

JEWISH CULTURAL CENTRE FOR JERUSALEM

Generous Gift from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie

THE S.A. Zionist Federation has received a cheque for £20,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie, leading South African Zionists and pioneers of the Zionist Movement in this country. This munificent contribution has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Lourie towards the establishment of a Jewish Cultural Centre in Jerusalem.



MR. LOURIE.

The total cost of erecting the various buildings is estimated at about £60,000, and it is the fervent hope of Mr. and Mrs. Lourie that other public spirited Zionists will come forward and contribute towards this most worthy object and thus assist in the materialisation of a plan that will be an asset and pride to our people in Palestine.

Cultural Interests

This latest splendid gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie is but one more token of their life-long devotion to our national cause.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lourie have always taken the keenest interest in the Zionist Movement, in Hebrew cultural activities in particular and in all Jewish affairs in general. Mr. Lourie was, for many years, a member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation. He was the first president of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, established in 1928, and is at present the chairman of the Keren Hatarbut campaign. In 1924, in Carlsbad, and in 1934, in Geneva, he was the accredited representative of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies to the Comité des Delegations Juives (Committee of Jewish Delegations). On a number of occasions he was one of the delegates to Zionist Congresses.

Mrs. R. Lourie was the first president of the Johannesburg Ladies' Zionist Association in 1924, and has always interested herself in Hebrew cultural and Zionist work.

Distinguished Family

Their three sons — Mr. Arthur Lourie, Political Secretary to the American Zionist Emergency Council; Dr. Emmanuel Lourie, head of the Chemotherapy Department of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and Mr. Norman Lourie, founder of the S.A. Habonim Movement and Balfour Park Sports Club—have always identified themselves with Jewish national and cultural activities.

A suitable site for the erection of such a centre has already been acquired by the Jewish National Fund. The site is centrally situated and the plans provide for the building of a Beth Haam (Cultural Hall), a Beth Maccabi and a Conservatoire of Music and, in addition, various cultural offices.

The establishment of this Cultural Centre will meet a long-felt want and will prove of the utmost importance to the cultural life of Jerusalem and to the Yishuv as a whole.

DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ ADDRESSES JWA WORKERS

DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering of JWA helpers and workers at the Langham Hotel on Thursday night of last week.

They were deeply moved as Dr. Schwartz portrayed in most vivid and eloquent terms the tragedy that had befallen European Jewry.

At the end of the address Dr. Schwartz answered a number of important questions.

Rabbi I. Kossowsky, speaking in Yiddish, paid glowing tribute to the splendid work of the JDC.

Mr. B. A. Ettlinger and Mr. Harry Landau, from the chair, urged the need for a wider distribution of the work that the JWA will have to tackle in the near future.

Mr. Louis Marks proposed the vote of thanks.

Jewish Aged Home

At the monthly meeting of the general committee of the Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home it was reported that there were 184 inmates in the institution, 106 men and 78 women.

SYDENHAM-HIGHLANDS NORTH HEBREW CONGREGATION EXTENDS VOTE TO WOMEN

At the annual general meeting of the Sydenham-Highlands North Hebrew Congregation, held last Thursday night, the Constitution was amended so as to enable women to become members and to exercise their vote in the affairs of the congregation. They will, however, not be eligible for election as office-bearers on the committee.

The report submitted by the chairman, Mr. S. Weinberg, revealed that gratifying progress had been made in all spheres of the congregation's activities. Although no canvass had been undertaken during the year, the membership had been increased by about 30 and now totalled over 200.

The Sabbath services were fairly well attended and the Ein Yaacov Society and the Chevra Chumosh had met regularly on Saturday afternoons. Due to the marked increase in the number of pupils attending the Cheder—now totalling 75—an additional teacher, Mrs. Lurie, was appointed. Good progress was also maintained in the Nursery School under the tuition of the joint principals, Miss Bloch and Mrs. Infeld, as well as under Mrs. May, who was appointed in Miss Bloch's place when she resigned at the end of the year.

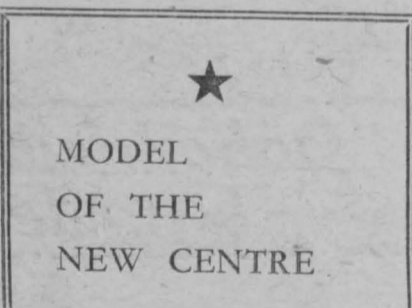
Mr. Weinberg paid warm tribute to the valuable services rendered to the congregation by the Rev. O. Altshuler in the various capacities of Cantor, principal of the Hebrew School and as minister of the congregation, and to the keen interest displayed in the affairs of the congregation by its first president, Mr. I. Katz. He also praised the work of the Educational Sub-committee the Entertainment and Fund-Raising Committee, the Finance Sub-Committee, the Ladies' Sub-Committee and to their respective chairmen, Mrs. I. Teeger, Mr. W. Bermeister, Mr. Sam Kuper and Mrs. S. Schatz. He specially thanked the hon. treasurer (Mr. P. Friedlander), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. M. Fisher), and the hon. auditor (Mr. L. E. Kaplan).

The financial statement was submitted by Mr. P. Friedlander.

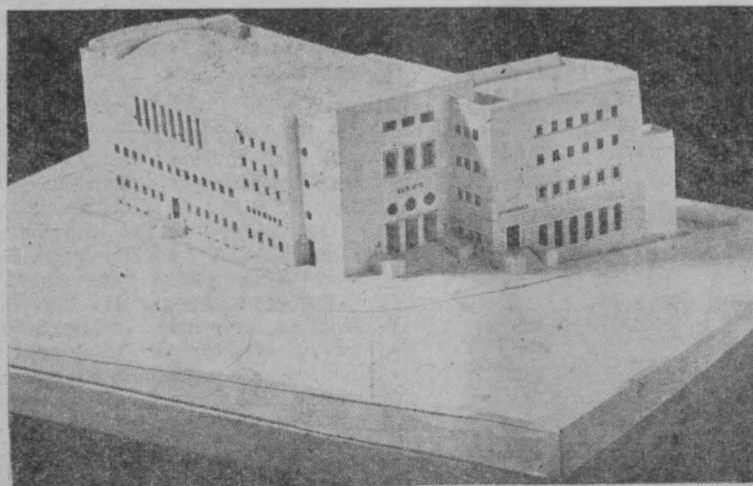
Office-bearers

The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. I. Katz; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Schatz; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. I. Bortz; hon. secretary, Mr. Israel Katz; trustees, Messrs. S. Weinberg, D. Symons and A. Fluxman; committee, Messrs. N. Bass, W. Bermeister, Morris Cohen, Isaac Cohen, E. Greenblatt, I. Levin, I. Mendelow, L. Schiff, L. Spira and A. Slavin.

The chairman will be elected by the committee.



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