

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE JEWISH DEAF

ASSOCIATION, HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1970 AT 90

CAZENOVE ROAD, N.16.

PRESENT: Mrs. G. M. Gee (In the Chair)

Messrs. Cohen, Katz, A.M. Myers, D. Myers, Newman, Schlisselman, Messdames Blumenthal, Ross, Myers, Miss R. Spain, together with Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Zwiebel.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed.
2. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (i) Dry Rot and Rising Damp: Mrs. Margulies referred to the dry rot in the Pentagon Room. This had now been dealt with. The Insurance company will pay 75% of the total cost of £72.10.0. There is a 20 year guarantee. The rising damp in the kitchen had been found to be caused by salts in the ground, and did not need any attention.
 - (ii) Central Heating: Mr. Kut, who had dealt with various defects of the central heating system previously, advised that the pump should be changed for a larger one to ensure better circulation of the hot water. Meanwhile a gas bill covering the last quarter for £291. 7s. 4d. had been received. Mrs. Gee, after expressing the dissatisfaction of all present at the high gas bills, said that it was useless to approach White Bays and White again. Mr. Newman suggested that we contact Mr. Kut and ask his advice. Mrs. Myers wondered whether it would be beneficial to instal thermostats in the rooms.
 - (iii) Jewish Welfare Board: The J.W.B. will start their day centre on 5th May, at first with about 5 or 6 people, every Tuesday from 9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
 - (iv) Outside of the Building: This work had been completed. The stairs would have to be re-done, due to frosty conditions following the previous repair work which had caused the cement to crack. Mrs. Margulies would contact the builders to remove the rubbish still left outside.
 - (v) Ventilators: Loweth suggested installing a Vent Axia at a cost of £68. Mr. Newman suggested that the G.P.C. pay this sum out of the £133 which was to be transferred to them from the Esther Cohen Fund. Mrs. Myers felt that payment was not the responsibility of the G.P.C. She would be getting in touch with another firm of builders to discuss the best method of ventilation. She thought perhaps a few fans on the ceiling of the hall would help.
 - (vi) Aid Committee for Deaf or Handicapped Children: We had received a reply to our letter, stating that they were concerned with handicapped as well as deaf children now. However, they would contact us again if they planned a large function, and discuss a joint fund raising effort.
 - (vii) Opening of Front Door on Club evenings: A light had been fixed downstairs, and the door was closed at 9.00 p.m.
 - (viii) The late Miss Mary Alexander: Mr. Newman had spoken to a great friend of the late Miss Alexander, who had expressed the disappointment of her relatives and friends, none of whom had been able to attend the re-opening function. He suggested having a small function on a Sunday afternoon with the Council, the Mayor of Hackney and the local Minister present. The Minister would say a prayer and name the canteen. Mrs. Blumenthal suggested inviting the deaf members and this was agreed. The 14th June was suggested for this tea, at about 4.30 p.m. It was agreed to approach the relatives and friends of Miss Alexander as to the date.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE: (i) A letter had been received from the insurance company following the theft of the colour television, and the subsequent visit of their representative, giving a list of locks etc. which they now required. This work had been carried out at a cost of £62. 1. 0. The insurance company had been informed that the work had been executed.

(ii) A letter had been received from the bank regarding the legacy of Kathleen S. Paget enclosing a cheque for £400.0.0.

(iii) We had been informed that a Mrs. Rachel Musaphia had left us a legacy of £50.

(iv) The United Synagogue, which was celebrating its centenary in the presence of Her Majesty, the Queen, and Prince Phillip, at the Dorchester Hotel on Monday, 22nd June, had invited us to send the President or Chairman to this function. Mr. Newman, as our President, would be representing the J.D.A. with Mrs. Newman.

(v) Mr. Emil Stryker, a member of the J.D.A. who is organising secretary of the J.D.A. branch of the B.D.D.A. had written to say that the B.D.D.A. would be holding a congress in Bournemouth from 19th June-26th June, 1971 and he suggested a group of members should spend the week in a Jewish hotel and attend the congress. This was acclaimed as a very good idea, and Mr. Newman suggested that the group might be helped financially.

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(vii) Mrs. Gee had received a letter from Mrs. Jakobovits following the re-opening function, expressing her admiration at what she had seen, and offering her help and that of the Chief Rabbi whenever required.

4. REPORTS:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gee said that most matters, such as the re-opening had already been discussed. She said that the function had been an outstanding success and she expressed the thanks of all present to the House Committee who had organised the function and to Mrs. Margulies for all the work and organising she had done. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. Margulies. Mr. Newman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Gee for all the work they had done to make the function such a success, and also for bringing so many important people to the Club. Mrs. Gee suggested that Mrs. Simmonds, as Secretary of the House Committee, be co-opted to the Council. This was agreed and a letter would be written to her. Referring to the Brains Trust, Mrs. Ross said how all the members had enjoyed the evening. Mrs. Gee said the Committee would bear in mind some criticism it had received. Mrs. Gee was thanked for her report.

G.P.C.: Mrs. Myers reported that the activities recently had been varied and interesting. The Purim Party had been an outstanding success, and thanks were due to Isadore Schlisselman and Lionel Katz for organising the games. At the Grand Bingo there had been 150 people. A few weeks previously David Myers and another member had wanted to do a job at the Club on a Sunday afternoon but had been unable to gain entrance. She felt that members should have access to the building even when the Club was closed. With regard to the opening of the front door, she pointed

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out that on a weekday when members were in the Billiards Room, they were unaware if someone was at the front door. However, if the door was left open an intruder could easily enter as had previously been the case. Mr. Newman said that if the members felt so strongly about this, there should be a rota on the door. However, Mrs. Myers felt that this would be impractical. It was agreed to ask the electrician whether a light could be fixed in the Billiards Room, which would light up when the front door bell rang. Mr. David Myers suggested that the members could themselves instal this, and he would go into it. Mrs. Myers asked whether the Club could open half an hour after Shabbat during the winter months, so that the J.D.A. could compete with other Clubs in the games. It was pointed out that permission for this had already been granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. A. M. Myers said that there was about £15,000 to invest. At the suggestion of Mr. G. M. Gee he had been in touch with Joseph Sebag, a firm of brokers, who had given various suggestions. Mr. Myers would be preparing the Annual Accounts shortly.

5. A.G.M., ANNUAL REPORT - CHANGE OF DATES: Mrs. Margulies felt that the Annual Report should go out earlier in the year and not as at present together with the New Year Appeal. This suggestion was accepted and it was decided to hold this year's A.G.M. some time in October, sending Report, Invitation and Appeal out together. As from next year, the A.G.M. to be held sometime in February or March with the Report ready by then, and a special glossy Brochure to go out with the New Year Appeal.
6. FUTURE OF SUB-COMMITTEES: Mrs. Gee felt that she would like to have somebody to take over from her as Chairman of the Functions and House Committees, so that she could devote more time to the Chairmanship of the J.D.A.
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: (i) Mrs. Margulies reported that Mr. ^MMurray would like to join a Committee to help the J.D.A. It was unanimously agreed to appoint him to the Council, and a letter would be written to him accordingly.
 (ii) Publicity: Two advertisements had already appeared in the Jewish Chronicle. There would be one going in the Pesach edition of the Hendon Quarterly, which would cost £7.7.0d. It was decided to enquire which other synagogues had their own publications, and to put advertisements in them.
 (iii) Seder Service: It had been agreed by the House Committee to hold this on Thursday of Chol Hamoed. So far there had been 81 affirmative replies.
 (iv) The A.J.Y. to whom we were affiliated, had written asking for a donation towards their Annual Old People's Outing to be held in May. It was agreed to donate £5.5.0.
 (v) Mr. Cohen pointed out that the shutters over the counter in the canteen were very dangerous. It was decided to have them removed and some alternative shutters installed at a later date.

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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E. Gee
20 July 70

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION HELD ON
TUESDAY 17th JUNE 1969 AT 90, CAZENOVE ROAD
LONDON N.16.

PRESENT; Mrs. Evelyn Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs. J.J. Newman, George M. Gee, A & D Myers, Goldberg,
Denton (acting as Interpreter) Gold, Binysh.

Mesdames: Goldberg, Sinclair, Myers, Ross, together with
Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Cramer and 31 members of the J.D.A.

Mr. Barnett represented the Jewish Chronicle

Before opening the meeting officially, the Chairman welcomed everyone and said how pleased she was to see such a large gathering. She expressed regret that Mr. Halpern had unexpectedly been called away to America. This was the reason for her taking the Chair at this meeting.

1. MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were signed by Mrs. Gee, after the name of the person who gave the G.P.C. Report was entered as being Martin Binysh.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Gee said that in view of the fact that this was the second time Mr. Halpern had offered his resignation, the Council had no choice but to accept it. She herself was taking over as Chairman of the Council temporarily. She was already Chairman of the House and Functions Committees and felt that another person should help her as Chairman of the Council.

Mrs. Gee then reported that we had had a busy and active year settling back into our Club. Although we were still having trouble with the heating, we were doing our best to put the matter right. We were also arranging to have the outside of the building redecorated.

The top floor of the building consisted of some six rooms which had been turned into bedrooms for letting purposes to students, preferably Jewish, and this had been very successful. At present four bedrooms were occupied.

She expressed her pleasure at the activities held during the year and thanked the G.P.C. and House Committee for their work in this direction. The activities included: Red Cross Lectures, Talks on Insurance, Business Consultancy and a most successful Brains Trust which she felt should be repeated.

The Parties given by the J.D.A. had been very successful throughout the year and she thanked the members for the wonderful evening they had given her and her husband to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary. She also offered congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. J. Ross on their Silver Wedding which they had celebrated by giving a party to all members of the J.D.A.

Mrs. Gee also mentioned the successful Chanukah and Purim parties and a very well attended Sedar Night. She congratulated Mrs. Margulies on her excellent meal and thanked Mr. Margulies who conducted the Service at which over 100 people were present.

The Functions Committee had had a successful New Year's Eve Dinner and Ball last year, and this year again they had an interesting programme arranged. She hoped that with the help of the Council and the members of the J.D.A. they would get the Association thriving, busy and active.

This concluded her report.

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3. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer presented the accounts which showed that the financial position was healthy.

The Association was fortunate during the year to have had a large legacy from the Estate of the late Miss Mary Alexander. In addition to this, the income of the Association had increased by contributions from two Fund Raising Committees i.e. The Pentagon and Compton Committees.

Mr. Myers informed the meeting that the Functions Committee had raised £1,900. Nevertheless the excess of expenditure over income, before bringing into account the aforementioned was £1,400. He felt that the Association should initiate a subscription and donations drive and also encourage people to sign covenants.

The present expenditure side reflected the full running cost of the Association for a full year.

On turning to the Balance Sheet, the Treasurer told the meeting that the legacy had been placed on temporary deposit with the local authorities. We had been slow in investing this money and as it turned out, with the stock market falling, we were fortunate we had been so slow, as we were now relatively liquid to take advantage of the market rising. Mr. Myers said that the market value of the invested funds had fallen to £4,900 against a cost of £6,000. He felt that the position of the Association left no room for complacency. We could not afford to just sit back and expect people to support the Association without showing that the Club was being fully used, and there was a lot of effort behind every single figure on the accounts.

