

JEWISH DEAF SOCIAL CLUB

Honorary Secretary's Report for the year ended 30th June 1944

In January this year, Mr. E. Gold, who was elected Hon. Secretary of the Jewish Deaf Social Club at the last Annual General Meeting, found it necessary to resign, and I have since had the privilege of serving in his stead. I should like to take this opportunity of expressing thanks to my colleagues on the Committee, and to the members of the club for their co-operation.

This is my first Annual Report, and I am glad to be able to inform you that the club at Buxton Street continues to function successfully. During the year, as you know, we were able to open another branch of the club, in rooms kindly provided by the New Synagogue, Egerton Road, N.16, where we meet every Wednesday evening. Despite the difficult conditions arising out of the war, this section also is carrying on well, and I hope the J.D.S.C. will go from strength to strength in the future.

The membership and members have now grown to about 70, and I look forward to an increase during the following year. It is disappointing to report that some of the members are in arrear with their subscriptions, and it is hoped that they will remedy this at the earliest possible moment.

A very successful dance in aid of the club was arranged at the Brady Girls' Club in March 1944. There was a large attendance, and this function was undoubtedly a success, both socially as well as financially. I have to report with regret, that our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stryker, who was responsible for the organisation of this dance, was recently taken ill, and is at present in the country recuperating. I know you will all wish to convey to him our sincere hope for his speedy recovery. The rambles which took place during the season were well attended and undoubtedly thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the thanks of the Committee are due to Miss D. Berman and Mr. A. Goldberg, who arranged them.

The good wishes of all in the club are conveyed to the following five couples, all of them members, who were married during the year:

Mr. and Mrs. D. Olsen
Mr. and Mrs. L. Katz
Mr. and Mrs. I. Marcovitch
Mr. and Mrs. S. Nabarro
Mr. and Mrs. R. Denton

It is with very deep regret that we have to report the death of Mr. J. Goldstein, and our sincere sympathy has been conveyed to Mrs. and Miss Goldstein.

There have been two very enjoyable friendly table tennis matches arranged with the National Deaf Club, one of which, at Stamford Hill last June, we lost by three games to two, and the other at Golders Green, which we won by seven games to five.

The Club collected £3 as a Purim gift for the Jewish Deaf children, who thoroughly enjoyed the show provided by a conjuror.

In conclusion, sincere thanks are expressed to our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stryker, for all he has done in maintaining the club at its present strength, and also to Mr. Litenstone, our Hon. Treasurer, who at every Committee meeting presented a clear account of the Club's finances. I am sure you will wish me to thank also the Committees of the club at Buxton Street, as well as at Stamford Hill for their excellent work, and to Miss Schlesinger for her unfailing help and guidance during the year. The Association for Jewish Youth, to which body we affiliated during the year, has also been extremely helpful to us.

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Finally, I regret to have to report that owing to pressure of personal affairs, it is not possible for me to stand for re-election as Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year. I hope that peace will soon be with us, and I send my personal good wishes to all the members in the Jewish Deaf Social Club.

S. SCHAMROTH,

Hon. Secretary.