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**ANNUAL DINNER
AND BALL**

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SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 1958

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JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION



*The Key
to Friendship*

THE
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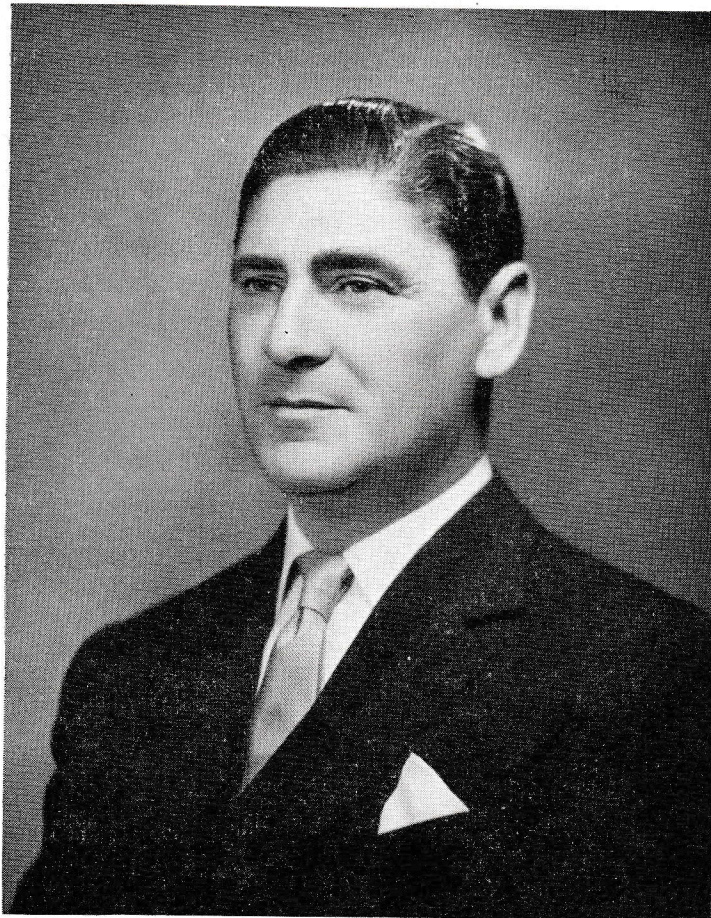
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Message from the President



As each year passes and one successful Function is followed by another, I find it increasingly difficult to express sufficiently the appreciation of myself and all concerned with the Jewish Deaf Association, for your loyal and generous support, which has so encouraged us in our work for this cause.

I feel quite sure, however, that all of you here tonight, and those other friends who for various reasons are unable to be present, will be happy in the knowledge of having personally contributed towards the social and educational activities of the Jewish Deaf members at our Club and Hostel.

It is my very great pleasure to extend to you all, our warmest welcome — our very grateful thanks, and the hope that we may look forward to seeing you on many future occasions.

H. J. Cohen

THE J.D.A. BALL
Dorchester Hotel, 12th January, 1958

Host & Hostess : Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Esdaile

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The Queen

Proposed by MRS. E. DE SOLA

The State of Israel

Proposed by MRS. M. J. HILTON

The Jewish Deaf Association

Proposed by MR. VICTOR MISHCON, D.L., L.C.C.

Response by MR. J. J. NEWMAN

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Dancing to

SIDNEY LIPTON and his BALLROOM ORCHESTRA

EDMUNDO ROS and his ORCHESTRA

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THE BIRTH and GROWTH of the JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION

It is perhaps because they appear to the casual observer to be quite normal, that the deaf from birth do not immediately touch a chord of sympathy in the casual observer. But to those who look deeper, the seemingly impregnable wall of silence which surrounds those who suffer from total deafness, is at once a heartrending experience and a challenge.

It was a small band of such people who came together some six years ago, who saw and understood and determined "This shall not be." They gave, and are still giving, unstintingly of their time and energy to lighten the load of the deaf of the Jewish faith of all ages who live in, or visit, London.

As a first step, meetings which were purely social were arranged fortnightly at the Hampstead Synagogue and then weekly at the Adler Hall. Soon it became clear that a permanent Club and Headquarters was needed. The search began.

In 1951, 90/92 Cazenove Road, N.16, became available and after structural alterations and redecoration, the Jewish Deaf Association Club and Hostel was founded and consecrated by the Chief Rabbi, the Very Rev. Israel Brodie.

1956 saw the completion of the purchase of the premises, with much needed repairs and alterations carried out: a monumental achievement in five short years.