These figures reflected much hard work by many people. He apologised for the accounts not being circularised but told the meeting that he was prepared to answer any questions.

Mr. Newman suggested that the Esther Cohen Welfare Fund which still appeared as a separate item on the balance sheet be spent for the benefit of the members and he asked the G.P.C. to think about how it could be spent.

The question was raised from the Floor as to whether or not we were subject to rates as a Charitable Organisation. Mr. Myers said that we do have to pay rates, but at a reduced figure. He added that he had omitted from his report the fact that there was still a sum of £4,000 owing on the Building. We also still had to pay a further £3,000 for work which had been carried out, but not to our satisfaction.

Various questions were then asked from the Floor and the Treasurer answered them all to everyone's satisfaction.

Mr. Newman proposed and Mr. Solomon seconded that the Accounts be adopted. The resolution was passed nem con.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mr. Myers for his report.

4. ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS TO THE COUNCIL

All Honorary Officers were re-elected on block, having expressed their willingness to serve again.

Ruth Myers wished to know whether Mr. Halpern would continue as a member of the Council and Mrs. Gee replied that she hoped so.

5. G.P.C. REPORT

The Chairman Mrs. Ruth Myers said that as Mrs. Gee had already given a full report on the activities of the G.P.C., she would not repeat it.

She would however, like to say how sorry she was that Badminton had finished. She thanked David Myers and David Hirschman for all their hard work.

Grand Bingo that year had not been quite as successful as in the previous year, but she wished to thank Edward Gold for all his hard work in arranging the Bingo sessions.

Many Overseas visitors had come to the Club during the year under review and she hoped that they would continue to come.

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She wished to say how very much all the members appreciated the wonderful gesture of Mr. and Mrs. Ross who gave them all such a lovely evening.

The G.P.C. were very sorry to hear of the resignation of Mr. Halpern as Chairman of the Association and they would like to thank him very much for all the time and effort he had spent on their behalf.

She expressed thanks to the G.P.C. for being such a very good Committee. They were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Gee as the new Chairman albeit temporary, and for all the work she had put in towards the programmes.

Mrs. Myers also thanked Mrs. Margulies for all the help she so readily gives to the members.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mrs. Myers for her report.

ELECTION OF DEAF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL

The members received election forms and were asked to complete them. The following were elected to serve on the Committee; in addition to the Honorary Officers of the G.P.C.: Lionel Katz, Rosie Ross, Isadore Schlisselman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Solomon wished to know whether resolutions passed at the A.G.M. of the G.P.C. could not take effect until the next A.G.M. of the G.P.C. It was agreed that this was not a sensible rule and if any new rules were made they should be ratified by the Council before taking effect.

Miss Solomon wished to know who was Miss Alexander.

Mr. Newman replied that about 12 years ago Miss Alexander was introduced to the J.D.A. and was at that time donating large sums of money to Charities. She had attended one of our Balls, after which she donated £25. We heard nothing further from her until we were informed by a firm of Accountants that she had left us this legacy.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Schlisselman proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair and to Mr. Denton for interpreting.

The meeting terminated at 9.45.p.m.

Chairman

24th Nov: 1970.

E. Gee.

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THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION, HELD ON
MONDAY 20th JULY 1970, at 90, CAZENOVE ROAD, N.16

PRESENT: MRS. G.M. GEE (In the Chair)
MR. NEWMAN, MRS. SIMMONDS

MESSRS: COHEN, KATZ, D. MYERS,
MESDAMES: ROSS, MYERS, together with
MRS. MARGULIES.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

A.M. MYERS, MR. LANDY, MR. HARVEY
and RUTH SPAIN.

1. MINUTES were signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Central Heating. White Bay's & White had sent outstanding invoice for £120:- It was decided to pay it.
 - b. Jewish Welfare Board The Day Centre had started, as arranged, but had to be interrupted owing to staff difficulties at their other Centre. They keep in touch with Mrs. Margulies and will start again as soon as they can.
 - c. Ventilators. After a discussion it was decided that David Myers purchase the ventilators as he will get a 25% discount. It was decided to let experts install them, as it involved quite an amount of electrical and building work. The ventilators will cost £150 less discount. This will be covered by the Legacy of £135 left to the Club by the Esther Cohen Fund.
 - d. Front Door. Re keeping the front door open on Club evenings. Unfortunately we have had a burglary, and some of our silver cups have been stolen, this appears to have happened when the door was kept open for a Friendship Club meeting. Insurance and Police have been notified. It was, therefore decided, not to keep the door open all evening and a notice to be put up on the inside of the door reminding members to close the door after them.
 - e. The Late Mary Alexander Legacy. As there does not seem to be any interest shown by her friends, the suggested function will not take place.
 - f. Fire Drill. Arrangements have been made with the Fire Service at Stoke Newington, for one of their officers to hold a Fire Drill at the Club on a Sunday evening. The date to be agreed on.
 - g. Mr. Murray's father has been invited to join the Council
 - h. A.J.Y. A donation of £5. 5. 0. which we sent for the Old Peoples Outing. The Outing was cancelled due to lack of support.
 - i. The Shutters over the counter in the kitchen have been removed, and a suggestion that venetian blinds should be put up, was put to the Committee. No decision was made.
 - j. A.G.M. Activities. The date has now been fixed for October 29th, and Baron Shinwell has been approached to be the guest speaker, but he refused, and various suggestions were made for guest speakers.
- The Annual Report must be completed by the end of September and Freddie Bloom and Myer Solomons are to be asked to write articles for it.

Colour Cover will be used, and new photographs of the Club will be taken. Mrs. Sinclair's Son kindly offered to take photographs.

The House Committee, in conjunction with Ruth Myers are arranging for three or four speakers for the Club in the near future.

Dr. Cohen will be asked to talk in September.

3. G.P.C. Report Ruth Myers reported that the members had a very successful Bingo evening in October with the B.D.D.A. Branch

The Windsor Outing was a great success.

There is an outing in September, by train to Portsmouth, then by boat to Southsea. Train fare return and tea, around 36/-. The Council have agreed to pay half cost for our members.

November 15th. An invitation was sent to the Slough Deaf Club inviting them to our Club for tea. 35-40 members are expected. The charge 4/- per head for tea. The Club will be opened earlier on that Sunday.

4. Holiday for Friendship Club Members. Some 23 members are to have a week's holiday in the A.J.Y.Z. House in Cliftonville. Some others will come for a week-end only. Mrs. Goldberg will be in charge of the party. Arrangements for transport have been made.

1971 Bournemouth. Mr. Emil Stryker has asked Mr. Newman to try and arrange a Jewish Hotel or boarding house for them so that they can attend the B.D.D.A. Congress from June 19th to 26th 1971, but Mr. Newman was unable to do this, as at that period, the Town is full of holiday visitors.

World Congress July 29th-August 5th. Paris. The Paris Deaf Club are organising activities for this event. It was suggested that we write to the J.C. Travel Bureau to ask for an address of a Student Hostel. Before continuing this, Mr. Stryker wants to know the Council's opinion, and also if they would help to organise this holiday. No financial help is needed. Mrs. Margulies will contact Mrs. Jacobovitz to see what suggestions she can offer.

Engagement of Chief Rabbi's Daughter. A telegram of congratulations was sent on behalf of the Club.

Flashing Lights One Unit will cost £8. 5. 0. This will be looked into.

Television The set cannot be insured. A suggestion was made that the base be concreted and the television set permanently fixed on the base. The Committee thought that this was a good idea.

5. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

date: E. Gee. 9th Feb. 71.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th 1971 at 90, CAZENOVE RD. N.16.

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Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. Blumenthal, Mr. D. Myers.

Mesdames: Myers, Ross together with Mrs. Margulies

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: Mr. Harvey, Ruth Spain, Isadore Schlisselman.

1. MINUTES were signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Jewish Welfare Board The Day Centre had started on November 2nd 1970. They now meet mornings and afternoons from Monday to Friday. Once a week they have lunch which the women participants prepare. They do light work and have discussions led by the Supervisor. Mr. Newman asked if it were publicly known that the Jewish Welfare Board were using the premises of the J.D.A. It was felt that it would be put in the Jewish Welfare Board's Annual Report which is widely circulated. Mrs. Blumenthal thought it was known that they use our premises.

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that the grant of £125 per annum towards extra expenses like lighting, heating etc., should be paid quarterly, together with the re-imbursement for tea, sugar and milk. This was agreed upon and the Welfare Board to be advised that the first payment of £31. 5. 0. was due at the end of January 1971.

Mrs. Myers remarked on the dirty state of the canteen since the Day Centre started using it. Mrs. Margulies replied that she fore-saw that the cleanliness of the basement might not be up to the previous standard when the J.D.A. considered letting the Welfare Board use the premises. Mrs. Blumenthal said that in view of the fact that it was being used for such a good cause, this matter should be overlooked.

Mrs. Margulies then informed the meeting that the House Committee had agreed that one evening every fortnight a friendship club organised by the Jewish Welfare Board be allowed to have their meetings at the J.D.A. during the re-decoration of the hall where they usually met. The Council confirmed this, provided it would be for the period of two months only, this being the time that they were unable to use their previous meeting place. It would concern four Wednesdays only.

- b. Ventilators These have been installed and the builders will meet the representatives of Expelair to discuss some queries that David Myers raised. Mrs. Blumenthal suggested that the bill not be paid until the work is finished satisfactorily. This was agreed.
- c. Front Door The front door is kept closed much more now. The Insurance Company made a special point when they visited the premises that two more locks should be fitted. It was agreed that the front door be supervised at all times when open, following the insistence on that point by the Insurance people.

David Myers suggested that a door be put at the bottom of the stairs leading to the upper floors. It was thought that this would not improve the situation.

Mrs. Blumenthal asked if there could be a rota to take care of the front door when open. Ruth Myers said the G.P.C. was not always there to do this when the Club opened and said other Club members must help. Mrs. Margulies said she would ask them.

- d. Lights David Myers had the cables and flashing lights for the lounge and billiards room but had not yet found the time to fix them. Mrs. Blumenthal suggested we get an electrician in to work with David and Mrs. Gee offered to send her electrician.
- e. Shutters Mrs. Margulies said she would like to be able to divide the kitchen from the canteen. Mrs. Gee said she would send somebody she knows to suggest a suitable replacement for the shutters that had to be removed.
- f. Holiday for Friendship Club We have booked again at the A.J.Y. House in Cliftonville for the last week in July 1971. Some members had a grant from the Borough and we will approach them again for this year's holiday.
- g. Bournemouth As there was some difficulty in finding accomodation for those of our members who wanted to take part in the activities of the BDDA in Bournemouth, they were advised by Emil Stryker to fend for themselves. Mr. Newman will try again to place the few members wishing to go.
- h. Paris Mrs. Margulies has had some correspondence with Le Toit Familial and they will accomodate our group in Paris. It was agreed that the J.D.A. send them a deposit of 500fr., which will be refunded at a later date.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received informing us that we had been left £2,500 in the will of Mr. Samuel Koffler. There were however legal complications and the letter has been sent to Mr. Landy who is dealing with the matter. He consequently had informed the Solicitors of the deceased that the J.D.A. agreed to all arrangements they thought necessary, if all other beneficiaries agreed.

