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The Jewish Ball and family queries

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## The Jewish Ball

### BRILLIANT GATHERING AND BRILLIANT SUCCESS

I was sent a long report in the DFA of 7 June 1911, by Robert Hart of the McGregor Museum in Kimberley. It describes a magnificent event held by the Jewish Community at the Town Hall to raise funds for the ornamental ironwork perimeter fence that had recently been installed around the synagogue premises in Memorial Road.



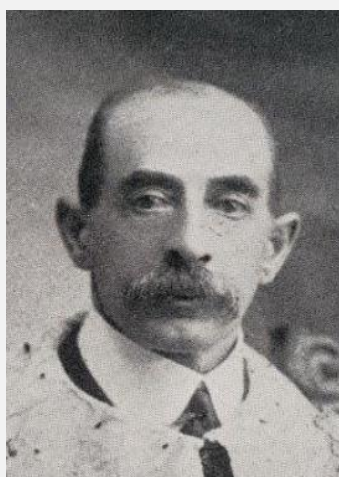
The 'New' Kimberley Synagogue (opened in 1902) pictured in about 1904 with a few shrubs and a wire fence.

This report, covering more than a whole column in the newspaper, uses long sentences and effusive words in praising the artistic environment ‘*arboreal and enticing*’ and the delicious food ‘*epicurean allurements*’.



It mentions all the sponsors including De Beers Consolidated Mines and the VIPS including the mayors and councillors of Kimberley and also Beaconsfield. (They only amalgamated a year later in 1912).

The synagogue with its lovely perimeter brick and ironwork wall, as we remember it. We can now date this fence to 1911. Shrubbery was cleared and Palm trees were planted in the front garden at some stage.



The report names all the people that were on the Synagogue Committee: President, **\*William Sagar** (left) – who had been Mayor in 1906, and who sadly because of ‘*severe indisposition*’ was not able to attend. It also mentions the ‘*esteemed Minister of the congregation*’, **Rev Harris Isaacs** (right) and describes the ‘*the plenitude of coadjutors*’ (helpers working together for a cause) including all the women on the committee and who were popularly appointed ‘*mistresses of ceremonies*’.



Remarkably the report also mentions the specific music played for the dances, by the famous Austrian violinist and bandleader Herr **Carl Rybnikar**. He had first arrived in Kimberley playing in a military orchestra of brass and strings from Vienna, under the baton of Herr Josef Kopetzky, for the International Fair in Kimberley in 1892. This band was very popular in music starved Kimberley and Rybnikar and one other, the drummer named Doucher, had decided to stay on – cornering the market for such events, including the annual balls held in the ballroom at the back of \*Sir David Harris’s house in Pan Road and the dances each week at \*Alexandersfontein. It seems that apart from the many waltzes and a couple of two steps, there were barn dances and ‘lancers’ a square dance, a variant of the Quadrille, performed by four couples, particularly popular in the 18th and 19th centuries.

### **This is the DFA Report for the ‘Jewish Ball’:**

BRILLIANT GATHERING AND BRILLIANT SUCCESS

*Possessed of the most beautiful synagogue in the mid-colonial portion of Southern Africa and also a comfortable and commodious ministerial residence, both situated in one of the most desirable parts of Kimberley, the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation, anxious to complete the general good effect of the synagogue buildings, has recently erected a handsome, ornamental fence round the same, and decided to give a ball for the purpose, of raising funds to liquidate the costs of the improvements.*

*The initial movement once set in motion by the congregational executive, found ready response amongst the members of the congregation, their ultimate efforts culminating in the splendid ball which took place in the Town Hall last evening. Indeed it is but fair to the Jewish community to say that few if any, social functions have ever taken place in Kimberley than that which enlisted the spontaneous support of all sections of the community last evening.*