The aim of the Association has always been to integrate into the Jewish and general community, deaf people of the Jewish Faith, who before the foundation of the J.D.A. were not catered for. The measure of its success is shown on the following pages and in the fact that some 200 members, from adolescents of 15 years old, to men and women in the evening of their lives, are encouraged to use their faculties, develop their personalities and to lead normal, fuller and happier lives. Most important of all, the feeling of isolation is dispelled through warm-hearted friendship and the knowledge that they "belong."

The J.D.A. CLUB and HOSTEL

The Scope of its activities and work

Over the past six years the activities at the Club and Hostel have continually widened until today they are many and varied.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

To enable Deaf members actively to participate in the Faith which is the very fabric of the Jewish way of life, is of primary importance. One of the major achievements of the Association has been to bring religious instruction to Club members. Lectures are given and Rosh Hashanah, Purim and Chanukah provide



*The Chanukah
celebrations
in the
Louis Lesser
Canteen*



*Fun and Games
at the
Purim Party !*

particular opportunities for the traditional celebrations. A Seder Service is held annually. Again, Deaf Members build their own Succah which is kept open throughout the Festival. Thus, religion is part of the very structure of the Club.

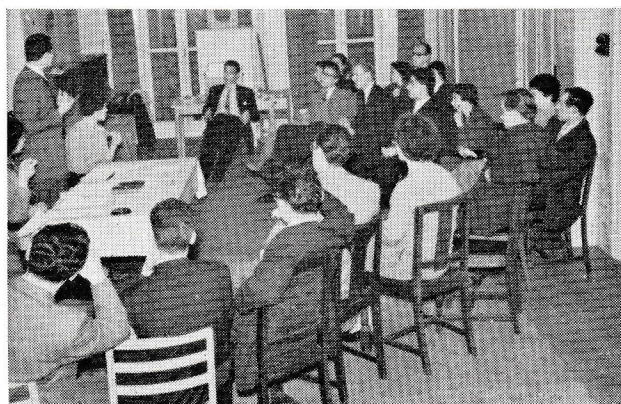
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MEMBERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES

It is one object of the Club to provide its members with a social life as near as possible the same as that enjoyed by those whose hearing is unimpaired. Among themselves, by adaptation, they can enjoy many activities which would appear to depend on speech and hearing. Thus, they watch lectures which are interpreted to them; they join their own dramatic group and express in mime what others more fortunate declaim in speech; they do in fact, debate and discuss by means of lip-reading and sign language.

The Annual Variety Competition, arranged by the A.J.Y. to which the Youth Group is affiliated, is a very popular event. The Youth Dramatic Group presented a series of playlets at the Cripple Gate Theatre last October. This was the first time they had performed in a public theatre—a real milestone in their development.

In the visual arts, deafness and impaired speech are no handicap. Photography provides a creative outlet for many Members and so skilful is much of their work, that visiting professionals who have come to the Club to instruct, have stayed to admire in astonishment the beauty and quality of the photographs produced. *The photographs reproduced in this section of the Brochure were all taken by deaf Club Members.*



A Member makes his point, while others of the Discussion Group ponder attentively



Members in the Assembly Hall on one of the Film Nights

Of all the entertainments planned for Members, the monthly film show is ever-popular. Foreign films, in particular, because of their sub-titling, are great successes.

The whole party in the garden of "Ecole Jauneh", Montreux, Switzerland



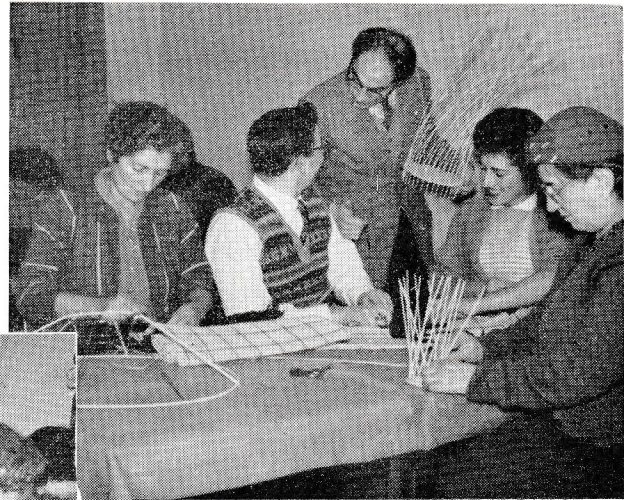
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HANDICRAFTS

A Handicrafts Instructor from the L.C.C. gives instruction once a week in basket-making, leather-craft, textile printing, calligraphy, drawing, needlework and in fact all the arts and crafts. Interest in this section of Club activities is keen and the work produced is of a high standard of proficiency. Some, indeed, will be found as prizes in tonight's Tombola.