Mr. Newman who had this information from Mr. Landy also learned from him that Messrs. Cyril Silver & Ptrs., will waive their latest demand of payment, provided we do not claim any repayment from them. Mrs. Gee suggested we write to Mr. Landy thanking him for his efforts on our behalf and offering to reimburse him for any expenses incurred.

4. REPORTS

Chairman's Report. Mrs. Gee had contacted Mr. David Sterne who agreed to give his talk that had previously been postponed whenever the members were ready. Two dates were suggested i.e. March 18th or April 22nd.

A Brains Trust will be arranged for April 1st. The names put forward were: Mick Goldstein, Oscar Cohen, Freddie Bloom, Dr. Cohen, Mrs. Flinder, Mrs. Hilton. We would ask Mr. Harvey to take the chair.

Mrs. Gee suggested launching a Functions Committee in September. She could not spare the time before that date.

The idea was put forward to run a function in conjunction with the Aid Committee for the Deaf Centre and they will be approached by Ruth Myers.

Different ideas for suitable functions to raise money were discussed, such as the film 'Fiddler on the Roof' which found general approval. Mr. Harvey who has connections with the film world might be able to find out when the film is due to be released

Following decimalization, new prizes would be charged in the canteen. The following was suggested:

Tea, cake or sandwich	2.p.
Coffee	3.p.
Supper	15.p.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Myers apologised that he had not prepared a report but there was no immediate cause for worry. We were still solvent, although there had been no large legacies or funds received from a Functions Committee for 1970. He will try to find time to prepare a report for the next meeting.

House Committee

No report was given.

G.P.C. Mrs. Myers reported that all the functions had gone very well. The Simcath Torah Party was very much enjoyed, as was the Chanukah Party which was attended by 70-80 people. Talks were fairly well attended. Grand Bingo was very successful and the Whist Drive packed out.

Alan Murray had resigned from the G.P.C. and from the J.D.A.

She would like to ask the J.D.A. for a different front page for the Newsletter. Something printed more attractively. Also to include the telephone number of the J.D.A.

We should continue to open the Club in July and August from 7.p.m. to 11.p.m. on Sundays.

The members would like a memorial for Aubrey Cohen in the Club and would like the Council to help financially and be associated with the project. This was agreed. Several things were suggested but a seat in the Jimmy Cohen Hall in Aubrey's name was the thing which most appealed.

Ruth Myers complained of the suppers being too monotonous and thought members would rather pay 20p., for a hot and more varied meal. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to follow Mr. A. Myers suggestion to leave it to the House Committee.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS None

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting of the Council was set for 18th May 1971.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

E. Gee
8 Sept. 71.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 24th 1970 AT 90, CAZENOVE ROAD,
LONDON. N.16.

PRESENT: Mrs. Evelyn Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs: J.J.Newman, A & D Myers, Goldberg, Denton (acting as Interpreter) Katz, Schlisselman.

Mesdames: H.Schlesinger.M.B.E., Hilton, Goldberg, Simmonds, Blumenthal, Ross, Spain, Myers, together with Mrs. Margulies Mrs. Goldring and 53 members of the J.D.A.

APOLOGIES: received from Mr. Lyons (of the Pentagon Committee), Mr. Curtis Mr. Vanson (of the Jewish Blind Society)

After A Memorial Service conducted by Rabbi Dr. Lerner for Aubrey Cohen a Vice President of the Association, and two other deaf members of the J.D.A. who had passed away recently, the meeting was opened by the Chairman.

Mrs. Gee welcomed all present and said how pleased she was to see them.

1. MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting were circulated. Mr. Denton read them out. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as being correct.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Gee said, that as seen in the Annual Report the programme contained various and interesting subjects, including talks, Brains Trusts etc., but she would leave details of the internal activities to Mrs. Ruth Myers, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. At the same time she thanked the members of the GPC for doing a wonderful job.

Mrs. Gee continued that the rebuilding difficulties had been overcome at last and we should all agree that we now have a Club to be proud of. She again stressed that the Julius J.Newman House should be used to its full advantage and that all its members should be loyal, helpful and understanding towards each other, as there is so much trouble in the outside World. They were very fortunate to have Mrs. Margulies always there to help and understand everybody.

Fund Raising that year had been inadequate but she looked to the future with optimism. In May or June she hoped to have a Cocktail Party to try and get more members on to the Council and Functions Committee, and the following January a Dinner Dance at the Painters Hall to raise more money. We missed having one last year but she assured all Deaf members that their Hearing friends had not forgotten them.

Mrs. Gee mentioned the Sinchat Torah Party which was very successful and to which many hearing people came. The Mine Show was enjoyed by everyone and a good time seemed to be had by all.

A luncheon was given by the Ladies Guild of the New London Synagogue and the money raised was donated to the Jewish Deaf Association.

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Ladies Guild were also giving a luncheon in February in aid of the J.D.A.

Mrs. Gee gave her thanks to Mrs. Goldberg who was always ready with her services to help the Friendship Club and to Mrs. Simmonds who was always there to help at all times.

She also thanked Mrs. Margulies for her tireless efforts, who in addition to everything else ran the office so well.

The Chairman also thanked Mr. Myers for his work as Hon. Treasurer of the J.D.A. and Mr. Denton for interpreting. She was delighted to see Mrs. Blumenthal there and of course her father Mr. Newman without whom the J.D.A. would not be the same.

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Mrs. Gee said that running the J.D.A. and raising funds was a difficult task but all should remember that they have the Committees' support and loyalty.

This concluded her report.

Mrs. Blumenthal then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and said that Mrs. Gee was ceaseless in her undertaking to do her best for the welfare of the Club which was never far from her mind.

3. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer's Report was circularised. Mr. Denton interpreted it for the Deaf present. Mr. Myers was then called upon to answer questions regarding the report.

Mr. Gold said that the report should be sent out before the meeting but Mr. Myers replied that this was not practical.

Mr. Myers explained that the excess of Expenditure over Income - £1,300 meant that we are not raising enough money for the day to day outgoings of the Club. We are relying heavily on Legacies and Functions. Without these our financial position would be much worse.

A lot of money had been spent this year on maintenance and re-decoration which is non-recurring. The balance sheet shows that the bulk of expenditure on the new building has now been paid. The last instalment of £3,500. So we have paid off our liabilities and still have cash in the Bank. Result happiness.

Mrs. Ruth Myers asked from the floor if Miss Alexander's legacy was the only one received, as she had read in the Jewish Chronicle that other people had left small sums of money to the J.D.A.

Mr. Myers replied that perhaps these were put down as donations. Mrs. Margulies pointed out that the present balance sheet ended December 1969 and the legacies may have been in 1970.

Mrs. Hilton proposed that the accounts be adopted and this was seconded by Mr. Newman.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mr. Myers for his report.

4. ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS TO THE COUNCIL

All Honorary Officers were returned on block.

The Committee of the GPC elect their own representatives to the Council at their own meeting.

5. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Myers said this had been a very successful year since the last Annual General Meeting.

There had been several outings during the summer of 1969/70, including a visit to Windsor Safari Park and a visit to the Slough Deaf Club, who in turn came to our Club. We visited Oxford in 1969 and spent a very happy day as the guests of the Jewish Congregation. We had visitors from America and Israel and they were very impressed.

We have had many talks, and the talk on decimal currency was especially interesting and very helpful.

Grand Bingo was very good and the electronic bingo board designed by David Myers had been much admired. However when we have large attendances, the Hall gets unbearably hot.

All the film shows had been enjoyed, also the parties and our thanks go to the members of the Mime Group for entertaining us so well.

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The Billiards competitions are very popular but they took too long to finish. We hope the new competitions will be over quicker.

Our thanks go to Emil Stryker who is a very active Secretary of our B.D.B.A. Branch. Unfortunately his work is not appreciated enough.

We hope the Council Meetings will again revert to being three-monthly, as they are essential for the well being of the Club.

Our thanks go to both G.P.C. Committees (last year and this year) who are always ready and willing to do their jobs. I especially thank Mr. Isadore Schlisselman for being a very active Vice)Chairman.

We are very sorry that Alan Murray has resigned and must thank Myer Solomon for agreeing to help David Myers as Treasurer.

Lastly, we wish to thank Mrs. Margulies who is very much appreciated by all

Mrs. Gee thanked the G.P.C.Chairman for her report.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Emil Stryker asked if there could be a small Synagogue in the premises of the J.D.A. Mrs. Gee replied that there is room for one when needed and it will be brought up at the next House Committee meeting.

Harry Newman asked if he could have some tools to do the gardens of the Club. Mrs Gee thanked Mr. Newman for attending the gardens and this matter also was referred to the next House Committee meeting.

Isadore Schlisselman asked if the minutes of the last A.G.M. and the balance sheets could be sent out beforehand. Mrs. Gee said that this was not done because there had been no help in the office. It was then mentioned that this had been discussed at a Council meeting and it had been decided not to send the balance sheets out to members. However they would talk about it at the next meeting of the Council and might send out a summary for the next A.G.M.

Mrs. Katz asked if they could try to get the services of a Cook to make hot Kosher meals in the evening, to take the work away from Mrs. Margulies. Mrs. Gee said that it had been tried out but there had been no demand for it.

Israel Itzkowitz asked if there could be a bigger signal lamp attached to the door bell. Mrs. Gee said this was talked about at the last Council meeting and an electrician was already looking into it.

Mr. Stryker asked what was being done about the ventilation. Mrs. Gee replied that this was all under discussion. Mr. David Myers said he was waiting for estimates. Mrs. Margulies said she had told Mr. Myers to get the apparatus and it was all in hand. It was agreed that this matter was under discussion but Mrs. Ruth Myers said they were too long talking about it and it should be hurried up.

7. VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Ruth Myers to Mrs. Gee for taking the Chair and for her constant interest in the well being of the Club and its members. Mrs. Myers also thanked all the other members of the hearing Committees.

Mrs. Gee said that a good friend of hers Mr. David Sterne would be visiting the Club on December 10th to talk about his recent trip to Japan, and she hoped as many members would come as possible.

Mrs. Gee closed the meeting at approximately 9.30.p.m.

E. Gee.
Chairman

18.th. November 1971.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th 1971, AT
90, CAZENOVE ROAD, LONDON N.16.

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PRESENT: Mrs. G.M.Gee (in the chair)
Messrs: Newman, Halpern, Myers, Goldberg, Gold,
Solomon, Weinsetein, Holder, David.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Simmonds, Ross, together with
Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring.

1. Minutes were signed by the Chairman who then welcomed the new G.P.C. She said she would always be willing to meet them to listen to any ideas they have, even if it was between Council Meetings. Mrs. Gee also extended a welcome to Mr. Halpern and Mr. & Mrs. Goldberg and said that she was especially happy to see Mrs. Simmonds who had recovered after a road accident.

2. Arising

Jewish Welfare Board. Approximately a year ago the Jewish Welfare Board requested to use our premises as a Day Centre for light work. We agreed to this but unfortunately as industrial work was done in the canteen as well as the corridors leading to it, these rooms were left in a bad state. This unsatisfactory development led to the Jewish Welfare Board being told that they had to move out. Until their new premises are ready in January, we have to let them stay. They will vacate our Club on 31st December 1971. The Succah which was used for storage will be repaired and cleaned before we use it again.

