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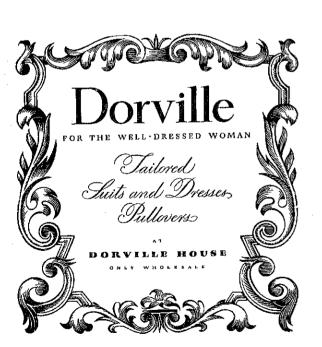


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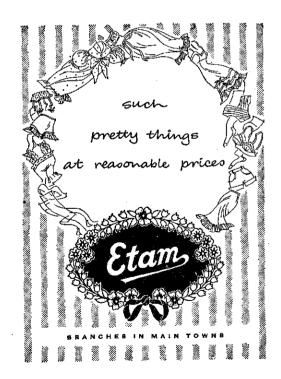
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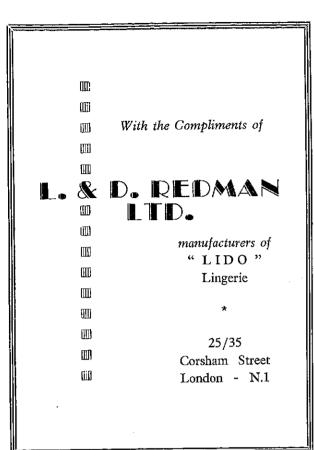
It is a great pleasure to be able to welcome so many friends to this, our annual Dinner and Ball, and I would particularly like to thank those of you who have attended on previous occasions and are with us once again tonight. It is only by your support that we are able to maintain the vital work we have undertaken to assist the funds of the Jewish Deaf Association.

The work of this Association covers many facets and as a result of its endeavours all those who are handicapped by deafness from birth find a measure of relief and happiness which would otherwise be denied them.

My grateful thanks are due to my very splendid committee for their unfailing co-operation and hard work. Amongst the many who have helped it is only right that I should mention Mr. J. J. Newman, the able Chairman and founder of the Julius J. Newman House, and Mrs. M. J. Hilton, our appeals Chairman, who devotes so much time and energy to the welfare of this Association.

To all of you ladies and gentlemen here this evening I extend my warmest thanks and trust that you will spend a most enjoyable time.

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# The Jewish Deaf Association Grows Up

To be cut off from the sound and music of the everyday world is a sad and frustrating experience. Not to know the thousand and one ways in which our lives are fashioned and shaped through our hearing is a tragic misfortune. For a people, whose love of music and the spoken word is unsurpassed by any, this was a challenge which could not go unheeded.

It was to meet this challenge that the Jewish Deaf Association was founded in 1948.

The original band of helpers worked unceasingly until they had secured a building to house a permanent Club and Hostel. They spared no effort until the building was finally purchased and all necessary repairs and renovations were completed. All this was done by 1956—no mean task in eight years.

The present scope of the Association's social, educational and religious activities has reached proportions undreamt of ten years ago. The Welfare Officer is at the service of each and everyone at all times to help with matters of employment and personal problems. The feeling that the members have that they are not forgotten by their more fortunate co-religionists and their integration into the fabric of Jewish life is of supreme importance.

At the end of the first decade, it is well to pause and take stock. What faces the Association in the future? Is it to continue its work on an ever-increasing scale, to develop its range of activities and to further its aims?

More and more supporters are needed, more and more funds are vital. You, who read this, can help. YOU can HEAR this plea.

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#### THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The scope of the past year's activities was wide and varied. The members have participated in a fashion which makes the more fortunate among us proud of their indefatigability and humble before their determination to overcome their disability.

#### RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

The religious aspect of the Club's activities has been one of its basic foundations. Members have participated in religious instruction with keenness and enthusiasm. Rosh Hashonah, Purim, Shevuoth and Chanukah were celebrated by the members and the Club's Seder night was a special event which gave immense pleasure to all who were there.



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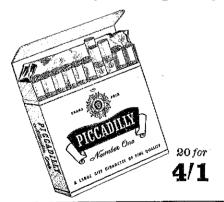
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To live a normal life is one of the aims of the Association for its members. Their activities whether they be religious, cultural, educational or social all help them to undertake tasks which alone they would not—nay, could not—perform.

Handicraft classes are held weekly and the range of subjects speak for themselves—basketwork, leathercraft, textile printing, caligraphy, drawing and needlework. Many of the prizes in tonight's Tombola were produced at these classes.

Photography continues to play an important part of the Club's activities and some of the members who indulge in this hobby have become very skilled and artistic. Many of the photographs in this brochure were taken by deaf members.

A bi-monthly news letter is produced by the younger members. Its title "The Handshake" is symbolic of the spirit which pervades its columns—and the very spirit of the club.

Among the Educational activities was a series of lectures which ranged from an account of the Sinai campaign to Sputnik 1.