*The ball was under the distinguished patronage of the Directors of the De Beers Consolidated Mines, and the Mayors and Councillors of the Borough of Kimberley and the municipality of Beaconsfield, while no fewer than 250 couples attended the dance, which was favoured by a delightfully cool night. The hall, was tastefully decorated with a variety of flags and bunting, interspersed with shrubbery, which gave a pleasing effect, and the floor was in perfect condition, while the vestibule was transformed into an arboreal and enticing lounge and retreat, elegantly furnished withal for the dancers. Added to this the lovely toilettes of the ladies made up and ensemble both striking and pleasing.*

*In connection with the general arrangements, which were so admirably carried into effect, the following gentlemen, forming the executive of the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation, worked most assiduously. President: Mr W Sagar JP; Vice President Mr A Aronson; treasurer Mr Bernard Cohen; trustees Colonel D Harris CMG VD MLA, and Mr MM Aronson; committee, Dr Zweiback, and Messrs B Rigal, L Isaacson, K Jacobson and J Horwitz, with the Secretary (Mr S Levin)*



*While according the praise to the well-deserved gentlemen, it was matter of regret, generally expressed that \*Mr W Sagar, the esteemed and popular president, owing to severe indisposition, was unable to participate in the gathering, but it will be a source of satisfaction to him to know that in his absence his colleagues did all in their power to make the ball a success and to ensure the enjoyment of their numerous guests.*

*The supper room presented a vista of epicurean allurements, it I generally conceded that the Jewish people, as a whole are artistic, and in this instance, the members of the ladies committee surpassed themselves. Not only did they provide the daintiest gastronomic requirements, but the tables were also embellished with the choicest of flowers.*

*Those responsible for the tempting display of refinement being Mesdames W Sagar, B Cohen, MM Aronson, Harris Isaacs, B Rigal, Weinberg, Melcher, LF Lezard, Jacobson, A Greenberg, L Isaacson, Senier, B Greenberg and I Lewis and the Misses L Sagar, R Sagar, Weinberg, Melcher, N Melcher, Kleinman, S Goldringer, Isaacson, D Isaacson, Levinsohn, Liebson and Blumberg.*

*The arrangements for liquid refreshments were in the capable hands of Mr N Odes and he also had charge of an additional buffet in the supper room, while a committee room upstairs was reserved for a card room and for those who cared to indulge in the fragrant weed.*

*It should be mentioned that the De Beers Company were good enough to supply the plants and shrubbery for the decorations and that Mr I Lewis lent the furniture for the vestibule, to whom the members of the ball committee desire to express their thanks, as also to many firms and private individuals for friendly monetary gifts and refreshments in aid of the worthy object of the dance.*

*Mr A Hyan acted as director of ceremonies, his duties being ably supplemented by the following MCs: Messrs M Barnett, L Tuchten, B Horwitz, L Isaacs, and Harold Sagar. A charming innovation in this direction, which was no doubt highly appreciated by the dancers of both sexes, was the appointment of mistresses of ceremonies, the following ladies acting in those capacities: Mesdames Sager and B Cohen, and the Misses, Isaacson and Weinberg.*

*In the plenitude of coadjutors with those who lent their aid in making the ball so great a success, mention should be made of the presence of the esteemed minister of the congregation the Rev Harris Isaacs, who was no doubt greatly cheered with the gratifying financial result for the furtherance of the tenets of Judaism in Kimberley, in which cause he has laboured so zealously in the past. Mr MJ Solomon also lent yeoman aid in various capacities, all of which involved much hard work.*

*Mr C Rybnikar with his popular orchestra, saw to it that the dance music was of the best, the following being the programme: Waltz 'Love's Dream'; waltz 'Chocolate Soldier'; lancers 'Dollar Princess'; waltz 'Tesoro Mio'; two-step, 'Yip-I-Addy-I-Yay'; waltz 'Songe de Autumne' lancers 'Girl in the Train'; barn dance 'Poor John'; waltz 'Waltz Dream', waltz*

*'Merry Widow'; lancers, 'Girls of Gottenberg'; waltz, 'Blue Danube'; two-step 'Fluffy Ruffles'; lancers 'Pageant'; waltz 'Septembre'; barn dance 'Josie'; waltz 'Kiss of Spring'.*

*Several extra dances were also played, the ball terminating, amid many expressions of pleasure from delighted guests, at 2.30am.*



The synagogue with its silver ironwork railings still sparkling in the 2020s.