Lighting. Referring to many complaints about the bad lighting in the Jinny Cohen Hall, it was suggested that the fault was entirely the Architects but unfortunately we could do nothing about it now. Mr. Goldberg offered to send his builder to the Club who would then give an estimate to compare with the one we had from an electrician for £166. The same builder would also see to the roof repairs. It was also suggested to approach David Myers to do the job, the fittings could be bought wholesale. However it was decided that this was not practical.

It was also stated that the present light bulbs burn out far too quickly and perhaps the wiring was faulty. Mrs. Blumenthal suggested that Mrs. Margulies ask a representative to come from the London Electricity Board to test the wiring. She thought that as it was a Club they would come immediately and the service would be free. Mrs. Gee agreed to this.

Ventilators. Mrs. Margulies said that these had been installed but the job was not yet complete and had not been paid for. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the builders asking them to finish the job, otherwise we would have to get somebody else. A switch that was broken to be repaired at the same time.

Bournemouth. Mrs. Gee thanked Mrs. Ross for her very interesting report on the Bournemouth visit which was in the last newsletter.

3. Reports

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee said that she would like to see a more active programme from the G.P.C. A long discussion followed with various suggestions regarding future activities. i.e. A film had been made about the Magen David Adom which she thought would be very interesting to members of the Club. It was suggested to ask Mr. Morris if he could show the film at a future date.

Mrs. Gee continued that it was important to have an interesting programme for the Winter Months. If the G.P.C. wanted the Committee to try and arrange Speakers, they would do so. It was suggested to try and get a Representative from EL AL to come. Mr. Newman said he would ask Dr. Cohen to come again after Yom Tov or in November.

Myer Solomon was going to give a talk about his Israel holiday.

It was asked whether somebody could talk about the Paris Convention and Mr. Newman said that he saw it on T.V., and one of the Resolutions passed in Paris was that sign language should be the same for every Country. Mrs. Gee asked if any films were taken but nobody at the meeting knew. It was suggested to ask Emil Stryker to talk about Paris. 21 members of the J.D.A. went.

Mrs. Gee said that she would like to see the Ground Floor of the building used more. The canteen got very crowded but the lounge and hall were not used to advantage. She suggested putting some chairs and tables in the corner of the hall for members to sit and talk.

At an enquiry from a Deaf member about the advisability of the fire-escape doors being open, Mrs. Gee said that the doors should be open on Club nights but one or two members should be responsible for locking them. It was decided to hang the keys on the fire-escape doors under the curtain but one or two members of the G.P.C. must be responsible. It was left to the G.P.C. to decide who.

Mrs. Gee asked what had been done about the Aubrey Cohen Memorial. She was told that after many discussions, the members had decided to have some trees planted in Israel and have the Certificate hung in the Club. They collected £8.25., The Council agreed to participate and will pay the balance of the cost of £15.00. It was decided to have the Certificate framed, and ready to hang on the day of the Stone setting on December 5th 1971.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Myers said there was little change in the financial situation. A date would have to be settled for the Auditors to come. This date to be given to the G.P.C. to have their books ready.

There was a discussion as to whether the accounts should be circularised before the A.G.M., to members.

Replying to Mr. Newman's enquiry, Mr. Myers said that £2,400 was invested with Rothschilds and the yeald was 3%. Mr. Myers will have a report ready for the A.G.M.

G.P.C. Report: Mr. Gold did not give a Report as it had all been in the previous newsletter.

4. Annual Appeal. Mrs. Gee said that it had been decided not to send out an Annual Report this year. Instead an Appeal letter will be sent, a specimen of which was handed to the Council members to peruse. Mr. Myers suggested the letter have the words Rosh Hashana Appeal and the Jewish date as the heading. This was agreed.
5. Annual General Meeting. The date of the A.G.M. was fixed for Thursday 18th November 1971.
6. Any other business. Mrs. Gee said that the House Committee met very regularly and many matters were dealt with. However some things must be put to the Council. An estimate of £1,794 for roof repairs was given by Loweth. Unfortunately, the roof was not seen to properly when the builders were on the site. Again the Architect was to blame.

It was suggested to get an estimate from another builder to patch up the roof although a brand new roof was needed. Mr. Goldberg said he would try to get his builder to give an estimate. This was agreed.

Further discussion took place as to whether Mr. Curtis should be notified but no decision was reached.

Emil Stryker had requested that the Jewish Deaf Association be represented at a service at Southwark Cathedral for the Federation of London Deaf clubs and Mrs. Margulies had written to Rev. Levy for advice. The reply was that this could not be possible.

American Congress 1972 Last year Isadore Schlisselman tried to organise a trip to America but was not successful. For the 1972 Congress a note was put in the newsletter and so far we had enquiries from only 2 members.

Mr. Halpern said the trip that Isadore tried to arrange was dealt with in the wrong way although his arrangements for Israel had been successful.

The 1972 trip should be organised on a cheaper scale by trying to arrange for American people to give hospitality to the Deaf visitors. With this arranged, and a charter flight, the whole thing could be very reasonable in price.

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The Jewish Deaf Association had not organised a holiday since Montreaux and he thought they should now do so in an official capacity and not as a side issue. Mr. Halpern suggested that if necessary, The J.D.A., should subsidise the trip as a fourteen day holiday.

Every effort should be made to start preparing for this, even as early as November, by writing to American Jewish Deaf Clubs asking if they can find accommodation.

7. A date for the next Council meeting was not fixed but it was decided to hold an Executive Meeting on Wednesday 10th November 1971 at Mrs. Geo's Residence. The Chairman said she would discuss the details of this with Mrs. Margulies.

The Meeting closed at approximately 10.p.m.

E. Geo

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION, HELD ON THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 18th 1971 at 90, CAZENOVE RD. N.16. at 8.p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Evelyn Gee (In the Chair)
Messrs: Newman, Myers, Goldberg, Denton (acting as interpreter)
Mesdames: Blumenthal, Simmonds, Goldberg, together with
Mrs. Margulies, Mrs. Goldring and 23 members of the J.D.A.

Mrs. Gee opened the meeting by welcoming all present, who came despite the bad weather.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were circulated and after Mr. Denton had read them out, were signed by the Chairman as being correct.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mrs. Gee started her report by saying that in the year under review things have gone very smoothly.

Many visitors had come to the Club to give talks on varied and interesting subjects such as: Mr. Alan Silverman, J.P., who talked about his work in juvenile courts., Mr. Harry Fenton, on mens fashions, her son Mr. Duncan Gee who spoke about his visit to the far east, a discussion with Dr. Cohen. A representative from Barclays Bank on decimal currency,. Mr. David Sterne on his visit to Japan and a member of the Police Force who spoke about the work of the Police. There had also been a very successful Brains Trust and the Chairman promised that, if the members wished, it could be repeated.

Mrs. Gee continued that a Functions Committee was in the process of being formed and a function was being arranged for March 1972. This would be a small theatre show. She stressed that the Club was very expensive to run and raising funds is essential. She also hoped that new people involved with this function will get to know more about the J.D.A.

Arrangements were being made for an 'At Home' to take place on the evening of December 16th 1971 when members should come along to the Club and let the new Functions Committee meet then in their own surroundings.

Two luncheons were given in Synagogues by their Ladies' Guilds and the proceeds donated to the J.D.A. One at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue had raised £80. Mrs. Margulies had given a talk about the Deaf. The other luncheon had been held at the New London Synagogue. Mrs. Gee hoped that other Synagogue Ladies' Guilds would be encouraged in this direction.

With regard to the Club premises, Mrs. Gee said that the Committee was always busy trying to keep things in good order. Dry Rot had been dealt with. New ventilators and a fire alarm system had been installed.

The Jewish Welfare Board had asked if they could use the J.D.A. premises for a Day Centre until their own premises were ready. This was agreed as it was felt that all charities should try to help each other. It should be remembered that the Jewish Blind Society helped the J.D.A., when our premises were being redecorated.

Unfortunately it was found that our premises did not lend themselves to their various activities, and they will move to their own Day Centre in the near future. We can however feel that we gave help when needed.

Mrs. Gee expressed delight at seeing Mr. Newman the President of the J.D.A., at this meeting. He was her father and also, she felt, the father of the J.D.A. She also thanked Mr. Myers for his staunch and steady work, Mrs. Blumenthal who was always present when needed, Mrs. Goldberg a great friend of the older people of the Friendship Club, Mrs. Simmonds who was always ready to help at the Club if Mrs. Margulies was away and to Mr. Denton for raising smiles when interpreting. Mrs. Gee then expressed her thanks to Mrs. Margulies for experiencing both the pleasures and the worries of the J.D.A., and for being such a good friend to everybody in the Association.

Mrs. Gee concluded her report by welcoming the new G.P.C., with it's Chairman Mr. Edward Gold and said she would always try to help them if ever they needed it.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS: Mr. Myers presented the Accounts ending December 1970. A small surplus of £275 had been carried forward to the balance sheet. This is after receiving legacies and a special contribution from the Pentagon Committee. There is still more money going out than coming in. It shows therefore that more money is needed and the Functions Committee is trying to raise some.

Mr. Myers continued that the builders had finally been paid the sum of £3,450.

No questions were asked and Mr. Newman proposed the accounts be adopted and this was seconded.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mr. Myers for his report.

Mrs. Blumenthal then spoke from the floor. She proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gee the Chairman of the J.D.A., for her ceaseless efforts in the work she does for the J.D.A. Her remarks met with great response.

4. ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS TO THE COUNCIL

All Honorary Officers were returned on block. The Committee of the G.P.C., will elect their own representatives to the Council at their own meeting.

5. General Purposes Committee Report:

Mr. Gold said that over the year they had had several outings to different places. All had gone off smoothly. They visited Chessington Zoo, Windsor Safari Park, and the Deaf Club at Slough. Although they had lost all the competitions in games with other Clubs, they had enjoyed them anyway.

Some J.D.A. members have taken part in the Congress held in Paris in July.

Bingo was still very popular and the whist drives were attended by more people than before. There was a new solo league playing on Thursdays and more and more people were interested. Billiards and Snooker were still well supported. The film shows arranged by Mrs. Katz were well attended.

The Purim, Simchat Torah and Chanukah Parties were enjoyed by all. Thanks were due to the Council.

That concluded Mr. Gold's Report for the G.P.C.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gold.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said that in view of the many requests they would try to have light changed.

From the floor Mrs. Ruth Myers asked what had happened to the Annual Report. Mrs. Gee replied that there is no definite rule for a report to be circulated and this year the Council had decided to send out an appeal letter instead. This had been done prior to Rosh Hashana and had proved very successful. The result this year had been better than last. It had been a trial idea and in view of the successful response, a Report would be sent out every other year.

Mrs. Myers said she had heard that the Jewish Welfare Board wanted all charities to amalgamate. Mrs. Margulies replied that there was a suggested plan by the Jewish Welfare Board to work closer together.

After replying to various questions from deaf members, relating to improvements of lighting, ventilators etc., the Chairman closed the meeting at approx. 9.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. G.M.Gee (in the chair)

Messrs: Newman, Goldberg, Myers, Gold, Holder Schamroth,
Weinstein, David.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Ross, together with Mrs. Margulies
and Mrs. Goldring.