Members attentively following, by means of an interpreter, a lecture on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the State of Israel.

#### SPORTS AND GAMES

The Association for Jewish Youth, to which the club is affiliated, affords ample opportunities for younger members to meet their more fortunate coreligionists in other Jewish youth clubs. Billiards, snooker, draughts, table-tennis and chess provide yet another contact with members of other deaf clubs and friendly combat is indulged in by members.

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Outings and visits for Jewish Deaf Old Pensioners continued during the year and there have been weekly social gatherings at which entertainment has been provided.



A happy group enjoying an Outing to the "Miniature Stonehenge" at Avebury, Wiltshire.

#### HOSPITALITY

The children of the Residential School for Jewish Deaf Children have a special place in the affections of our members and this year they gave these children a bumper Purim party. The Parent Society of this school in return provided a coach outing to Woburn Abbey for over 80 of our members.

#### THE HOSTEL

Attached to the Club is the Hostel where young deaf people have found permanent residence and an increasing number of deaf visitors from all over the world find accommodation there for their holidays. A holiday thus spent, taking part in the life of the Club and meeting others with similar problems, is an invigorating and stimulating experience to deaf visitors who spend so much of the year in utter isolation. It is a criterion of the value and prestige of our work that, in so short a time, knowledge of the club has spread so far that visitors have come from the U.S.A., Israel, Denmark, France, Belgium, Holland and South Africa as well as from Eire,

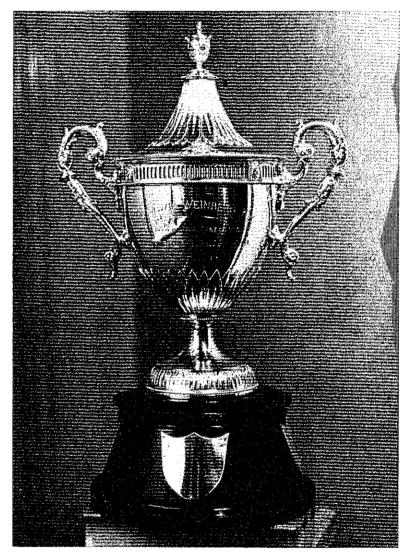
#### IN MEMORIAM

The Club has suffered the grievous loss of two of its most active workers. Our well-beloved President Mr. H. J. (Jimmy) Cohen passed away during the past year. His invaluable help on the Functions Committee is sadly missed. His mother Mrs. Esther Cohen presented to the Club a portrait of him which she specially commissioned for this purpose. It was unveiled by her on November 2, 1958, and the large attendance of Deaf members and many friends was evidence of the affection and high esteem in which he was held.



Portrait of Horace (Jimmy) Cohen.

As was announced in our last brochure, we have suffered the sad loss of Miss Sylvia Weinberg, an ardent and vital committee member. As a tribute to her memory, the firm of Armstrong-Warden Limited, of which she was Joint Managing Director, presented a Silver challenge cup to the Club to be presented to the member whose activities were most outstanding during the year.



The Sylvia Weinberg Cup.

Your interest is thus needed more than ever now. (Please do not turn a "deaf" ear).

A visit to the Club and Hostel is a rewarding experience and the Association extends a warm welcome to every reader.

# Jewish Deaf Association

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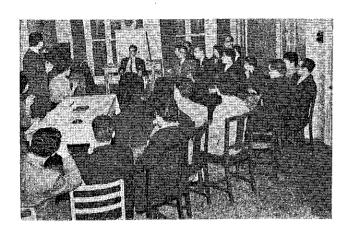
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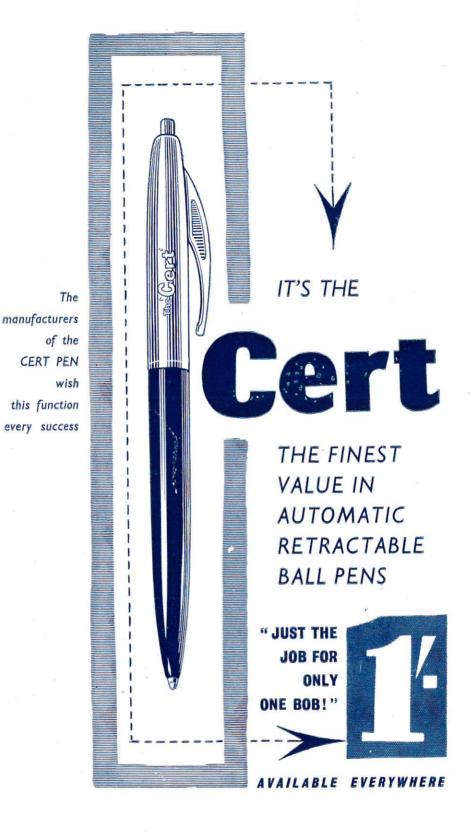
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