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*The
Handicrafts Section
at Work*



SPORTS AND GAMES

Our Members meet deaf people of all persuasions for socials and in friendly rivalry in competitive games and every opportunity is given to members to compete and they do, in fact, participate with many Youth Clubs in sporting events.

A more unusual activity started only in 1956, is Judo. The Secretary of the Crijurai Judo Club gave instruction in this art of self defence to the men and boys.



One of the regular monthly meetings at the Club

Each year, the Jewish Deaf Association chess team plays other Clubs and for the past three years has won the cup awarded by the Federation of London Deaf Clubs. Billiards and snooker competitions are run throughout each year and for two years in succession the J.D.A. won all their matches against other similar Clubs.

In these activities, the Deaf are no more handicapped than the hearing, and the Club numbers among its members some very fine players.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The activities so far described are those largely indulged in by the more active members. Those older or less active are equally well catered for. Jewish Deaf Old Age Pensioners, housewives, and the temporarily unemployed meet socially one afternoon a week and frequent outings to places of interest are arranged for them.

HOSPITALITY

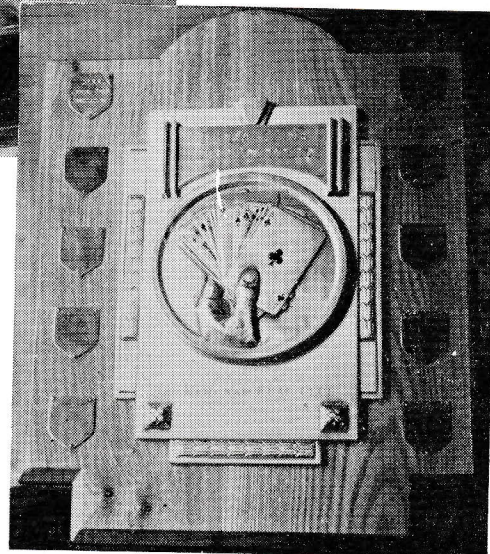
The Association has always been particularly happy to be able to give hospitality to the North London Club of the Jewish Blind Society. Arrangements have now been made for the Cultural and Social Club of the Jewish Blind Society to meet regularly at Julius J. Newman House, the headquarters of the Jewish Deaf Association.

An annual treat for the children from the Residential School for Jewish Deaf Children, who have a very special place in the affections of all Members is arranged. Last year, two coach loads of these children were taken to the Wembley Ice Show and both the kiddies and our members were equally enthralled. The Parent Society of this school every year give our Members a very special party.



Chess Challenge Cup

*Inter - Club Whist
Competition won in
1955*



WELFARE

Valuable as all these activities undoubtedly are to the spiritual and physical well-being of the members, a less spectacular but perhaps even more satisfying part of the Association's work lies in the help it gives in solving the day-to-day problems of the individual. The difficulties inherent in employment and rehabilitation are obvious. The Association deals daily with these and other problems and seeks to find the solution: accommodation for the elderly, advice on pensions, insurance, general health and convalescence are but a few. Visiting the sick at home and in hospital, giving, unobtrusively, relief where needed are but some of the many functions of the Associations Welfare Officer.

The House Committee meets monthly and gives unstintingly advice and co-operation on all matters apertaining to the Club and Hostel. Equally, members of this Committee give valuable advice and often material assistance to young married couples who have just started a home. In this way, the Association tackles what is perhaps the greatest need of the deaf, to feel wanted and cared-for, and gives to them the sense of security which is their basic desire.

THE HOSTEL

Attached to the Club is the Hostel where young deaf people have found permanent residence, and an increasing number of deaf, not only from all over the British Isles but also from abroad, find accommodation there for their holidays. It is worthy of note that one such resident is a Jewish refugee from Hungary.

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 rest 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 it should have spread so far that visitors have come from the U.S.A., Israel, Holland and South Africa, as well as from our neighbour, Eire.

AN INVITATION

Visitors to the Club and Hostel are at all times welcomed, and even a short time spent at Julius J. Newman House is sufficient to demonstrate the effectiveness of the work of the Association and the happiness of its members despite their handicap. A visit is a rewarding experience and the Association extends this invitation to every reader.

WITH COMPLIMENTS



AND BEST WISHES