

Incorporation of New Synagogues in United Hebrew Congregation

Increase of Membership Fees

TWO by-laws providing for the incorporation of new synagogues and another empowering the Council to levy a surcharge of 5 per cent. per annum on membership fees for the building of new synagogues and extending existing ones, were unanimously adopted at a special general meeting of the United Hebrew Congregation held at the conclusion of the annual meeting at the Hebrew High School last Sunday morning.

Tribute to Ladies

In proposing the adoption of the annual report (extracts from which were published in the last issue of the "Zionist Record"), Mr. Sive referred to the many developments that had taken place during the year. He paid tribute to the excellent services rendered by the newly-formed Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild and mentioned the appointment of a lady Shamas.

The adoption of the report and balance sheet was seconded by Mr. I. A. Maisels, in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. M. Leibowitz. He mentioned that although the revenue for the year under review had been the highest in the history of the congregation, mainly due to the 25 per cent. increase in membership fees, the congregation had just about managed to pay its way.

He referred to an amount of £500 received by the congregation under the will of the late Mr. I. H. Lewsen, a former president of the congregation, and also to the repayment of the sum of £1,000 by the Union Government, of the free interest loan it had received from the congregation during the war. The finances of the Yeoville and Oxford Synagogues, he said, would be considerably improved if the seating accommodation were increased.

The subsidies and grants to various

educational and other institutions were unanimously adopted. These included a sum of £500 to the University of the Witwatersrand to cover the cost of a full-time lectureship in Hebrew, as well as a sum of £300 to the Federation of Synagogues of the Transvaal.

During the discussion Mr. Guttenberg suggested that each constituent synagogue should hold a meeting at least once a year in order to submit its requirements to the Council.

Mr. A. L. Meyer suggested that interchange of pulpits should take place more often. He also appealed to the Council to increase the congregation's subsidy to the United Hebrew Schools.

Synagogue Elections

Mr. Hurwitz deplored the manner in which some of the candidates had taken part in the Synagogue elections and expressed the hope that the Council would consider ways and means of improving the procedure to avoid improper interference by candidates.

Mr. H. X. Rajak expressed the hope that the appointment of another minister at the Great Synagogue, as suggested by the Chief Rabbi in his report, would receive the serious consideration of the Council.

Warm tribute was paid to Mr. S. L. Sive for the manner in which he had carried out his duties as president. Appreciation was also expressed of the services rendered to the congregation by the Chief Rabbi and the other ministers, as well as by the officials.

New Office-bearers

The following are the new office-bearers:—

President, Mr. H. Herber; vice-president, Adv. I. A. Maisels; treasurer, Mr. S. L. Sive; senior warden (Great Synagogue), Dr. P. Yutar; junior warden, Mr. B. Patley; senior warden (Yeoville Synagogue), Mr. R. Michelson; junior warden, Mr. M. Malkin; senior warden (Oxford Synagogue), Mr. M. Joffe; junior warden, Mr. S. Kessel; Internal Management Committee (Great Synagogue), Mr. M. Leibowitz, Dr. J. Schwartz and Mrs. Theodore Cohen; Yeoville Synagogue, Messrs. I. C. Shapiro and I. W. Osrin.

COMMUNAL BUILDING FOR JOHANNESBURG

Meeting Next Sunday

ON Sunday, June 23, representatives of the leading Jewish organisations of Johannesburg will meet at the Jewish Guild, at 9 a.m., in order to discuss their building plans.

There is a great need for a new and adequate community building or buildings, and a number of organisations have already acquired stands and drawn up provisional plans. There is thus a danger of duplication and overlapping, which it is hoped to avoid by consultation and collaboration between the bodies in question.

The meeting has been called by the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies. Mr. I. Maisels, Vice-Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Communal Relations Committee, will preside.

Revival of Jewish Guild Cultural Section

The Cultural Section of the Jewish Guild, Johannesburg, whose activities had been curtailed during the war, is now being revived.

An ambitious programme has been planned, embracing a variety of subjects which should appeal to a wide audience. This will include films, debates, musical evenings and lectures of topical interest.

Two musical evenings were recently held, and were well attended. Further particulars can be obtained from the Jewish Guild.

DEPUTIES' LECTURE SCHEME

A number of meetings have lately been arranged by the lecture scheme of the Board of Deputies.

On June 6, Mr. M. Natas gave a most interesting lecture on Sholem Aleichem, to the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Johannesburg. On June 11, Dr. H. Abt addressed the H.O.D. "Nahum Sokolow Lodge," at Vereeniging on "The First Jews in South Africa." On the same day, Mr. M. Natas spoke to the H.O.D. "Joseph Distiller Lodge," Johannesburg, on "Some Little Known Jewish Communities in North Africa." On June 16, Mr. M. Szur spoke to the Rakishker Benefit Society on Sholem Aleichem.

The Board's call to the Jewish community to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Sholem Aleichem's death, has met with a very gratifying response. There has been a great demand for the material which the Board prepared about the life and works of the great Yiddish author, and a number of lectures have been given by members of the Board's panel of speakers.

Alf James Addresses Youth of Reform Congregation

Alf James, South African Lightweight Boxing Champion, was the guest-speaker at the Senior Discussion Class of the Youth Congregation last week. Over 80 boys and girls were present.

General Mining and Finance Corporation

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It remains my pleasant duty to record our sincere appreciation of the efficient services rendered by the management and administrative staffs of the corporation both here and in London; by the technical staff under Mr. C. S. McLean, our consulting engineer; by Mr. R. Craib, consulting mechanical and electrical engineer, and Mr. F. A. G. Maxwell, our consulting metallurgist, and by the managers, staff and workmen on the mines under our control.

A report of the proceedings at this meeting will not be circulated to shareholders. Copies may be obtained on application to the head office in Johannesburg and to the London office.

Mr. W. H. A. Lawrence seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The retiring directors, Messrs. C. S. McLean and T. Shearer, were re-elected, and the appointment to the board of Major N. F. H. Railing to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. F. W. Chambers was confirmed.

NATIONAL BROADCAST BY PROFESSOR SALO BARON

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