely in town. Milton remembers that his partner Moul's first name was Finley, who also lived in Carrington Road.

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101. **Horwitz Barney and Polly** lived at 5 lodge road. Polly first Chair of UJW in Kimberley. Parents of Pamela who married Philip Joseph
102. [Horwitz, Monica](#) (death announcement)
103. **Horwitz Barney** (Adrian Barnett) and Maude, children Roy and Ida married Zach Lieberman in Kimberley shul September 2019. Arnold Rauff wrote in 2014, 'is a one-man law practice that sees him working (at office) at least a 12-hour day and then some nights as well! Every Saturday and virtually every Sunday!!! In addition, Barney is Chairman of the Board of Governors of CBC school, an executive member of the Commercial Distributors Trade Industry, a sitting part time "Judge / type Magistrate" for the Small Claims Court, held at night plus others I am not fully appraised of!!' He is now since 2019 head of the small communities association.
104. [Hotz, Hilda & Charlie](#) parents of Marshall Shelley, and Pam
105. **Hofman Ch** – produce ??
106. [Horwitz, Monica](#) (death announcement)
107. [Hotz, Hilda & Charlie](#)
108. **Hyam Jackie** – broker. Cecil Sussman says: Jackie Hyam had his offices in Sussman Bros building.
109. [Isaacs, Rev Harris](#)
110. **Isaacs Issy** - Owned the Smokers' Mecca kiosk in Sanlam arcade off Jones street (was an amateur actor and played the lead in My Fair Lady in a Jewish community production.) His Son Tony is a Dr in Johannesburg and his daughter Shirley is married to David Allen, a quantity surveyor and property developer in Kimberley till today (2018).
111. [Jacobson, Dan](#) (obituary)
112. [Isaacson, Louis](#) (HOD Lodge)
113. [Jacobson, Solly & Julie \(nee Lurie\)](#) **Jacobson Solly** – was a sales representative for A David & Co. Married Julie Lurie who died in Cape Town in 2017. See his profile on the family pages and their wedding photo on the wedding gallery – and on the Wholesalers story.
114. [Jawno, Brian](#) (death announcement)
115. [Jawno, Lionel](#) Jawno, Lionel and Lily – as well as running a leading firm in the furniture business, and other communal and civic duties, Lionel was **Mayor of Kimberley 1959 – 1961. See his profile on the family pages** The Jawno's son Milton was Mike Dalrymple's best mate. Mike says So sorry to read of Brian's passing.
116. [Jocum, Hirsch](#) (born 1953, son of Cyril and Taube) has sent in his questionnaire and says 'I went to Kimberley Boys' High School where I matriculated in 1971. Had my Barmitzvah in Kimberley on 26 March 1966 Parsha Va Yikrah. Taught by Rabbi Oscar and Mrs Leah Werner. Remember them very fondly. Was a border at KHS and have very fond memories of Barney Horwitz and his parents; Franklin Dubowitz and his parents who were very good to me. Did a B.Sc and an M.B.,ChB at Pretoria University. Been practising as a General Practitioner in Pretoria ever since'.
117. [Joseph \(nee Horwitz\), Pamela](#)
118. [Joseph, Philip](#) (obituary)
119. Joss Rodney
120. **Kanushefsky, Ellis** married to Gertie – aunt of Sheila Nussbaum Sheila Nussbaum <sheila.nussbaum@gmail.com> had the bar across the road from the big hole. Leon asked her for more information.
121. **Kaplan Anita b c1938** moved from New York to Texas 2019
122. **Kaplan Bernice b c1939**
123. **Kaplan Philip** – worked for Apter's for a time
124. **Kaplan Sonny b c1936**
125. [Katz, Jules](#) (Obituary)
126. [Katz \(nee Chin\), Shirley](#) (Obituary)
127. [Klein, Grace](#) (death announcement)
128. [Klein, Jennifer \(now Lipsitz\)](#)

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129. [Klein, Miriam](#) widow of Mike (Eulogy)
130. **Klewansky, Casper** (his wife was Betty) worked for many years in an administrative capacity for the SAR. (South African Railways.) He and his family came from Maritzburg, Natal. He was the active Secretary of the shul committee in 1973.
