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Mr and Mrs wish all their Relatives and Friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr..... extends the Greetings of the Season to all Friends, and wishes them all a Happy New Year.

M..... wish(es) all Relatives, Friends and Fellow-Zionists a K'sivo Vach'simo Tovo.

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Berea Hebrew Congregation.

A SIYUM HATORAH.

On Sunday afternoon, the congregation celebrated a *Siyum Hatorah* in connection with the presentation of Scrolls of the Law by Mrs. Ch. Seligsohn and the late Mr. Ch. Seligsohn.

The Rev. S. Steinberg, assisted by his choir and with organ accompaniment, conducted a beautiful service in honour of the occasion.

The Warden's Box was occupied by Mr. J. Feitelberg, the president, Mr. I. J. Hersch, the vice-president, and Mr. S. Kessel, the hon. treasurer. A number of representative members of the community were present.

The proceedings began with the *chazan*, choir and organ giving an original rendering of the *Hatikvah*, after which Mr. J. Feitelberg, the president, speaking from the Warden's Box, welcomed those present. He said that day was an historical event in the congregation, being the first *Siyum Hatorah* held in the synagogue. He hoped they would make it a day of rejoicing in honour of the Torah. Mrs. Seligsohn has placed a great memorial in the synagogue in memory of her husband, and grateful appreciation was due to her.

Mr. Feitelberg referred to their late first president, Mr. L. H. Behrmann, who had started the congregation practically without any funds. Their success was also due to a great extent to Mr. Saharin, the ex-president, but the principal success of the congregation was due to the peaceful and harmonious atmosphere reigning in the congregation.

The afternoon service was then recited, in the course of which Mr. I. Mirvish rendered a solo in "Ashrei."

Mr. Klaff opened the Ark and Mr. Saharin took out the *Sepher Torah* for the Rev. Steinberg to recite the prayer for the Royal Family.

Rabbi S. Rosenzweig then gave a learned address in Yiddish.

The Rev. Steinberg, assisted by the choir and the organ, sang *Hutchigo*, the words composed by Mr. M. D. Hersch and the music by Rev. Steinberg.

Then Mr. Seligsohn, junior, took the *Sepher Torah* from the Ark, which was opened by Mr. A. M. Abrahams, and carried it to the reader's desk, where the scribe wrote the last letters in accordance with the usual custom, various members of the congregation being "called up" to the writing of each letter. In return for the honour thus given them, they made offerings of various sums for the congregation.

The sacred writing being concluded, all present sat down to refreshments at tables placed along the centre aisle of the synagogue.

Mr. A. M. Abrahams said that that afternoon he represented the Zionist Federation and the Jewish Board of Deputies. He had much pleasure in responding on behalf of the visitors to the cordial welcome extended by the president. The congregation had a great deal to congratulate itself upon in its record of service during its short history.

Referring to the ceremony that afternoon, Mr. Abrahams said that the Jewish people and their Torah were one, and it was due to the Torah that they existed to-day. Although in the past Scrolls of the Law were burned and destroyed, their enemies could not destroy the Jewish spirit nor the teaching of the Torah. And that should be an inspiring example to the younger members to treasure that Law. No matter what troubles they would encounter, they must hold fast to the Torah as a sheet anchor in their lives. He wished the congregation to go from strength to strength, and be as a light to the children coming after them in the management of Jewish institutions.

Mr. S. Saharin also responded as ex-president of the congregation.

Mr. I. J. Hersch said he was proud of the congregation, especially of the excellent manner in which it was carrying out general communal work and helping in the general progress of the community. As an instance thereof, he pointed out that it was their delegates who were responsible for the opening of new negotiations with the United Hebrew Congregation in order to prevent the latter breaking away from the Federation.

Mr. Z. Sostakovsky also spoke.

JEWISH GUILD.

The 1930 Musical Revellers gave a performance on Wednesday to a large audience. Two further performances will be given by this talented troupe of amateurs—namely, on Sunday, the 27th inst., and on Saturday, Sept. 6th., in aid of Hospital Week. Tickets for the last show are obtainable at the Guild offices, and are 2s. 6d. each.

A general meeting of the Musical Art Section, to be followed by a social, will be held on Monday, 25th August, at 8.15 p.m.

The Physical Culture Section of the Jewish Guild will hold a social on Thursday, 28th August, at 8.15 p.m. All members of the section are requested to turn up in full force.