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Herr Carl Rybnikar contributed significantly to Kimberley's musical life through the 1890s and the early part of the twentieth century, as teacher, conductor-performer, and as composer, inter alia, of local school songs and pieces for the Kimberley Regiment Band - of which he was appointed bandmaster. He presented regular and highly popular Sunday afternoon concerts in the gardens of the Alexandersfontein Hotel. He married a local young woman named Edith Kearns, daughter of Bryan and Agnes Kearns of Villiers Street, Kimberley.

\* Further reading:

[Harris Col Sir David](#) includes a contemporary account of the annual balls

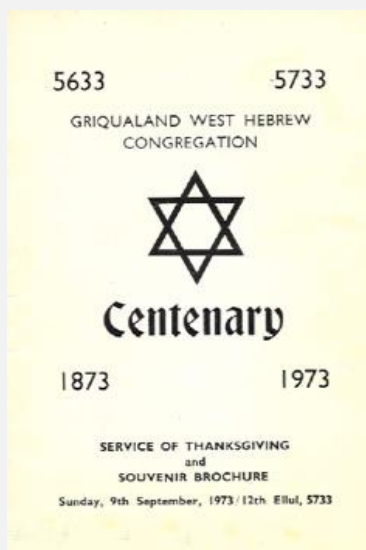
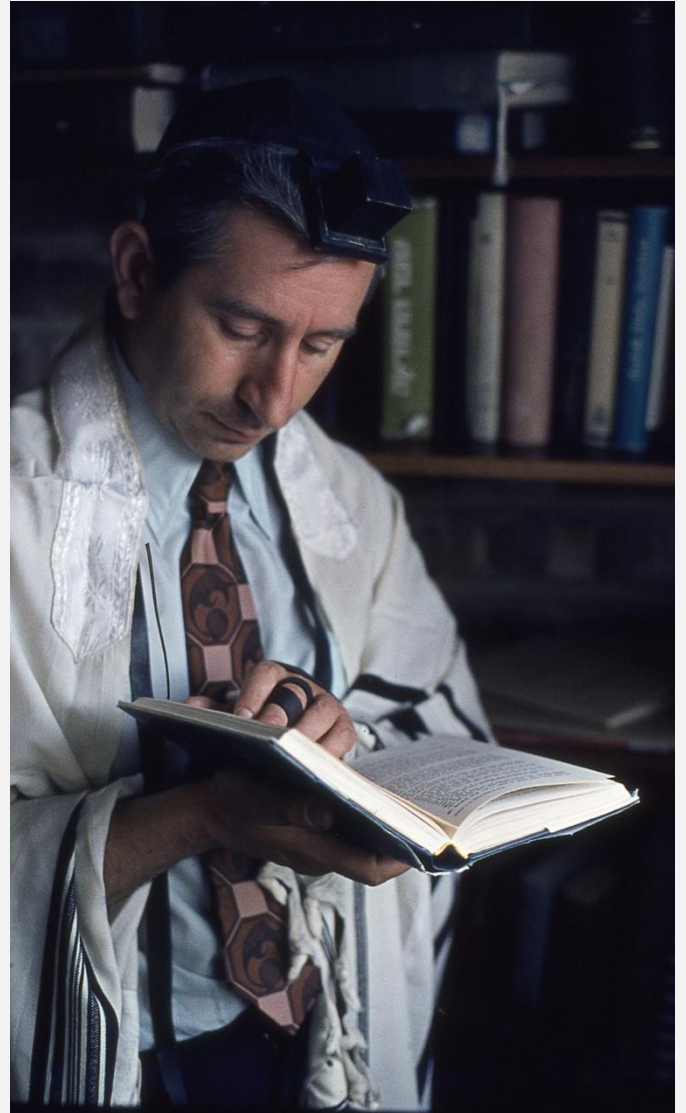
[Isaacs, Rev Harris](#) Minister in Kimberley for 33 years between 1890 and 1927

[Sagar, William and Family](#) very influential in Kimberley

[Alexandersfontein](#) - Kimberley's Fashionable Resort, where our parents and grandparents dined, danced and even had their honeymoons! Rybnikar and his band played for all the dances there.