APOLOGIES Mrs. R. Simmonds

The Chairman opened the meeting

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been received from Mrs. Goodman resigning as a
Trustee of the Jewish Deaf Association. It was decided to reply to Mrs. Goodman's
letter accepting her resignation but asking her to keep an interest in the
welfare of the Deaf.

Mrs. Simmonds had telephoned her apologies at not being at the meeting owing
to her sister having to undergo an operation. It was decided to write to
Mrs. Simmonds expressing regret at her absence, and the hope that her sister
would have a speedy recovery.

1. MINUTES: Signed by the Chairman as being correct.

2. ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Jewish Welfare Board Day Centre had vacated our premises and this matter was
now closed.

Lighting Mrs. Gee remarked on the improvements and Mr. Goldberg was thanked for
the part he played in this matter.

Ventilators This work was now completed and payment could now be made.

Roof No repairs had yet been done. Mr. Cohen sent somebody who examined the
roof very carefully. He gave an estimate of £670. 75. Mr. Golberg remarked
that asphalt would be cheaper than the blating suggested and offered to get
his builder to come along and give two estimates, one for slating and one for
asphalt.

3. REPORTS

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee said that there had been a more active programme
and good outings had been arranged. She expressed that although July and
August was going to be quiet, we had to look ahead to the coming season and
approach speakers who might interest the deaf. Mrs. Margulies had been in
touch with the Clapton Adult Education Centre, and if we joined, they would
arrange activities for the Club. It was agreed to join the Clapton Adult
Education Centre, and the J.D.A. was going to pay the necessary membership
fee as it was important to have a good programme.

Mrs. Gee continued her report by saying that the House Committee met very
regularly. It was the most active committee of the J.D.A. and Mrs. Margulies
was the liason. If there were any problems at the Club, they were always
discussed at the House Committee meetings.

A suggestion was put forward to approach Mr. Harold Morris regarding the film
about the work of the Magen David Adom. Mrs. Blumenthal said that Mr. Morris
had been out of the Country but was now back. It was decided to telephone him
to ask him if he would come when he was free to do so.

Mrs. Gee told the Council that the function, a small theatre show, had been
an outstanding financial success although the show put on was not to the
liking of the audience. She would leave the financial details for the Hon.
Treasurer to report and she thought the idea of holding a small function was
just as profitable as a large one, due to the revenue obtained from the adverts
printed in the brochure. Mrs. Gee thanked Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring
for their work in this direction.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Myers began his report by stating that our financial
situation was very good.

A small functions committee had been formed with Mr. & Mrs. Gee and Mrs.
Margulies as the prime movers. The function had made approx. £2,450 and the
costs approx. £250, out of which the theatre rental was £120.

These costs were negligible in comparison with past functions, so Mrs. Gee's idea was very good. The brochure brought most of the money in.

At this point a discussion followed regarding the next function. Mr. Margulies said that two advertisers had paid twice by mistake. One the J.D.A. was allowed to keep as a donation and the other to be kept by the J.D.A. in payment for an advert for the next brochure.

Mr. Myers continued his financial report by saying that £6,500 was on a deposit and current account at the bank.

£5,500 was on deposit with Ramsgate Borough Council. Investments £7,400 and £1,000 L.C.C. Stock repaid.

The Auditors had named a firm of brokers which had made a suggestion for us to invest £8,000. Mr. Myers did not do so as he did not approve their scheme. We should have an investment committee to discuss any suggestion. Mrs. Gee asked Mr. Myers to telephone Mr. Gee and Mr. Harvey to make an appointment to meet with them, perhaps at her residence to go through the various schemes. Mr. Myers replied that the Brokers' suggestions would now probably be out of date as they were made three months ago. He said a small committee should be formed to see how £19,000 could be invested, and agreed to contact Mr. Gee & Mr. Harvey.

Post Office savings certificates held by the J.D.A. for the G.P.C., were to be re-invested in another issue. Mrs. Margulies would deal with this.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mr. Myers for his report.

G.P.C. Report: Myer Holder the Hon. Secretary gave this report.

He started by saying there had been many social activities from November 1971 to June 1972. Bingo was very popular and an average of 60-70 people played every month. The Grand Bingo was a huge success with over 200 people present. The GPC worked very hard. The Chanukah and Purim Parities were successful. Isadore Schlisselman and company performed a stage play and many people enjoyed it very much. There were good film shows every month and these were fairly well attended. Whist Drives were run once a month and more people were coming to the Club on Thursdays for the billiards, snooker and solo competitions.

There had been two good 'brains trusts' with the deaf on the panel and they had been very good. The talk on the 'Common Market' and the celebration of the Israel Independence were very successful. The outing to Woburn Abbey was not good owing to the bad weather.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mr. Holder for his report.

4. ANNUAL REPORT: The Annual Report would be sent out prior to Rosh Hashana and Mrs. Gee asked the GPC if they could write a small report on 'what the Club means to them'. Mrs. Ross agreed to deal with this.

Mrs. Margulies asked the GPC to find out if any of the members had recent good photographs that could be used in the report.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The dates suggested for the A.G.M. of the J.D.A. were November 1st or 2nd - November 8th or 9th.

It was decided to get a Guest Speaker and to send out printed invitations. Several names were mentioned such as Lord Shinwell, Mr. Jack Ashley then deaf M.P., Lord Goodman, Lord Janner.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mrs. Gee said that she would like to strengthen the Council. Mr. Myers asked if there was anybody on the Functions Committee who would join. Mr & Mrs Laufer and Mr & Mrs. Clore were suggested, as were Mr & Mrs Sinclair. Mrs Sinclair was a long standing friend of the J.D.A. and a member of the House Committee, and Mrs. Blumenthal seconded this.

Mr Myers thought the J.D.A. should receive some publicity, either by advertising for active helpers or for money to be left in wills. He suggested a sum of £100 to be allocated for this.

Mrs. Margulies said that she would like to start a Club for the 'Hard of Hearing' which, when advertised would be publicity. Activities for the totally deaf were not always suitable for the 'Hard of Hearing' and one day a week or month should be set aside for that particular group. It could be started by inserting an advert in the Jewish Chronicle for an initial meeting to get it off the

The Council thought this a very good idea and Mr. Newman thanked Mrs. Margulies

The plan for a forthcoming trip to Israel had been published in the newsletter and so far had created very little interest. A discussion followed which included mention of finances etc. Mr. Newman asked if financial help was needed and Mrs. Margulies replied that this would be looked into if the members wanted to go.

Mr. Gold asked for 100 folding chairs for the Club for Bingo. The Council decided that the number of chairs in the Club was sufficient.

It was agreed to increase the insurance from £50,000 to £60,000.

It was agreed to close the Club on Bank Holiday August 28th 1972.

The date for the next meeting was to be discussed at a later date.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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Evie Lee.
6th Sept. '73

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Guest of Honour: The Rt. Hon. Lord Shinwell, P.C., C.H., D.C.L., & Lady Shinwell.

Present: Mr. C. Halpern (In the Chair), The Mayor of Hackney Cllr. S. Kelly with The Mayoress, Mr. David Weitzman, Q.C., M.P. With Mrs. Weitzman, Mr. Julius J. Newman, Miss H.M. Schlesinger, M.B.E., Mr. M. Landy, Mrs. C. Halpern, Mrs. L. Blumenthal, Mrs. B. Hilton, Mr. A.M. Myers, F.C.A., Mrs. G.M. Gee, Mrs. H. Goodman, Mrs. R. Simmonds, Mr & Mrs H. Goldberg, Mr. & Mrs. J. Sinclair, together with a number of deaf members of the J.D.A., as well as Reporters from the Jewish Chronicle and Hackney Gazette. Mr. E. Denton interpreted.

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying how delighted he was to see so many friends of the J.D.A., present. Among them so many distinguished guests. He conveyed the apologies of Mr. G.M. Gee who was at the A.J.E.X. Parade and would join the meeting later.

1. The Minutes were circulated and signed as being correct.

2. Reports

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee the Chairman of the J.D.A., reported that the past year had been a happy and active one for the Club. The aim of the Hearing Committee was to keep the Club lively and active encouraging the Deaf to organise and run their own activities in a business-like manner. The G.P.C., succeeded in doing this with the help and supervision of Mrs. Margulies. They had arranged parties on different occasions and had organised outings, as well as games within the Club.

One very memorable function had been a party to celebrate Mr. Newman's 80th birthday. Over 120 people both deaf and hearing had sat down to an excellent supper and many important people had been present including The Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Jakobovits and the Rev. Isaac Levy with Mrs. Levy.

The Functions Committee had been re-formed and a fund raising function arranged which proved very profitable. Over £2,000 was raised and it was very much hoped that another successful function would be arranged in the near future.

A class had been started for the 'Hard of hearing' to learn lip reading, and this new venture was proving successful.

The J.D.A., had a very active House Committee which met regularly each month.

It was proposed sending a group of deaf members to Israel in May of 1973. She hoped this venture would materialize and the J.D.A., would subsidise such a trip.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Sinclair for their running of the Friendship Club, Mrs. Simmonds for always helping when needed, Mrs. Blumenthal for her active support, Mr. Anthony Myers for his work as Treasurer of the J.D.A. Mr. Landy for acting in any legal matters.

She also thanked Mr. Denton for making himself available whenever interpreting was needed and she added that the Committee was most appreciative of the tireless efforts of Mrs. Margulies.

Mrs. Gee concluded her report by saying that she was delighted to see such a full hall and many of the people present were friends of long-standing of the J.D.A. The Association had too few sympathetic supporters and she hoped that this would be remedied. She felt that there was not enough public knowledge of the work of The Deaf.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Myers reported that thanks to the efforts of the Functions Committee, the financial situation of the J.D.A., was quite happy at present although a higher income was needed.

The J.D.A., had some surplus funds available for investment on deposit and the matter was in the hands of the Brokers.

Mr. Newman proposed the adoption of the accounts, and Mrs. Hilton seconded.

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G.P.C. Report: Mr. Myer Holder the G.P.C. Hon. Secretary said on behalf of the deaf members, he welcomed all the Guests and the Hearing Committees.

There had been good activities during the past year, such as outings, whist drives, films and slides shown by members. The billiards section had competed against Hearing Clubs and had won.

A Grand Bingo had been held the previous evening with over 200 people present. The Club will celebrate Chanukah with a party.

He concluded his report by saying that the G.P.C., will continue to do their best to keep the Club active at all times.

3. Election of Hon. Officers:

All Officers were willing to stand again.. No other names had been added. Miss Schlesinger proposed and Mrs. Blumenthal seconded that all Hon. Officers of the Council be returned.

This proposal was unanimously accepted.

4. Address by the Mayor of Hackney:

In a short address by the Mayor of Hackney Cllr. Kelly, he expressed admiration for the work the Jewish Deaf Association was doing and he was very happy that the Club had always been on excellent terms with the Borough of Hackney in which it is situated.

He hoped that the trip to Israel would be successful especially as the Borough of Hackney was twinned with Haifa.

Mr. Halpern thanked the Mayor and then introduced the Guest of Honour:

5. Lord Shinwell: Opened his address by mentioning how delighted he was to see his old friend from the House of Commons David Weitzman, and his sister Mrs. Lechem, and to meet the President of the J.D.A., Mr. Newman.

