

MRS DORA MARGULIES

The passing of Mrs Margulies has made us all very sad. Although she was retiring, we knew that she would have visited the Club often. We all have our own memories and want to share them with others through this newsletter. As we cannot print all of them, we have selected two tributes. These speak for all the others.

Mr Chaim Apter, the Secretary General of the World Organisation of Jewish Deaf in Israel writes.

We share your grief and that of the family on the passing of your dear distinguished Mrs Dora Margulies, the former General Secretary of the JDA. We admire and respect her work on behalf of the Jewish deaf and the Jewish Deaf Association. Her good works will not be forgotten.

Please convey our condolences to members of the Council and the Association. We would also appreciate it if you could publish our condolences in your distinguished bulletin.

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Mr Emil Stryker who knew Dora for so many years writes

In the ancient story of the Bible it is said that there was no one like Moses who took the tribes of Israel from the wilderness to a safe sanctuary. In modern times it can be said that there was no one like Dora Margulies, a born leader who inspired young and old of the JDA with her devotion and care of the Jewish deaf.

Never has there been anywhere at home and abroad such an ideal combination of husband and wife teaming up to the prospects and fortunes of the JDA as the late Mr and Mrs Margulies. When the late Mr Margulies resigned as organising secretary it was assumed that his wife Dora would give up her duties in order to look after her ailing husband. On the contrary, Dora, already nearing retiring age, took over the full responsibilities as Warden and Secretary of the JDA, a post which earned high respect and deep affection by all those who came in contact with her.

Dora Margulies was instrumental in bridging a gap between the deaf and hearing, gaining many new friends and vital supporters for the JDA. Having known the Margulies's since the foundation of the JDA, it was in many ways evident how the Jewish deaf benefit from such people who spared no efforts to give their best, so lessening the burden of isolation.

Dora was a wonderful Yiddishe moma, preparing so nicely, with the help of other ladies the Passover meal, which was always a popular custom that attracted a packed hall. Dora made sure that many of the younger generation would be present, to impress upon them and all of us the traditional Jewish customs.

Many will share pleasant and happy memories when the JDA took a group to visit the State of Israel. There we got to know the outstanding guidance and high wisdom of Dora's leadership. Wherever we went, on the Galilee or Lake Tiberias, the Negev, Jerusalem, Haifa or to a Kibbutz she spared no effort to make sure that we have every comfort. She interpreted from Hebrew to English and made clear to us the history of the places we visited. On such a day tour, when we returned to our hotel in Nathanya, Dora was worn out from the sweltering heat but she refused to go to bed to have a rest. Instead she waited patiently outside for our people to return to the hotel. One of them was in need of medical help, only after this was done she went to have a sleep - so much devotion and care towards others.

When the group returned to London from this glorious holiday, no praise and admiration was high enough for the outstanding success of this memorable trip. Dora was content in the knowledge that those who took part had indeed enjoyed it.

On many occasions Dora organised interesting events, whether they be lectures, services for the Holy Days, Purim or Chanukah parties. An outstanding feature was the 30th Anniversary Dinner which was enjoyed by all present.

We knew that our dear Dora was looking forward to her retirement having been at the Club for 32 years. The last Chanukah party was a great disappointment to all of us, due to her illness she had to be admitted to hospital and had to miss the party.

Dora passed away with tragic suddenness. We have lost a wonderful friend.

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs Rena Prozzer and her family and wish them "Long Life".

Emil Stryker

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MESSAGE FROM RENA

I would like to thank all the members who came to the funeral and who visited me and sent such lovely letters. They have all been a great comfort to me, and I hope to remain a friend of all the deaf, and to see you soon.

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

MRS DORA MARGULIES

will be held on

SUNDAY, 20th MARCH 1983

at 4.30p,

Address by Rev. Dr. I. Levy,

Interpreter: Mr. E. Denton