## Rev Matzner at prayer in the Kimberley synagogue

Rev Joseph Matzner and his wife Anita were in Kimberley from 1971 to 1977.  
(Pictures courtesy of Robert Hart at the McGregor Museum)



The Matzners were much loved by the community. They continued to attend community events around the country such as the unveiling of Sharon Geller's Tombstone on 26 April, 2015 and they attended Ida Horwitz wedding in the Kimberley shul in September 2019. Rev Matzner was in post when the community celebrated 100 years since its creation in 1873. There were civic receptions and Chief Rabbi Casper and the Choir of the great Synagogue in Johannesburg came to Kimberley for a service of thanksgiving. You can read the booklet compiled by Cyril Haberfeld about the occasion and the history of Kimberley Jewry up to that time and also see the souvenir brochure of the service to commemorate the event, with messages from the congregation president Nathan Cohen and the Chief Rabbi Casper on the Kimberley Jewish Community website. (See link at the end of the Newsletter.)

## Queries about Kimberley people

Please see if you can shed any light on these enquiries that have come in from across the world. Please reply directly to the enquirer and please copy me [geraldine.auerbach@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.auerbach@gmail.com)

### Datnow Family Queries:

**From:** Cecile Barkley <[barkleycecile@gmail.com](mailto:barkleycecile@gmail.com)>

Good Day, I read your article on the **Datnow Family** history. My father farmed in Henley on Klip near Meyerton in the 1960's, 1970's for Mr Joe Datnow who owned Datnows Leather Works in New Doornfontein in those days. I am just curious to know if you are related to them. Joe's wife was Daphne and they had three daughters Sheryl, Nadine and Lynn. They also had a son Bradley. Wanted to try and make contact with one of the girls? Suppose they are not girls anymore...I used to play with them when they came to the farm for the holidays.  
Regards, Cecile Barkley (Nè Tokkie Roux)

**From:** Jason Datnow <[jasond@toshiba-sa.co.za](mailto:jasond@toshiba-sa.co.za)>

Hi Geraldine, I see you did a story on the Datnow's. I am **Jason Datnow** , grandson of Jack Datnow. I can give you his family story as well as I see it stops with him as he was the outcast of the family. Mail me or call me on 0848101013.  
Kind Regards, Jason Datnow, Field Technician, Toshiba  
(I look forward to receiving the story from Jason)

**From:** Chaim Lerman <[chaimslerman@gmail.com](mailto:chaimslerman@gmail.com)>

My name is Chaim S Lerman I'm from South Africa but I live in Jerusalem Israel. As **I'm related to the Datnows** as a Datnow married a Sack or Sacks from Ponevitch ..Pumpanai. My zaida Israel Zaks changed to Sack was a cousin to Hymie Datnow. I saw what you wrote but nothing of Hymie Datnow.  
Regards, Chaim  
Does anyone have information about Hymie Datnow?

**From:** Bertha Carrelli Maryland, USA <[zarned@gmail.com](mailto:zarned@gmail.com)>

### Greenspans Query

Hello Ms. Auerbach, Mr. David Morris gave me your name as a possible resource for help with finding more information about our **grandfather, his sisters and our great-grandparents** in Kimberley. (Please see names etc below). Would you have any thoughts on where to get information/birth certificates, newspaper articles etc? On Jewish Roots Bank there is an indication that there's documentation connected to our grandfather's Bris. (At Griqualand West in 1901). Do you know if there's a way to access that document? Any ideas would be much valued!