131. [Klewansky, Theo](#)
132. **Klenerman B ??**
133. **Klein, Bros Harry, Mike and Philip** began Diamond Fields Bazaar business in the iconic building with clock tower, that stood on the corner of 'Pan Road and Jones Street (Gowie's Building, now at the Big Hole Museum). Harry Klein went off on active service during the war years while Philip minded shop. In later years Harry and Philip formed Klein Brothers wholesale merchants and the **Dubowitz** family owned the Diamond Fields Bazaar. (Ray Dubowitz was born Klein, a sister of the brothers) Harry Klein's daughter Jennifer has written about their family – mostly now in Melbourne or Sydney on the website here: https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/kimberley/Klein_Jennifer.html
134. Esther Klein passed away i11 October 2021, in Johannesburg. Esther was a courageous woman who came to Kimberley in 1966 following tremendous personal tragedy and built a whole new life with her beloved husband Phillip and her children. She made a major impact on our community, was sorely missed when she and Phillip left in the late 1990's and will be fondly remembered. Our sincere condolences to the Klein family.
135. [Klisser, Bernard](#) Philanthropist
136. [Konviser, Rev Maurice](#) (1927 - 1935)
137. [Kotkis, Eleanor](#) see Finberg, Mickey [for her family page](#)
138. **Kremar** was a produce dealer on the Market Square.
139. [Kretzmar, Beryl \(née Bergman\)](#)
140. **Kretzmar** Julius and Althea sons are today? David (Cape Town) and Phillip (Ottawa Canada)?
141. [Kretzmar, Noel](#) Noel and Beryl **Kretzmar** lived a block away from Perel's up Carrington Road. (Their children: Theo lives in Johannesburg and Geraldine in London) see Geraldine Auerbach page [Auerbach, \(nee Kretzmar\), Geraldine](#) for [Noel Kretzmar's and Beryl Bergman's family stories](#)
142. **Lenhoff, David** writes in September 2019, I went to boarding school in Kimberley for 7 years, from 1960 to 67. It is always very interesting to see what has happened to people and their families after 50 years have lapsed since you last saw them. I have kept in touch with some of the people mentioned in the emails responding to yours. I had dinner recently with Jack Klein and his wife Charlene. I am also still very friendly with Trevor Tockar who left Kimberley for Cape Town in the mid-sixties. My move Downunder ot Perth in 1994 was the best thing I could have done for my family as Australia has, fortunately, been very good to us. see Jewish Community of [Upington](#)
143. **Levine, Sam** (an old bachelor in the 50s) came out from England and took this role of Secretary of the shul full-time from 1900 – 1935. After his 'retirement', he continued in this capacity part-time until 1952. Who remembers Sam? Mike Sperber says: Yes, I remember Sam Levine very well. A very learned man. He taught me such a lot about Jewish traditions and religious concepts. He died in 1952 I think in Cape Town after living alone during all the years my parents, sister and I knew him.
144. [Levinsohn Gail \(now Bernard\)](#) Daughter of Harold Levinsohn and Stella née Goldberg daughter of Julius Goldberg. Her brother Brian and step sister Pamela Orkin are deceased (2020)
145. [Lewis, Coleman and Family](#) **Lewis, Coleman** was born in London in 1886 and moved to South Africa around about 1910. (aged 24). He was part of a large family, and a number of his brothers and cousins also went to South Africa (Ray has not worked out exactly who went where and when yet, but thinks that one or two of them ended up living in Kimberley at some point.) Married Fanny Zweiback, sister of Dr Solomon Zweiback of Kimberley in 1917. Parents of sons Harold and Shirley Lewis who went to CBC. Cole

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worked as a clerk for the South African Railways and Harbours. Fanny and Cole moved to **Muizenberg** when they retired. Fanny died in 1959 (only months before my parents were married), and Cole died in 1966.