He congratulated Mrs. Gee and the Committees of the J.D.A. for the splendid work they did which commanded respect and admiration. He felt that charities such as this should not have to depend solely on money donated by the public but should, in his opinion, be given financial aid by the Government of the Day. He felt it was their duty to help the handicapped in this way.

Lord Shinwell concluded by expressing great pleasure at having been invited and hoped that the members would continue to arrange their own activities and Mrs. Gee and her Committee would carry on their invaluable work.

6. Mr. Myer Solomon a deaf member then gave a vote of thanks. Firstly to the Committees of the J.D.A., for their hard work for the Jewish deaf, to Mrs. Gee who had followed her father in accepting the heavy burden of Chairmanship of the Association.

The Deaf were honoured in having Lord Shinwell as their Guest Speaker, and so many distinguished people on the platform and in the audience.

Mr. Halpern then closed the meeting, but before doing so, he stressed one point. The J.D.A. had a very great shortage of workers. They had relied on the same people for approx., 25 years, with very few, if any, new people coming forward to help.

He appealed to the hearing people present to join the Committee. They, as well as their sons and daughters, or relations in the age group 20-30, would be most welcome.

The President of the Association Mr. Newman thanked Mr. Halpern for taking the Chair and Mr. Denton for interpreting.

The Meeting then terminated and tea was served.

28th October, 1973

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Evelyn Gee
Chairman

Present: Mrs. G.M. Gee (In the Chair)

Messrs. Goldberg, Abrahams, Gold, Itzkowitz, Schamroth, Solomon.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Ross, together with Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring.

Apologies: Mr. J.J.Newman, Mr. G.M.Gee, Mr. A.M.Myers, Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. Sinclair.

Mrs. Gee opened the meeting by stating that she had received a letter from the Treasurer apologising for his absence. He commented that there was little change in the financial situation.

1. Minutes signed by the Chairman as being correct

2. Correspondence: A letter had been received from Mr. Denis Alfred saying that he was resigning as our Insurance Broker but our interests would still be very well looked after by Mr. Tony Abrahams.

A phone call was received from a reporter of the Sunday Times who said she was writing an article on the Deaf and would like to visit the Club.

Miss Bernice Scholes also telephoned indicating that she would like to join a young aid committee working for the Deaf. Mrs. Margulies explained that at present we did not have one and suggested to her that she might like to form one.

A leaflet had been received regarding ball point pens with engraving embossed on them. The cost was £1.85 per gross including the printing; there being a small reduction for larger quantities. It was decided to order two gross and have the words Jewish Deaf Association printed on each in gold lettering. These to be sold at 4p each.

Another leaflet had been received regarding an overhead projector. This was expensive, and although interest was shewn, it was decided to leave this in abeyance. It was thought the idea might be given to any organisation or person wishing to donate a gift to the Club.

3. Reports

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee referred to the Minutes of the last meeting and the mentioning of an intended trip to Israel which was creating very little interest. Since that meeting the picture had now completely changed. The visit had taken place and the Council was very happy to know that it was a great success. She expressed her thanks to Mrs. Margulies for her efforts in that venture. Mrs. Gee continued that she could understand the pleasure derived by all members from that trip, as she herself had just returned from Israel. Whilst there she visited the Helen Keller Home and met Mr. Chaim Apter and the President of the Home who was very interested in the work done by the J.D.A.

The Club premises was in need of re-decoration and estimates for the work were being obtained. One estimate for approx. £2,000 had already been received and another one was in the post. The House Committee undertook to deal with the matter. Mrs. Gee said that a very successful Bazaar had taken place, and perhaps another one could be arranged in the future, with the money collected going towards the re-decoration.

Mrs. Gee referred to item 5 on the agenda and said that the Guest Speaker at the Annual General Meeting on 28th October 1973 would be Mr. Jack Ashley, M.P. She thought it was a great achievement having him at the Club and was very delighted.

Mrs. Gee said she would like to talk about item 6 on the agenda, namely the fund raising function.

The Functions Committee had a new chairman Mr. Jerrold Assersohn and a fund raising function had been arranged in the form of a Concert to take place on 21st November 1973. A Brochure was being compiled and Mrs. Gee suggested that the Deaf be asked to contribute by collecting 'childrens names' as well wishers at £1 each.

It was also suggested to write to Mr. Assersohn asking him to join the Council. Mrs. Blumenthal proposed and Mrs. Ross seconded.

Mrs. Gee concluded her report by saying that there would be no Treasurers Report. Mr. Myers wishes to resign as Honorary Treasurer of the Jewish Deaf Association but will continue until a replacement is found.

G.P.C. Report: Mr. Gold the Chairman, said there had been three of four outings, two to Westcliff and one to Brighton. Some members had a holiday in Israel and some had spent a long weekend in Margate. All had been enjoyable.

The GPC had arranged a Buffet/Dance at the Alexandra National Hotel, Finsbury Park on 19th January 1974 and a deposit had been paid. It was hoped that the Hearing Committee would attend, perhaps with their sons and daughters. The price would be £2 at doors and £1.75 in advance. The cost of the room hired is £35 and it holds 250 people. A Band had not yet been arranged. A discussion about this item followed and Mrs. Margulies said a small band had played at the Club for a party previously and had proved suitable. It was agreed that Mrs. Margulies should contact the Leader to ask him if he was available, the previous number to be supplemented.

A childrens party was being arranged to be combined with the 'Wine in the Succah' date. Mrs. Blumenthal suggesting writing to Mr. & Mrs. Cohen who supplied the Succah to tell them of this. It was suggested re-decorating the Succah. Israel Itzkowitz was asked if he and Harry Newman would paint it. Mr. Goldberg said if they would, he would get the paint.

Mrs. Blumenthal mentioned that the East London B'nai B'rith had a Home in Folkestone and would the Deaf be interested in having a holiday there. The deaf members of the Council said they would. Mr. Gold was thanked for his Report.

4. Annual Report: This was being sent out with an appeal as usual.
- 5) Annual General Meeting) Mrs. Gee had included these items in her Report.
- 6) Function)
7. Any other Business: Mrs. Margulies made a statement about the costs of the trip to Israel. The members had paid £120 each. Various letters had been sent out requesting financial help. The London Boroughs concerned had paid £571. The Bazaar and a few special donations had brought in £500. Peltours had refunded £160 due to the fact that the Jewish Agency had paid for a coach and guide for two days in Jerusalem.

The cost of the holiday for the group was £4,993. Monies collected amounted to £1,215. Adding to this the participants contributions, the balance paid by the J.D.A. came to approx. £565.

At a previous Council Meeting, in the discussions regarding the suggested trip, to Israel, it was thought that the J.D.A. may have to subsidise the trip by half the cost if necessary.

Israel Itzkowitz asked if he could have flashing lights fixed in his room so that he can come down and answer the door. The Council thought this a very good idea and thanked him for the suggestion. Mrs. Margulies said she would ask Mr. Ellenberg if it could be done.

8. Date of next Meeting: Mrs Gee said she would try to arrange for the next Council Meeting to take place in January 1974.

The Meeting terminated at 9.40.p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair,

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E. Gee

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION, HELD ON TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 1974
AT 90, CAZENOVE ROAD, N.16.

Present: Mrs. G. M. Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs: Gee, Assersohn, Goldberg, Gold, Solomon, Schamroth, Itzkowitz.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Simmonds, Ross, together with
Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring.

Apologies: Mr. J.J. Newnan, Mrs. L. Sinclair.

1. Minutes; agreed and signed by the Chairman as being correct.

2. Matters Arising: The visit from the Reporter of the Sunday Times did not materialize. The Council suggested writing to that paper asking them to mention the Club in an article if one was ever written about the Deaf.

Nothing further had been heard from Miss Bernice Scholes.

Mrs. Margulies reported on the re-decorating of the Club. She said two estimates had been received. One firm quoted two prices, one for £3,371 but if they used better materials the charge would be £4,800. The second firm quoted £1,875. It had been decided to accept the latter.

This proved very unsatisfactory and after doing the residents rooms and the landings, the workers departed leaving the work unfinished.

A new firm had moved in and the work was in progress again. These men were good and reliable and were charging the same. They included in their price such items as a dado in the Billiards Room and an aluminium strip in the Canteen.

The carpets needed cleaning and an estimate from a professional firm in the region of £20 to £25 had been obtained. The Council agreed to this work being carried out.

A new carpet for the Gertrude Goldstein lounge was being donated by Mr & Mrs Gee

3. Reports

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee reported that the J.D.A. had donated £200 for Chanukah presents for wounded soldiers in Israel. This went through the Magen David Adom and Mrs. Gee had received a reply to the effect that it was thoughtful of one charity to help another in such a time when help was required. Mrs. Margulies told the Meeting that the Deaf themselves had raised £30 in an instant collection at the Club, and Israel Itzkowitz had donated a further £5. This money had been sent to the Magen David Adom.

Mrs. Gee continued that in view of the expenses incurred by the decorating of the Club and the donation to Israel, another Bazaar was being planned for March 31st 1974 and she asked the Deaf to help as much as possible.

She congratulated the G.P.C. for their wonderful efforts regarding the Buffet/Dance at the Alexandra National Hotel. She had heard it had been a very big social success. She felt that it should be publicised and it was agreed to write to Gerald Smith of the Jewish Chronicle asking him to try and get a report printed in the J.C.

It was time for the Annual 'Brains 'Trust' with a hearing panel and she asked if there was anybody special that the Deaf would like.

Mrs. Margulies had written to Monty Modlyn and had received a reply saying he was not available. She had also written to Stanley Clinton Davis M.P. who had replied that he could only come if Parliamentary business allowed. It was suggested to write to Mr. Flinder, Rabbi Abraham Levy and Dr. John Cohen. Mr. Gee agreed to take the Chair.

Mrs. Gee then brought up the matter of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Myers had resigned and a new Hon. Treasurer was required.

Mrs. Ross proposed Mr. Jerrold Assersohn. Mr. Assersohn replied that he was too committed to accept but felt sure that his son John Assersohn would take on this office. Mr. Gee said that he would help the Treasurer in every way possible. The following resolution was passed.

i. It was resolved that Mr. John Assersohn be appointed Hon. Treasurer and that he would be a signatory with the Chairman on all cheques and documents.

2. The Auditors be requested to proved the Jewish Deaf Association with accounts duly audited for the year ended 31. 12. 73
3. That the new Treasurer should invest all surplus funds now on deposit with the Bank in a current account, with local authorities on a seven day call.
4. All funds now on deposit at local authorities should be reviewed and re-invested at best possible rates.
5. That a vote of thanks be rendered to Mr. Myers for his work as Hon. Treasurer to the Association.

It was decided to write to Mr. Myers authorising him to hand the books and statements to Mr. John Assersohn.

That concluded Mrs. Gee's Report.

G.P.C. Report: Mr. Gold reported that 180 people had attended the Buffet/Dance at the Alexandra National Hotel and it had been a big success. The hall and band were good. It was hoped that a similar function would take place in a year or two's time.

Everyone was very happy with the re-decoration of the Club

Three members of 'Breakthrough' had come to talk to the members and it had been very interesting.

A successful childrens party had been arranged combined with 'Wine in the Succah' Grand Bingo had been very successful with over 150 people present.