Sally/Solly/Salby Greenspan. Blacksmith in Kimberley at least between 1900-1908 (maybe longer). He was the recipient of the South Africa medal for his role in the Kimberley Town Guard during the Siege of Kimberley (we have the medal).

Henrietta/Hetty Greenspan, Sally's wife

Bertie Greenspan, Sally's son (our grandfather). Born on April 22, 1901, bris/naming ceremony at Griqualand West on 5/20/1901.

Amanda A Greenspan, Sally's daughter, born in Kimberley on Sept 8, 1903  
Violet Alice Greenspan, Sally's daughter, born in Kimberley on Aug 26, 1908.  
Kind regards, Bertha  
Does anyone have any information for Bertha

**From: Brian Lorge <[lorge@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lorge@bigpond.net.au)>**

### Iky Sonnenberg



Hi Geraldine, My name is Brian Lorge and live in Australia. Am most intrigued with the story of the cemeteries in Kimberley. My Great Grandfather was Iky Sonnenberg. My Great Great Grandparents were Henry and Amelia Rosenblatt. Iky married Henry (Herz) Rosenblatt's and Amelia's daughter Jeanette. Herz Anglicised his name to Henry when he applied for citizenship in Victoria, Australia, in 1858 together with his brother Louis (Lazarus). This was long before federation which only happened in 1900. They prospected in the gold fields in and around Ballarat, having come from the gold rush in the States. The two brothers with their families then moved onto Vryberg looking for diamonds. Think there was a daughter born to Henry and Amelia called Pauline who was born in Victoria (see her headstone (left) which is in the Kimberley Jewish cemetery). Iky Sonnenberg and his wife Jeanette were first cousins (not a good idea) which was common in those days amongst our people. My Gran was Bertha (Lorge) one of Iky and Jeanette's daughters. Don't know where Iky and Jeanette got married. Here in Australia or South

Africa. Iky and his brother Charles had both been in America fighting in the civil war.  
Talk about the wandering Jew. Kind regards, Brian.

\*\*\*See the Rosenblatts buried in the Kimberley cemetery – link at the end

### The Price Family – can anyone fill in more details?

**From: Dr David Morris – re Maurice Price and the Price family**

Head of Archaeology, McGregor Museum &  
Extraordinary Professor, School of Humanities, Sol Plaatje University, Kimberley,  
P.O. Box 316, Kimberley, 8300, South Africa.

Hi Geraldine,

I acknowledged using some information and a pic from you in a McGregor Museum facebook post on the Kimberley Shul the other day. This morning, I was looking through the Kehila Links Kimberley Jewish Community site and noticed that you are the contact person on Kimberley families. And in that connection, I'd like to ask about my father's great pal from school at Boys' High in the 1940s, **Maurice Price**, who went to Canada but he visited his sister Sarah, annually, and with whom we always had a luncheon at the Savoy on those occasions. For years after Maurice died, we would keep his memory alive in having Sarah Price join in the traditional annual meal.



Do you have anything on the Price family? I know far too little alas. I just know that Maurice Price was a very close friend of my Dad's at school and that he emigrated at some point after school to live in, I believe, Toronto – or it could have been Montreal. I understand that Maurice Price may have crested the early wave of computer technology in Canada and had become very wealthy by



it, and was something of a philanthropist backing educational causes. He was unmarried, I believe, and, following a relatively early death from ?cancer, left a substantial educational trust fund. I am not certain of these details, but this is what I recall.

Sarah Price was a very dear person who we would always see and greet at New Years Day luncheons at the Savoy Hotel in Kimberley (left – run by Natie and Fay Cohen). His sister **Sarah Price** was not married. I believe she may have worked at the Savoy and may have lived there as well for a time, but at one point was living in a private hotel on the corner of Cricket Street and D'Arcy Street.

(Another of my Dad's school acquaintances was Dan

Jacobson.)

**Natalie Sussman** responded saying I remember the Price family very well from schooldays but had no contact with Maurice after he emigrated. Sarah, I remember well. She was the receptionist of the Savoy Hotel.