146. [Lewis, Marion Anne \(nee Schild\)](#) **Lewis Marion** née Schild writes in September 2019 Hi Leon, I remember in 1952 or 1953 you and I were in school together. We were in Sub A or B at Belgravia Junior School. I was Marion Schild at that time, and now I am Marion Lewis living in Cape Town with my husband. We have two children, a daughter living across the road from us in Sea Point and a son married in London. We have three lovely grandchildren. I married **Leslie Lewis in 1966** whose sister Cynthia Lewis was married to Lampy (Leib) Maresky, he died 6 years ago. The Lewis's always bragged that they found their diamonds from Kimberley. (see Marion's page on the family's pages under Lewis.
147. Lewis, **Drs Harold b 1922 and Mitchell Lewis b1924 in Kimberley** – both went to cbc, studied medicine at uct and settled in London. (see Zweiback /Lewis family)
148. **Lewitte, Harold** Amazing, as Kimberley was the root of my father, Harold Lewitte and his father who was called back to Latvia and the entire family was lost probably with the pogrom savagery. Horwitz father of Wilfred was his Uncle who took charge of most of the boys who came out, my Dad and his brother Isadore Lewitte and the two cousins from Germany, Oscar and Herman Macht. Born in Bultfontein and visiting Kimberley, those memories stand out in my mind, I was a very little girl then Calli (from Jewish report under the wedding article).
149. **Lincow Natie** was the supervisor/custodian/shamas at the small shul on Green Street. Shelly Hotz his granddaughter, says. We used to go there with him on Simchas Torah to celebrate with him. I loved going there on that particular holiday till it became unsafe for the women to go upstairs because the building's structure was unsafe. My father Charlie Hotz, had a men's outfitting shop on the market square for years until we left for Cape Town. They subsequently went to live in Israel in Herzlia and lived at Beth Protea until they both passed away. (Natie was the father of **Sadie** who married **Bennie** parents of Gerald. Eric and Roger **David** and **Hilda Hotz** who was wife of Charlie and mother of Rochelle - Shelley aka Rocky, a Psychiatrist, living in Newton Mass USA, Marshall - a Dentist, living in Herzlia Israel and Pamela Hotz (Buchman living in George) see [Hotz, Hilda & Charlie](#)
150. **Lowenthal Hal**, Doctor of German-Jewish origin. Was in general practice from the 1930s – then went on to the specialist register as a surgeon in 1950s. Had a son Allan.
151. **Magid Myer** owned a watch maker and Jewellery store on Market Square? Milton Jawno said, Mayer Magid was a friend of mine, this in spite of the fact that he was much older than my father. In those days (the mid 1960s) I used to meet Mayer Magid, Poddy Shein and Jules Katz at the Kimberley swimming pool in Park Road at the crack of dawn on summer mornings and the four of us used to climb over the outer brick wall which was quite high and over we went for our daily swim. I can recall how pristine the pool was in those days. (I dread to tell you what it is like today .) By the way, this pool was opened by my father, Lionel Jawno, when he was Mayor of Kimberley. Mayer was also a member of the Hebrew Order of David as was I. He owned a Jewellery shop on the Kimberley market square. He was a friendly person, always jocular and positive. Mayer had a married daughter in Bloemfontein but I do not recall her name. Kind regards Milton
152. **Marcus, Norman** – Diamond Buyer. (Possibly the son of Marcus who was the partner of JB Robinson) Lived at 38 Carrington Road – then sold the house to Icky and Helen Brown. See Sagar family [Sagar, William and Family](#) as their daughter Lily Sagar married Norman Marcus.