The Chanukah party was a big success and the Deaf had presented stage plays. The Drama Section were going to compete in the F.L.D.C.

Mrs. Gee asked if the Drama Group would be performing at the Purim Party. When told they would she expressed hope that many hearing people would attend.

There had been a 'Brains Trust' with deaf people on the panel. A Grand Whist Drive was being held on 24th February.

Mr. Gold was thanked for his report.

4. Result of Function: Mrs Gee said that the concert had been a social as well as a financial success but she felt more tickets should have been sold. She thanked Mr. Assersohn the Chairman of the Functions Committee for the splendid work he had done. Mr. Littauer the Conductor of the Orchestra was very sympathetic to the cause. She asked Mrs. Margulies to report on the results:

Adverts brought in £2,855, these came mostly through Mr. Gee.

Donations including Mr. Assersohn's, Mr. Littauer's and Mr. Gee's amounted to £1,290.65.

Tickets sold came to £622.25, and the childrens greetings £76. Mrs. Goldberg was thanked for her part in obtaining the latter. Brochures sold in the hall fetched £72.30. The raffle for the three days in Bournemouth came to £38.

Total income £4,954. The expenses as follows:

Orchestra £495. Soloist £80. Hire of piano £41.25. Commonwealth Institute £62. Programme notes £10. Printing £314.28. Postage £23. Refreshments for artistes £4.48.

Profit on function £3,924. The Council agreed that for a small committee the result was very good. Mrs. Margulies was thanked for her work. There was still £140 outstanding for adverts and Mr. Gee agreed to sign letters asking for the money for two of the adverts. The other advertisers to be contacted again.

5. Any other Business: Mr. Gee gave two names to write to who had promised donations.

Mrs. Margulies reported that the Association had received larger sums of money and had some legacies outstanding.

The Moorgate Trust had sent £500. The Isadore & Evelyn Newton Charitable Trust had donated £300.

£450 was due from the Estate of a Mr. Shapiro. £500 had been left to the J.D.A. by Erwin David Richwood. £50 from Louis Sunshine. £25 from Esther Fligelstone. All are not yet received.

We are now amongst the Charities registered at Somerset House to be notified when legacies are left in Wills to be distributed at the Trustees discretion. So far we had been notified of three and had written to the Solicitors.

£4 compensation had been received from the North London Magistrate Court in connection with the burglary at the Club.

It was agreed to purchase an addressograph machine to save work in the office.

Mrs. Gee thanked the Deaf for the good wishes on her 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs. Margulies told the Council that Israel Itzkowitz had made very good cupboards for the office and was only charging for the materials. Mr. Itzkowitz was thanked for his work and his interest in the Club.

Mr. Denton had not been to the Club for some time. He has now moved to Peacehaven and probably found it more difficult. Both Miss Paul and Mrs. Nicholls had acted as interpreters.

Sam Schanroth mentioned the possibility of having tickets printed on a duplicating machine. He was told that our machine could not do that.

6. Date of Next Meeting: It was decided to leave this to be agreed.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 19th 1974 at 90, CAZENOVE ROAD, N.16.

Present: Mrs. G.M.Gee (in the Chair)
Messrs: Gee, D.Assersohn, J.Assersohn, Goldberg, Schamroth,
Solomon, Katz, Gold.

Mesdames: Goldberg, Sinclair, Simmonds, Ross, together with
Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring.

Apologies: Mr. Newman and Mrs. Blumenthal.

1. Minutes agreed and signed by the Chairman

2. Matters Arising. Mrs. Gee introduced Mr. David Assersohn to the Council.
It was he who took over as Hon. Treasurer and not his brother John.
Mr. Assersohn was then thanked for accepting this office.

In reply to Mr. Gee's enquiry the Hon. Treasurer said that we still had some money to be invested. A sum was invested in Ramsgate Council at 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ % interest and on a seven day call. Rothschild had £6,000 and it was decided to ask them to send an up to date statement.

Mr. Goldberg then mentioned that Windsor Council paid 15% interest over a year.

Mr. Gee said he was quite satisfied for money to be invested in local Authorities without any further discussions.

Decorations: These were very satisfactory. The job had been done fairly well within the original quotation of just under £2,000. £50 was due to them but this will not be paid unless some minor jobs were completed.

The bequest from the Will of Benjamin Shapiro amounted to £576 and we had received the cheque.

The money for the brochure adverts had now been received.

Regarding the carpet for the Gertrude Goldstein lounge Mrs. Gee said that this would be arriving in about a month's time.

3. Correspondence: Mrs. Margulies reported on the Discretionary Notices which we received from Somerset House. The Solicitor for one of the Testators is Mr. Asher Fishman and after being approached he notified us that he had asked the Executors to consider the J.D.A.

A letter from Barclays Trust informing us that we had been left an anonymous bequest of £50.

A letter asking us if we would like to be entered in the columns of the Law Society Charity Appeals Gazette. As such advertising was extremely expensive, the Council decided against this.

A proposition from Estate Agents Moss Kaye and Roy Frank regarding a property in Hampstead was not taken up.

A note from Israel Itzkowitz regarding the safety of the premises in Mr & Mrs Margulies' absence due to holidays was discussed. He felt responsible and was worried. Mrs. Margulies undertook to discuss the matter with him.

4. Reports

(a) Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee reported that the Club had been very busy. She had read of the activities in the newsletters and thanked Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring for seeing that they went out regularly. If anybody, Deaf or Hearing wanted to insert something in the newsletter they would be welcome to do so.

There had been a very successful Purim Party with a performance of the Drama Section which was active again. It was appreciated that many hearing people had been present at that performance.

The Seder Service was an outstanding success with over 100 people attending. Rabbi Levy could not come and Rabbi Dr. Lerner had stepped in. Mrs. Margulies and friends had put on an excellent dinner and Mrs. Gee said she was very proud of that function.

A qualified teacher takes the lip-reading class on Wednesdays and about eight Hard of Hearing people attend.

Speech improvement classes will be introduced later on in the year.
Mrs. Ross stated that the Deaf had managed up to now without them and after a hard day's work it would be too much of an effort.

Mrs. Gee re-iterated that she still felt it was necessary for deaf people be able to speak well. Each one taking part would have individual tuition an experienced teacher.

Mrs. Gee continued that Israel's Independence Day had been celebrated by showing films and slides which they took whilst on the Israel tour.

The Brains Trust had had a very good panel but too few deaf members attended. If talks were arranged it was up to the G.P.C. to encourage the members to attend.

On June 23rd two coach loads of deaf members were going to Oxford for the at the invitation of the Oxford Jewish Community. Lunch and tea were being provided.

A deaf members expressed a preference for Speakers to come on a Sunday but it was agreed that it would be difficult to get Speakers for Sundays.

This concluded Mrs. Gee's report.

(b) G.P.C. Report: Lionel Katz the Chairman of the G.P.C. began by thanking the Council for the gifts given at the Purim Party.

He asked for the Club to be open on August Bank Holiday Monday. The Council agreed to this.

The G.P.C. had sent a telegram to the Helen Keller Home in Tel Aviv congratulating them on their 25th Anniversary. This had cost £2.20. The Council thanked the G.P.C. for their gesture.

The Drama Section were rehearsing a play to take place in February.

The Hearing Committee suggested making a special evening and inviting the friends to see the play and perhaps lay on a supper.

5. Annual Report: The contents of the Annual Report were discussed and various suggestions made such as including a request for Legacies and Bequests - Adverts from Ladies Guilds and Jewish Lodges. It was decided to include names of Donors and Subscribers but not the amounts contributed,

6. Annual General Meeting: It was decided to hold this any weekday excluding Friday, during the week commencing November 4th. Various names for a Guest Speaker were mentioned such as Sir Keith Joseph, Lord Fisher and Sally O'Connell. It was decided to write to Lord Fisher first.

Another discussion followed as regards the date that the Balance Sheet be

7. Future Function: Mr. Jerrold Assersohn the Functions Committee Chairman asked for suggestions. It was agreed that it was hard to sell tickets for a big function. Amongst the forthcoming suggestions were; A Concert at the Club for 80-90 people with a Brochure issued as usual. A dinner at the Club with tickets at £2. The Council thought that this was not suitable for the suggested venue of a function and a price of £2 to include supper and entertainment would be

The Hon. Treasurer said that a function resulting in £4,000 was vital. Total expenses for 1973 including the cost of the Israel trip were £8,500. Income for that year including a legacy and the result of the function left us with a small surplus. To avoid using capital we must have a function.

Mr. Jerrold Assersohn then arranged a Functions Committee Meeting at his home for Tuesday 9th July 1974.

8. Any other Business: The Bazaar was very successful and £470 had been raised. The Council was very pleased with this result.

Mr. Gee suggested that we write to the Chief Rabbi asking him to mention his 'Pulpit Appeal' and Mrs. Gee to sign the letter.

Mr. David Assersohn said that the Auditors informed him that they had closed the Esther Cohen Fund. There was £133.07 at the time of closing.

The Auditors had also informed him that the Constitution stipulated that Meetings should be held quarterly but there had only been one held last year. Mr. Assersohn was informed that the position had now improved.

The Insurance Brokers had suggested certain insurances should be increased. It was decided to increase the insurance on the following:

Building £75,000. Silver £150. Contents of Building £3,000 to £4,500

9. The date of the next meeting was left to be decided.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the new Hon.

15-A-74..... Grief See,

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jack Ashley, M.P.

Present: Mr. George M. Gee (in the Chair) Mrs. George M. Gee, Mr. David Weitzman, Q.C., M.P., Cllr. S. Mather, J.P., Mrs. Mather, Mr. J.J. Newman, Mr. A. M. Myers, Mrs. L. Blumenthal, Mrs. R. Simmonds, Mr & Mrs. J. Assersohn, Mr & Mrs. C. Halpern, Mr & Mrs. H. Goldberg, Mrs. B. Hilton, Mrs. H. Alexander, Mr & Mrs. J. Sinclair, together with a number of deaf members of the J.D.A. A Reporter from the Hackney Gazette was also present. Miss Jessie Paul interpreted.

1. Mr. Gee opened the Meeting. He said how pleased and honoured he was to welcome Mr & Mrs. Jack Ashley to our Club. Mr. Ashley had made many television appearances and was very well known for being such a devoted worker for all handicapped people including the Deaf.

Mr. Gee then referred to Israel hoping that peace would soon return to that Country. He mentioned a visit that he and Mrs. Gee had paid to the Helen Keller Home in Tel Aviv that summer. He then called upon Mrs. Gee that Chairman of the J.D.A. to give her report.

2. Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee welcomed the distinguished guests. She said she had read Mr. Ashley's book 'Journey into Silence' and thought it was an inspiration and encouragement for the Deaf.

The year under review had been active. Talks were given by various experts in their field, a Brains Trust was arranged with the Deaf themselves participating. A regular feature had been added by the opening of a lip-reading class for the Hard of Hearing.

A Seder Service had been held with over one hundred members attending and an outstanding function had been the one arranged in celebration of Mr. Newman's 80th birthday.