#### **Daphne Gillis also responded on the Price family.**

Hi Geraldine

**Phil and Tilly Price** and daughter Rosalind (he was the dentist partner of Harold Selmann) who lived in Milner Street were related to Maurice and Sarah who lived in Woodley Street around the corner from the Mc Gregor Museum. They were the eldest in the family and when I first knew them their parents had died, leaving Maurice and Sarah as the eldest to care for the younger siblings.

**Sam Price** was a year or two older than me, went to school at Boys High and then to Wits where he qualified as a doctor. I presume his studies were paid by the two older siblings and Uncle Phil, the dentist.

I met him many years later again when he was retired and lived in Cape Town. A Sunday lunch was organised by **Vicky Weinberg** (now sadly unable to communicate due to Alzheimer's). and **Sheila Grant** who died in 2021 whilst visiting her daughter in New Zealand. **Natalie Price** was the youngest in the family. She was a year or two younger than I was. She was also cared for by the two eldest siblings. I think they may have been related to the Goldstein family because Natalie and I were both flower girls when **Eva Goldstein** married **Jack Toube**. I still have that photo. Hope some of this adds to your knowledge of the Price family. Really appreciate the sterling work you do collecting so much of the history of our ancestors which would otherwise be lost. Love, Daphne

**From: Daphne Gillis <harrydaphne@gillis.co.za> on Kimberley families**

Good morning Geraldine

Those of us who were **Sheila Grant's** friends here in Cape Town were shocked and saddened to hear of her death [in New Zealand in 2021]. When I lived in Milnerton, where she also lived, I saw her often as I belonged to the same knitting group as she did. She would collect wool from them, pass it on to me (and **Marion Lewis, nee Schild**) who made garments for distribution to numerous

townships, creches and schools. Even while she was stuck in New Zealand I was emailing her and she arranged to have our finished garments collected and passed on to the children.

I am really grateful that she gave you such a detailed account of her complex and involved family. Your latest account of the Jewish ministers makes very interesting reading. One extra fact...Rev Isaacs' eldest daughter, **Zephyrine**, was married to my Grandmother's brother, **Julius Sacks**. We called her Auntie Girlie. They lived in Park Road round the corner from us in Belgrave Road. Her garden was only gravel from the mine dumps and we loved scratching in it looking for 'rubies'.

Because distance, especially in time, often changes our memories. And so I am writing stories, mostly personal family and friends experiences, about what 2020 and the Covid-19 epidemic has meant to so many of us.... now while it is still fresh in our minds. Stories get distorted over time. Love and best wishes, Daphne.

**From: Catharine McClelland <cath8rine@yahoo.com>**

## **Kimberley memories**

Hi Geraldine, Heather Miller (see Sagar family) gave me your email address. She tells me that you run a website about Kimberley in the "old days", but she didn't know the URL. I grew up in Kimberley and I would be very interested to look at your website. I have fond memories of my childhood... I have to say my Old Days are pretty old: World War 2 and I were born in the same year! Looking forward to hearing from you. Best regards, Anna

**I sent her the URL of the Kimberley Jewish Community website and she wrote:**

Hi Geraldine,

I'm really enjoying the website. There's a lot to read, I'm dipping into it all the time. We lived in Synagogue Street. I remember many of the families mentioned, but there are some notable absences too. I suppose you can only rely on the information that people contribute about their families. **Dr Norman Weinberg** was our family doctor, but no mention of his family. I remember there were three sons, the two younger ones were **Geoffrey and Keith** (the oldest was Roger). I have a vague idea that Geoffrey was struck by lightning, but the details escape me. Keith was diabetic. I remember that because I was quite fascinated by having the wonder of insulin explained to me.