153. [Maresky, Jack, Shim & Helen](#)
154. **Maresky, Jack** married to Bessie – aunt of Sheila Nussbaum who says, My aunts and uncles both came from Kimberley. My one Aunt Gertie was married to Ellis Kanushefsky. The other was Bessie and she was married to Jack Maresky. My uncle Ellis had the bar across the road from the big hole.

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155. **Maresky Shim** Married to Rina Cvi. Went to live in Vd Byl Park where Rina sadly killed in a motor accident. See their wedding picture and picture in the youth activity section. Sons David and Jonathan Maresky. See article Maresky family [Maresky, Jack, Shim & Helen](#). See also his war story on page 20 of [Kimberley Jews and the Second World War](#)
156. **Marks, Barney** brother of Nancy Edelman. Leon Chonin is trying to locate his family.
157. [Mendelsohn, Rev Meyer & his son, Sidney](#)
158. [Michalson, Lance](#)
159. [Mehl \(nee Slomowitz\), Claire](#) widow of Goldie Mehl (Eulogy)
160. **Michelow family** had a handicapped son known as Tonkey. He was unemployable and spent his time going from shop to shop for handouts.
161. [Milwidsky \(nee Shein\), Mavis](#)
162. [Moross Family](#) See the Moross family including **Rev Joseph Zvi Moross** on the website under families. Daughter Nina was a teacher? and son was a bachelor who worked at SAR ticket office.
163. [Nogid, Harry](#)
164. [Odes, Solly, Sheila and Family](#) Solly owned a bottle store. Received a military medal for bravery See also p22 [Kimberley Jews and the Second World War](#)
165. **Orkin, Miss.** Shirley Talerman (née Silkiner) remembers a sweet very old lady called Miss Orkin, She sat next to my Aunt Ray Diamond, On one occasion I remember holding the open siddur to her chest and crying because she found it so beautiful, However the siddur was upside down. Shirley's sister Hilda, who grew up in Kimberley, told Shirley that Miss Orkin was about 104 when she died. She thought her brother ran a hotel in Kimberley.
166. **Peisach, Dr Harry** – was a General Practitioner. Killed in tragic motor accident on the corner of Dalham Road and Carrington Road late one night.
167. [Perel, Dr Solly \(Dalrymple, Mike\)](#)
168. Price Maurice
169. Price, Phil and Tilly (dentist) and Daughter Rosalind
170. Price Sarah (Spinster)
171. [Rauff, Arnold](#) (obituary)
172. [Robins \(nee Schrire\), Gwynn](#)
173. [Rosenstrauch, Simon & Gladys](#)
174. [Perel, Dr Solly \(Dalrymple, Mike\)](#)
175. **Pollen Abe** – Abe bought L. Isaacson from the founder when Louis Isaacson died in 1931 aged 66 years. It was situated in Siege Building, Bean Street, corner De Beers Road, and opposite Roderick and Brook motors. Abe Pollen bought L. Isaacson from the founder. Later he was in partnership with **the Haberfeld brothers Gus and Cyril**. Pollen and wife Lily lived at 8 Carrington Road. Active in the shul benevolent society. Keen bowler. Their traveller was Bill Lurie (the son in law of Harry Brown Senior) who often travelled as far as Bechuanaland.
176. **Portnoi Hilly** - brought to Kimberley from the cape by Sol Perel and I believe that his son does or may have taken over his practise after his death. He married Shirley Melunsky There were comments of how Hilly Portnoi could not stand the colour yellow, and made people change their clothing and even their wallpaper if they wanted him to attend to them. Eg: Dr Portnoi was our GP back in the day and he didn't like the colour yellow, so my Mom never bought us any yellow clothing in case of an emergency!
177. **Price, Phil** and Tilly Dentist
178. **Rabinowitz S** ??.
