

PARKVIEW SPORTS CLUB:

Up until 1936, most of the Jewish tennis players were members of the Queens Sports Club. Unfortunately, some unpleasantness took place, and anti-semitism among the Queens members became evident.

The Jewish members decided that the time had come to have their own Tennis Club. They leased a portion of what was known as Wallenstein's plot which was being leased from the City Council, and occupied by Mr. Segal as a poultry farm. Two tennis courts and a small pavilion

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with a thatched roof was built, and in 1937, Parkview Tennis Club was officially opened.

In 1952, the committee of the Tennis Club, decided to expand the Club to embrace Bowling Greens, a Squash Court and a Club House, and an actions committee of seven men, under the convenorship of Mr. Willie Fredman, was formed. I recollect one Sunday afternoon, Willie Fredman and I called on Mr. Segal, who actually lived in a small house on the grounds, and after much negotiations, persuaded him to sell his unexpired lease of approximately 25 years, to the club for £5 000, and vacate the ground within a short period.

We were later successful in obtaining a new 99 year lease direct from the Council, and proceeded with our plans for Parkview Sports Club. The Club House and the one squash court were opened on 24th March, 1956. Further amenities, such as a second squash court, swimming pool, and extra courts were added later.

THE WEIZMANN COUNTRY CLUB also had its origins in the Jewish Guild, where it was decided that the community required a Jewish Country Sports Club. Various locations, some even close to town, were considered and eventually, a farm known as Wonderland Estates was purchased and developed. The Club was formed in 1950 and alterations continually made to the house which was used as the Club House.

By 1953, the Weizmann Bowling Club was in full swing, and this was followed by a swimming bath and other amenities. Unfortunately, due to loss of membership and finances at both clubs, it was decided to merge the two clubs, and on 1st June, 1965, Parkview Weizmann Club was established, which we now have.

I am not sure whether I was supposed to discuss the origins of the various Jewish organisations, as the terms of reference given me, were