Our family dentist was **Dr Harold Selman**, a lovely man. He really knew how to communicate with children. I quite looked forward to my trips to the dentist. (Also, my mum took me for ice cream in John Orr's tearoom afterwards). His partner was **Dr Phil Price**. No mention of either dental gentleman. I went to boarding school in Cape Town for high school, Uni in Pretoria, and then I worked in Johannesburg so from teenage years I was only in Kimberley for holidays and didn't really interact too much. Still, in primary school days I remember a number of Jewish friends my age, who lived nearby that I played with: **Hannah Lurie** lived in Carrington Road and **Marcia Frank and Rosalie and Cecily Lipshitz** round the corner in Milner Street.

Anyway, I was interested to see that your maiden name is **Kretzmar**. I seem to remember that my mother painted **Mrs Kretzmar's portrait**. In a green dress? But I'm not sure whether Julius or Noel's wife. She also painted **Lionel Jawno** in his mayoral outfit, When I visited Kimberley in 2002, I saw the portrait of His Honour in the old public library, now the Africana Library. It was stuck in a dark spot under the stairs. I hope Mrs Kretzmar's portrait didn't suffer a similar fate.

I also don't see the **Spitz family**. Heather Miller's mother **Pauline was a Spitz** and she told me she spent many holidays with her family in Kimberley, as a young woman. I always teased her that she never had the decency to phone me when she was in Kimberley! I wish I had known her then. I remember her cousin **Alan Spitz**, even though he was ten years older than I, because he was a friend and schoolmate of my cousin Ian. Of course I was far beneath their notice! He and Ian were very chuffed with hand painted ties that they had, with a picture of a palm tree and a lady in a grass skirt. I thought they were very sophisticated.

Thanks for letting me see your website. Happy memories!  
Best regards, Anna

**I replied:** Dear Anna

Thanks so much for your email and comments. Yes there are certainly many Kimberley families that need their stories filled out so thanks for mentioning some. My mother was Beryl, wife of Noel. I have a portrait of her painted by a Mrs Steenkamp. Send me more memories, Geraldine

**And Anna replied:** Dear Geraldine - the painting!



I'm so happy that you have your mother's portrait. Yes, Mrs Steenkamp was my mother. She painted under her maiden name of Nellie du Plooy. I would be delighted to see a photo of the portrait if you'd be kind enough to send it to me. Do you remember Miss Olive McIntyre who was the City Librarian for many years? She presided over the library in Dutoitspan Road, with the bust of Alfred Beit [actually Bernard Klisser – Alfred Beit's bust is in the library garden] at the entrance. She was a talented amateur painter and often spent a weekend on the farm, Vaalboskop, my parents had on the Riet River near Douglas. She and my mother took their easels into the veld or down to the river and spent the day painting and picnicking. Anyway, all these years later here in Melbourne, I attended a book club meeting at the house of one of the members, and there in her sitting

room were two landscapes that looked so familiar to me: one of some thorn trees with a koppie in the background, and another of a river view. Turned out that Florrie, my hostess, had bought them in the Fifties, at an art exhibition in Kimberley. She and her husband were on a road trip from Cape Town to Johannesburg. I peered more closely and yes, they were signed Olive McIntyre. Florrie

kindly took them off the wall for me to see the backs. Olive had written “Vaalboskop, near Kimberley” and “Riet River, near Kimberley.” Clearly the results of one of those painting weekends! Small world. I teared up a bit, I have to confess. Nothing to do with Jewish families in Kimberley, I know, but I just thought I’d share that bit of coincidence. I’ve not a lot to do but fiddle about at home: after weeks of no Covid, the virus has reared its clichèd ugly head again and we are in a seven-day lockdown which I suspect may be extended. Oh, well. I’ve been saying “Oh, well” a lot this past year! Best, Anna

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## KHS Famous Old Boys

Marvin Cohen Lois & Marvin [loisandmarvin@gmail.com](mailto:loisandmarvin@gmail.com) writes:

I was going through some old KHS magazines in an effort to cull ‘things’ that my next generation won't be connected to in any way. I started once again to realise just how fortunate I have been to have grown up at a time and place that I did. My wife Lois always remarks that she cannot understand that when I am together with friends from those days we speak so enjoyably about the times at boarding school yet her family always used boarding school as a threat for whatever reason.