179. **Raichman, Harry and Rene** were furniture merchants on the Market Square. Herman 'Poddy' Shein worked for him – and he sold the business to Poddy.) Harry was also a director in Hodgetts Timbers. Son Gerald (b c1937) in Sydney and daughter Naomi (b. c1940) now in Cape Town. Geraldine's father Dr Noel Kretzmar was also a

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- director of Hodgetts Timbers with Harry Reichman – and Louis van Zyl, (father of Colin, now in Ireland, who has fond memories of his Jewish friends at CBC).
180. [Rauff, Arnold](#) (obituary) died 2016 Rauff, Arnold, son of Marcus and Sylvia. See family page obit. Arnold himself ran two major businesses: Kimberley Roller Mills and S A Brick & Paving. He too was to the end locked in to 12-14 hours a day. Also time on Saturdays and Sundays!! He was the chair of the Chevra Kedisha
 181. **Reichman, Leo.** Born 1888 Brighton England. Came to South Africa in 1902 and was educated at Kimberley High School. He married to Anna Bertha Klein. Represented Collison's Liquor House for sixteen years then became a stockbroker in Johannesburg and a Director of Leon & Co. Member of Jewish reform synagogue in Johannesburg.
 182. Richmond, Markie in diamonds, grandfather of Pam Richmond and Verlice Watkins
 183. [Rosenstrauch, Simon & Gladys](#) Diamond buyers and polishers from Belgium
 184. [Robins \(nee Schrire\), Gwynn](#)
 185. [Sacks, Marc](#)
 186. **Sacks, Julius and brother Alex** – Printers who owned a property top end Jones Street. Known as Sacks the Printers. Retired and sold property to an old Chinese guy who redeveloped same circa 1964. **Trevor Toubé writes, 31 December 2017:** Julius Sacks was the brother of my maternal grandmother Bertha Sacks (married Max Blumenthal). His wife's name was Zephyrine but was always known as Girlie (perhaps understandably!). They had 2 sons, Ivan and Dennis. I don't know what happened to them. Alex was another brother. He married Rose Arvan. She died in 1923, so I know nothing about her nor about their [I think] 2 children. Julius was a commercial traveller. Girlie and Alex ran Sacks 'Printers and Die Casters'. Marc Sacks (coffee producer Rwanda) writes – My grandfather Julius Sacks was born in Cape Town. He lived in Kimberley, at 24 Park Road Kimberly 1920- 1968 /Died 1972/ He married Zafarine Issacs of Kimberly. **She was the daughter of Rev Harris Issacs.** She died in Kimberly 1965 and buried in Kimberly. My father Ivan Sacks was born in Kimberley in 1931. He was an Insurance Broker. He married Murielle Gafennowitz, born 1934 Johannesburg , teacher , died 84 in 2018 , buried in Johannesburg. Ivan died in 1996 at age 66 and is buried in. Johannesburg. **Marc Sacks** has 2 children in 2018 he writes that his son Joshua Sacks is a student at University of British Columbia Canada, and daughter Gabriella is studying in USA at the University of California.
 187. [Sagar, William and Family](#) **Sagar, William** was an auctioneer. But he was much more! He was a Justice of the Peace and the **Mayor of Kimberley, 1906 – 1908.** Sagar served as the popular and efficient President of the GW Hebrew Congregation for more than 25 years and was made a Life President. In 1929 a special presentation was made to him by the community for his great service to the community for 40 years! That means from 1889. He was also chairman of the Hospital Board and the School Board and did other great service to the civic and Jewish communities.
