

Family day at the home of Max Melamed in Luanshya. Ian is in the shorts and his father is in front of him.

Dennis Figov, auctioneer, in action, circa 1990

## LUANSHYA

Harry Figov, Max Thal ,and Maurice Rosen were prominent members of Luanshya's close-knit Jewish community. The Figov family arrived in 1936 and was associated with the town for over sixty years. Their shop was the only Jewish-owned retail outlet to remain in the same family from the 1930s until as late as 2008. The innovative Harry Figov pioneered the first airmail service to Bulawayo, using professional pilots and a bi-plane, and he soon learned to fly an aircraft himself. Harry's son Dennis played a major role in the life of Luanshya as mayor of the town in 1963 and 1964, as an active Rotarian, and for many years as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.



The Figovs in Luanshya, Dennis performing his mayoral duties



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Mayor E. Rosen - Luanshya



Mayor D. Figov - Luanshya



Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft departing from the Ndola Airport with the Sefer Torah from Luanshya which is now on display in the museum – with Dennis Figov



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