As there were no English classes at the high school in Upington where I grew up the boys (mainly Jewish) on reaching high school were all enrolled at KHS and as boarders at Francis Oats House. Over the five years spent in Kimberley we met and made friends with many of the Jewish boys and girls and their families were welcoming and hospitable to the boarders. The Shul on Saturday mornings and Yomtovim was a great meeting place. The hostel boys sat in the back row on the left of the shul and for some fortunate reason all the young girls sat upstairs on the right.



We soon started to appreciate some of the history of the school. There were academic honour boards in the main hall, the memorial library in honour of old boys who fell during WW1, WW2 and Korea and sporting and prefect photos throughout, but I don't think until later years we understood the impact made by Jewish students at the school and then in their later lives.

While the honour boards and photos highlighted the high achievers academically or on the sports fields there were many more who made their mark in other ways and I have included some of these old boys who kept in touch with the school.

(pictured - from the KHS magazine is Professor Velva Schrire, Dux medallist in 1932 – his older brother Louis was the dux medallist two years earlier)

- **Military Awards:** W Joffe DSO WW1, H. Kahn and C Haberfeld in WW2 mentioned in dispatches.
- **Sporting achievements** I think only one Springbok - W Rosenberg for hockey but many others were provincial players in various sports.

- **Academic achievements** of Jewish students go back to the earliest records for Dux, Bursary and Scholarship winners in every decade.
- **1920s:** M L Shapiro, B Bennett, G Gordon, N Sapika
- **1930s:** L Schrire, CK Edelstein, N Sapika, V Schrire, S Klein was Head Prefect (Pictured are V and L Schrire, in their cricket togs, courtesy of Gwynne Robins, Louis Schrire's daughter)
- **1940s:** IM Maresky, S Maresky,
- **1950s:** DM Rosenberg, TP Toube, WS Rosenberg, HM Hecht
- **1960s:** CM Witepski, LTalmud Head Boy



It gave me great pleasure reminiscing when reading all the familiar names and stories about the school. Best regards, Marvin

\*\*We have posted the extracts from the KHS magazine sent by Marvin on the Kimberley website on the community page at no 18 – see the end of this Newsletter for the link.

## Louis Mallet's book on the Malay Camp

Rodney Green [rodneyrq@gmail.com](mailto:rodneyrq@gmail.com) wrote to me to say that Copies of Louis Mallet's book on the Malay Camp are available for sale @R100 from the Sol Plaatje Museum and Library in Angel Street Kimberley. This is a non-profit organisation named the Sol Plaatje Educational Trust, which is housed in the original home of Sol Plaatje, which formed part of the original Malay Camp. Contact [solt1@gmail.com](mailto:solt1@gmail.com) or [mothooselek@gmail.com](mailto:mothooselek@gmail.com) (mornings Tuesday-Friday)

## For further reading, click these links:

To read our story of the Malay camp see the Newsletter no 60 [Newsletter #60 March 2024](#) about Sir Ernest Oppenheimer Gardens, Civic Centre, Malay Camp

The Kimberley Jewish Community website [Kimberley](#)

See the new photos and 'stones' on the Kimberley Virtual Cemetery Click here: <https://kimberley.jewishcemetery.net/> **And please add Yours!** Remember that for every leaf you buy, the money goes towards the upkeep of the graves.

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\*\*\* Rosenblatts buried in the Kimberley cemetery – link

[https://kimberley.jewishcemetery.net/deceaseds/search/Search.last\\_name:rosenblatt/Search.first\\_name:](https://kimberley.jewishcemetery.net/deceaseds/search/Search.last_name:rosenblatt/Search.first_name:)

The Sagar Family is mentioned in several of the articles above including the ball and Iky Sonnenberg and Kimberley painting. To read the family story on the families page click this link: [Sagar, William and Family](#)

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