 188. **Harold Sagar**, his son presented a lectern to the community, in memory of his late father, in 1952. His daughter Nan married Dudley the third son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Goldberg – the 'Breakwater King' of diamonds. [Sagar, William and Family](#) and also [Goldberg, Mr & Mrs Bernard & Family](#)
 189. [Salkinder, Cyril](#)
 190. [Sandler, Jonty](#)
 191. [Schrire, Louis](#)
 192. [Schrire, Samuel](#) **Schrire, Samuel.** He married the daughter of well-to-do **Raphael Senderovitz** and came to Kimberley to run his father-in-law's wholesale business and Mill. They lived in the family house 17 Carrington Road. Sam was the father of **Louis Schrire** (father of Gwynne) who practiced briefly in Kimberley as an Ophthalmologist before going to Cape Town and the brilliant **Velva (Val) Schrire** (who at KHS got the highest matric results in the country in 1933) and who created from scratch, the esteemed Cardiac Department at Groote Schuur Hospital which enabled Chris Barnard to perform the first successful Heart Transplant in the world – on a Jewish patient Louis

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Warshansky. You can read **Gwynn Robins (nee Schrire)**'s family story – **descendants of the Senderovitz family, and about Val Shrire on the family pages of the website.** In that same year, 1933 that Val Schrire won the award for the top student in Matric he was also the top student in Hebrew in Matric. Also in that year, **Helen Maresky**, (later Helen Brown) of Kimberley was the first Jewish girl to pass her Hebrew matriculation examination in the Cape Province. She won a City Council award for this. They were both students of **Rev M Konvisser**, minister of the GW Hebrew Congregation for their Hebrew studies. A Further council award that year went to **Samuel Klein**, the top Junior Certificate student in the city. I wonder how many other children of the Jewish Community won such awards for top matric or JC student? I imagine quite a few? (I know Cecil Sussman, presented such a certificate for the top matric results to **Brenda Frank**, Hannah and Jack's daughter, when he was Mayor in 1964.)

193. [Schrire, Velva \(Vaal\)](#)
194. [Smolensky Marge & Sid \(bookie\) daughter Pat](#)
195. **Seiradsky ??**
196. **Sellman Harold and Irene Dentist Jeffrey** retailer of note
197. [Senderovitz, Aaron](#)
198. [Senderovitz, Raphael](#)
199. **Shapiro Mossie** and Sadie, daughter Josie, son Ronnie. High class groceries Upper Jones Street.
200. [Shapiro, Woolf \(Willie\)](#)
201. [Shein, Poddy](#)
202. **Slosberg** – Optician with Van der Heim – sold to **Irwin Tenin**
203. **Smolensky Sid & Marge** – he was a bookie. Daughter Pat lives in 'Cape Town and is married to David Juter
204. [Solsky \(nee Buirski\), Beverly](#)
205. [Sperber, Michael](#) **Sperber** Joe and Bertie Joe a pharmacist and Bertie a traffic warden during the war – see Michael Sperber family page
206. **Spitz Phil** – Panel Beaters
207. [Stein, Leslie](#) **Stein Leslie**, (b. 1937 – in Kroonstad), (see his family page) retired professor of economics in Sydney is presently occupied in writing a book on Western intellectuals, the Islamic threat and anti-Semitism. Since retiring in 1987 from being a professor of economics, he has written three books on Israel's history. That is, The Hope Fulfilled: The Rise of Modern Israel, The Making of Modern Israel and Israel Since the Six Day War. You can view them in Amazon.
208. [Steinberg \(nee Frank\), Alma](#)
209. [Steinberg, Mark](#)
210. Stern Willy and Kitsie, son Milton married Philip and Gussie Sussman's eldest daughter Doris
211. [Strano \(nee Benjamin\), Esther](#)
212. **Strawbaum ?**
213. [Sussman, Cecil and Natalie \(nee Kroll\)](#)
214. **Sussman** Harold and Sadie – son **Leonard**. Newton meat market (probably were related but this business was not part of premier meat founded by the other Sussmans in Kimberley)
215. [Sussman, Philip and Augusta \(nee Cohen\)](#)
216. **Talmud, Jack** – Lived in the district, Christiana? A hotelier? Daughter, beautiful Lucille, was a boarder at Girls High School in the 1950s.
217. [Teper \(nee Cvi\), Anna](#)
218. **Tenin, Irwin** optician, bought the firm of Van der Heim and Slosberg opticians and ran the business for many years. He was killed in a motor accident driving to Cape Town. His wife was Sadie and his sister-in-law Florrie Schreiber lived with them. They lived near the shul (the Business still is active in Kimberley 2017)
219. [Teper \(nee Cvi\), Anna](#)

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220. **Teukolsky Bros** in 1929 owned the Savoy Hotel Kimberley – later owned by Natie and Fay Cohen.
221. [Tockar, Jean, nee Ginsberg](#)
222. **Tockar, Hymie, Dr** married Nina Apter, children Ivor and Trevor. See Apter family on the website.
223. [Toube, Louis, Gerty & Family](#)
224. [Toube, Trevor Philip](#)
225. **Van Der Heim** - Van Der Heim and Slosberg opticians - sold his business, to Irwin Tenin, whom Milton remembers clearly was Jewish to the core.
226. **The Weinbergs: Dr Norman and Stella** and their boys, Roger, Geoff and Keith. Norman was a leading doctor in Kimberley and a leading light in GW rugby. Stella made delectable fudge almost to the day she died.
227. [Weinberg \(nee Capon\), Victoria](#) Weinberg Vicky, (Born Capon 1941) daughter of Violet and Aleck sent a wedding picture for the gallery (married to Geoff Weinberg – but divorced) and says: I have had a very busy, and hectic and extremely happy life. I taught Speech and Drama at CBC in Kimberley until we moved to Cape Town in 1969. I then studied Early Childhood Education and opened a playschool for 30 children aged from 2 to 3 years old.... While I lived in Kimberley, I was a member of the amateur theatre group, and took many parts, I acted, sang, danced and we were a strong group of people who did wonderful plays and Old Time Music Halls, where I was the 'Red Hot Mama'! Here in Cape Town I joined the Milnerton Playhouse. (see her family page)
228. [Weinstein, Benjamin \(Bennie\)](#)
229. [Weinstein, Lipi and Hannah \(nee Erlich\)](#)
230. [Werner, Rabbi Oscar, Tributes by Leon Chonin & Bernard Werner](#)
231. **Witepski Willem, Alice, Michael and Ruthie**. Several people on our Kimberley Kehilalinks distribution list have enquired about Ruth Witepski and wanted to get in touch with her, so it is with a heavy heart that I (Leon Chonin) need to inform our ex-Kimberley community of the tragic death of Ruth Witepski (October 2019). Apparently, Ruth was hit by a vehicle that had jumped a red traffic light. Ruth lived for many years in Japan where she was a nursery-school teacher and according to her brother who posted the tragic news, only returned to South Africa about six months ago to join her daughter in Durban. Ruth was the younger sister to Michael, one of the most talented academic scholars of my time (late 50s early 60s). She was a violinist and performed with the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra. I can remember her as a vibrant sparkling young girl (known then to all of us as Ruthie). I also remember attending a Girls High School (GHS) dance with Ruthie who was partnered by Eric David. I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire Jewish community and all the ex-Kimberley residents in sending our condolences and wishing the family long life. May Hashem comfort them amongst all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and may they know no more sorrow. May Ruth's memory be a blessing. Amein. You may like to be in touch with Michael at telephone number +27 82 923 5890 or his email mandg@eject.co.za.
Delia Benn wrote: I have fond memories of Ruthie. I'm so sad to hear of her tragic passing. I wish all the family a long life. And Barney Horwitz, Chairman of the community wrote Very sad news indeed. Ruth was quite a lot older than me, but I knew her father Wilhelm well – a refugee from Germany in the 1930s who became one of the most senior Advocates in Kimberley. A brilliant scholar. Ruth's mother was Alice and I was actually speaking to someone at my daughter's wedding who told me that Ruthie's brother Michael was an attorney in Johannesburg. On behalf of the Community, I wish her family long life and we will remember her before the commencement of service this evening. Barney Horwitz
232. **Zolty B.** more information coming as part of Laz Barnett's family story. **Laz Barnett came to Kimberley** for his sister Becky's wedding to Ben Zolty. There he met up with the Jawno family – two brothers and five sisters, who had arrived in Kimberley in 1912 from Shavel in Lithuania. Oldest brother Sam Jawno employed Laz in his fish business

that was to become South African Fisheries. Sarah Jawno married a Mr Klatzky and lived in Johannesburg for a while. When they came back to Kimberley they lived with their mother at 48 Milner Street. They opened Smartwear in Jones street in 1948 and ran it until about 1968 buying clothes with specific clients in mind. Other sisters were Clara and Ray. Youngest brother Lionel Jawno opened a furniture and removal business and was later to become Mayor of Kimberley. (See Lionel and Lily Jawno's story contributed by their son Milton Jawno here: [Jawno, Lionel](#) **Laz Barnet met his future wife Freda Jawno** at Ben Zolty's house. [Barnett, Laz and Freda \(nee Jawno\)](#))

233. [Zweiback, Solomon](#) **Zweiback, Solomon**. Dr Solomon Zweiback studied medicine in Königsburg (now Kaliningrad), and in 1900 he moved to London where he practiced as a surgeon. His father (my great great grandfather) Markus Zweiback (also called Max) arrived in South Africa, while Solomon was still in London. Ray Lewis, his great granddaughter writes: By 1910, Solomon Zweiback was living in Kimberley at 79 Dutoitspan Rd. He was already married to **Sophie Ettin**. They had two (or at least two) children – my grandmother Fanny and her brother Joseph. Fanny was born in 1892 – I have not yet discovered where, but it would have been in Prussia or Lithuania. **Fanny Zweiback** married my grandfather **Cole (Coleman James) Lewis** in Kimberley in 1917. Cole was born in London in 1886 and moved to South Africa around about 1910. He was part of a large family, and a number of his brothers and cousins also went to South Africa (I have not worked out exactly who went where and when yet, but I rather think that one or two of them ended up living in Kimberley at some point.) I do know that Cole worked as a clerk for the South African Railways and Harbours. My father's elder brother, **Harold Lewis** was born in Kimberley in 1922, and my father, **Shirley Mitchell Lewis** in 1924. Harold and Shirley were educated at Christian Brothers College. My father (now going by the name of Mitchell) studied medicine at Cape Town, although his studies were interrupted by the war, when served in the medical corps in Namibia. The two brothers came to London in the 1950's where they settled and married. Fanny died in 1958 or 1959, I believe, not too long before my parents got married. Cole died in 1966. I think he was living in Muizenberg by then. I have fond memories of him, when he visited us in London – I must have been about 3 or 4 at the time. Harold Lewis died in 1971, leaving three children Marc, Rebecca and Paul. I am still in occasional contact with Paul. My great uncle **Joe Zweiback**, Fanny's brother, had been given a large tract of land to farm – if I understood it correctly, as a kind of war-pension. Joe must have been quite a character and I regret never having met him. He was an inventor, and there is a US patent in his name for an elevator brake. Probably quite useful for mining. He was always convinced there was gold on his land, but there was never any ever found. He died in 1971, leaving the farm to my father and my late uncle. My father **Shirley Mitchell Lewis** died in 2018 – but his memory had been fading with Alzheimer's for several years before he died. He would have been so pleased to have come across your pages. No doubt they would have triggered some wonderful memories of his youth. I have attached a page from a 1935 edition of the "Zionist Record" which I have come across. You probably already have it, but for me it is remarkable as it mentions both **Dr S. Zweiback and Master Shirley Lewis** – who would have been 11 years old. We have already noted that Cyril Harris married late in life, tying the knot with Sophie Zweiback (nee Ettin), a widow, in 1946. (Sophie's first husband, Dr Solomon Zweiback, had represented Beaconsfield in the Cape Provincial Council in the 1920s and been a town councillor for some time. He died in January 1943)