Mrs. Margulies had taken 28 members on a two weeks holiday to Israel which proved very successful. All the participants were very enthusiastic and everyone concerned was most grateful to Mrs. Margulies.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mrs. Goldberg the Chairman of the Friendship Club for showing such interest and such friendliness to the members. She also thanked Mrs. Blumenthal, Mrs. Simmonds and Mrs. Sinclair for their ready help, and Mr. Jerrold Assersohn for chairing the Functions Committee and Mr. Gee and Mr. Lauffer for their work connected with the Brochure which was being issued in conjunction with the fund raising concert. She hoped there would be much support for the function.

She expressed thanks to Mrs. Margulies who, she said, was the backbone of the Association, thanks were also extended to the House Committee and to the General Purposes Committee.

Mrs. Gee concluded her report by stating that still more helpers were needed to assist the present committee in keeping the Club going.

Mr. Gee thanked Mrs. Gee for her report and before calling upon the Hon Treasurer he mentioned how nice it was to see such a packed hall and so many loyal supporters amongst them Canon & Mrs. Sutcliffe and Mr & Mrs. Stanley Clinton Davis.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Anthony Myers reported that the Balance Sheet showed that there had been variable success in the affairs of the Association.

The function had raised £2,400 and Legacies amounted to £2,500. There was a sum of money to be invested but it was still essential to have regular fund raising functions.

The accounts were then adopted.

Mr. Gee thanked Mr. Myers for his report and stated that negotiations had already started for another fund raising function in the form of a concert.

G.P.C. Report: Mr. Gold reported on the activities. A group of members went on holiday to Israel and all of them had a wonderful time. Some members had taken films and slides and had shown them at the Club.

There had been outings to Westcliff and Brighton. One of the members who had taken part in a beauty contest for the Deaf, had won it.

The usual Grand Bingo nights had been enjoyed by all. A buffet/dance had been arranged for 19th January 1974 at the Alexandra National Hotel by the Deaf themselves.

Mr. Gold was thanked for his report.

Address by Mr. David Weitzman, Q.C., M.P.

Mr. Weitzman, after associating himself with the hope expressed by the Chairman of a more lasting peace in Israel, introduced the main speaker of the meeting Mr. Jack Ashley, M.P.

They both were very good friends in the House of Commons and he himself followed with interest the efforts of Mr. Ashley who together with Mr. Alf Morris was instrumental in getting the 'Chronically Sick and Disabled Bill' through Parliament.

He praised Mr. Ashley's book and was honoured to welcome him into his constituency.

Address by Mr. Jack Ashley, M.P.

Mr. Ashley opened his address by thanking Mr. Weitzman for his words of welcome, giving him credit for his legal advice and help concerning the aforementioned Bill.

The Speaker then mentioned the efforts of Mr. J.J. Newman who started the Association some thirty years ago seeing the necessity for bringing the handicap of deafness more into the public eye. A handicap that tends to be overlooked not being as visible as blindness and requiring a special consideration by hearing people. Unfortunately there was an appalling lack of facilities around the country for the Deaf. There are many ways in which help for the Deaf can be given. Lip reading classes were essential and many areas did not have this facility. Free hearing aids had been promised by Parliament to be made available in five years time. This was too long to wait. Parliament could make decisions immediately if pushed hard enough and it was up to others, including the Deaf themselves, to lobby their M.P's for better services for the Deaf. This included medical research into deafness, which was at a low level in Britain today. An Institution should be set up for hearing research which will help young deaf people of the future.

Mr. Gee thanked Mr. Ashley for his speech and promised that the Jewish Deaf Association would certainly do all they could in that direction. He then called on the Deputy Mayor of Hackney to address the Meeting:

Cllr. Stanley Mather, J.P., said he felt very humble and proud to be at the meeting in the company of such distinguished people as Mr. Ashley and Mr. Weitzman. As the representative of the London Borough of Hackney he was very appreciative of the work being done by the Jewish Deaf Association for their members. He mentioned the work of Mrs. Margulies who for a long time had been associated with a hostel for refugee children prior to her work with the Deaf.

Cllr. Mather promised to take a greater interest in the Jewish Deaf Association and hoped to be invited to the Club again.

Mr. Gee thanked Cllr. Mather for his address.

From the floor Mrs. Ruth Myers proposed a vote of thanks. She said how happy the deaf members were to have Mr. Ashley at their Club. They had been hoping for a long time that he would come so that the members could show their admiration for him. She thanked Mr. Weitzman, Cllr. Mather, Mr & Mrs. Gee and all the friends of the J.D.A present at the meeting. She also thanked Miss Jessie Paul for interpreting.

Mr. Gee closed the meeting at 4.40.p.m. and refreshments were served.

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Lucy Gee.

6. Nov. 1974

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the
Jewish Deaf Association, held on Tuesday October 15th,
1974, at 90, Cazenove Road, N.16.

Present: Mrs. G.M.Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs: D. Assersohn, J. Assersohn, Schamroth, Solomon,

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Sinclair, Simmonds, Ross, together with
Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring.

Apologies: Mr. G.M.Gee, Mr. J.J.Newman, Mr & Mrs. H. Goldberg.

1. MINUTES: These were signed as being correct after amending a sentence in Par.7. to read " Income for that year including a legacy and the result of the Function left us with a small surplus but inflation would wipe this out for the coming year"
2. ARISING FROM MINUTES: Mrs. Gee asked Mr. David Assersohn if he would consent to be the Hon. Treasurer of the Functions Committee. Mr. Assersohn agreed. It was decided to transfer the Functions account from Frognal Branch of Barclays to the Stoke Newington Branch, with two signatories.
Trustees of the J.D.A. The signatures of the Trustees were required for the recent sale of shares. These were Mrs. Goodman, Mr. Newman, Mr. Landy and Mr. Halpern. Mr. Newman did not now feel well enough to be a Trustee and Mrs. Goodman had officially resigned. The Hon. Treasurer did not know if their names were on any documents relating to the Building. It was suggested that Mr. Landy be asked if their names were on the Conveyance of the Building.
It was further decided to have three Trustees instead of four, with Mrs. Blumenthal consenting to be the third name together with Mr. Landy and Mr. Halpern.
Annual Report. All agreed that the Annual Report was very good. The names of Doners and Subscribers had been included, but not the amounts donated. Mrs. Margulies reported that up to date the appeal had brought in approx. £600.
Annual General Meeting on November 6th. Lord Fisher had agreed to be Guest Speaker. Mrs. Gee hoped that all Committee members would attend. It was agreed to insert a notice in the Jewish Chronicle advertising the A.G.M., and to ask for a Reporter to be present. If they could not send a Reporter, we should submit a report ourselves. Mrs. Gee felt that our activities are not mentioned enough in that paper. Myer Solomon said that Mrs. Halpern is responsible for publicity matters. It was also decided to contact the Hackney Gazette asking them to send a Reporter.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Gee had written to the Chief Rabbi asking him to set aside a Sabbath for us in his Pulpit appeal. She received a favourable reply and will write again reminding him.
A letter was received from the Insurance Brokers saying that they are sending a Representative to survey the Building. Mr. Assersohn asked if we were insured for malicious damage and was told they were.
4. REPORTS
(a) Chairman's Report: Mrs. Gee said that her report on the activities appeared in the recent Annual Report. The General Secretary and the President of the Helen Keller Home in Israel visited the Club and presented us with a plaque. They informed us of the World Congress for the Deaf which will be held in Israel in 1977 and hoped we would send Representatives. As it was a long time ahead there was still time to think about it.
Our members had paid a visit to the Oxford Jewish Community Centre at the invitation of the Jewish Community and were made most welcome. She thought it a good idea to contact other Jewish Communities for invitations, including Solihull where her sister is. On another occasion some of our members had visited the Oxford Deaf Club at the invitation of Rev. Philip Hunt. The J.D.A. invited them in return.
The Bazaars had taken place and proved successful. Mrs. Gee said that perhaps another one could be arranged in future.
She was delighted to learn that the Drama Group was active and looked forward to seeing a performance at some time.
The Chairman concluded by saying that she would like to see more activities arranged for the winter months.
(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Assersohn reported that the £10,000 which we had invested with the Ramsgate Corpn., had now been used to buy Local Authority Yearling Bonds, yielding 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. He managed to buy these at a discount of £625. They run for one year but can be sold at any time. If interest rates continue to fall, we could, if we wanted, sell at a profit.
We have sold our shares as agreed, producing £4,110. This is now on deposit with the Bank. Thus, we now have a long term investment and a short term one on which we can draw if need be.

The account with Rothschild has been closed as it is now unnecessary. The money in the Income account is in our current account at Barclays and the money in the capital account is in the deposit account. It cost £8,500 to run the Club last year. Assuming inflation runs at 20% the figure would be nearer £11,000.

With reference to the Estate of the late Samuel Koffler, we had already received £2,500 and then £75. We have now received a further £729 plus tax refund certificate. Another legacy of £142.06. plus tax certificate was received from the Estate of D.M. Van Moppes.

That concluded Mr. Assersohn's report and Mrs. Gee thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the J.D.A.

(c) General Purposes Committee Report: Myer Solomon reported on the outing to Oxford Jewish Community Centre, saying that the members had enjoyed it very much. They thought the new Centre and Synagogue were beautiful. Rabbi Levy came to the Club to talk about Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and it was very easy to understand him.

There had been a childrens party in the Succah. Everybody worked very hard and it was a big success. Tea was served in the Canteen and the children went in the Succah for sweets and games. One member told her Synagogue about the party and they gave her sweets for the children. No details were available yet for the Chanukah Party.

The Youth Section started up again but as it was a new venture, whether it would be successful or not was not yet known.

A request was made by some young members to hold a Disco at the Club on a Saturday night. Their number was not sufficient for such a function and they would have to invite outsiders who would outnumber the J.D.A. members. In view of this fact and after discussing it with Mrs. Margulies it was decided against holding such a function.

Mr. Solomon was thanked for his report.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Agenda would be discussed nearer the date. Mr. Gee would be asked to Chair the meeting. Mr. Denton will interpret. Myer Solomon agreed to give a vote of thanks on behalf of the Deaf.
6. FUTURE FUNCTION The proofs of the Brochure forms would be ready for the Functions Committee Meeting on 21st October and other matters would be discussed then.
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. D. Assersohn suggested writing again to Donors who had given on previous occasions asking them to repeat the gesture.

It was suggested to contact various Ladies' Guilds asking them to hold Functions to benefit the J.D.A.

Mrs. Margulies informed the Council that the roof needed repairing again and the gutters needed clearing. A discussion followed, resulting in Mrs. Sinclair recommending a builder.

It was mentioned that when the Club was crowded it became too hot. Mrs. Margulies replied that the Central Heating System had a compensater which worked according to the weather and that whilst it might be too hot in the rooms with most people, the other rooms would be too cold if the heating was turned off altogether. It was suggested the ventilators be used on those occasions.

Myer Solomon stated that for the Grand Bingo it was decided by the G.P.C. to sell a maximum of 150 tickets but one member ignores this ruling and sells more, thus the hall being overcrowded. 170 tickets had already been sold for the Grand Bingo in November. He asked if an official stipulation could be made about this. Mrs. Gee said she would insert a notice in the Newsletter about the matter.

Mrs. Gee asked that a Greetings telegram be sent to Mr & Mrs. Lauffer on the occasion of their son's Barmitzvah.

Mrs. Margulies reported that the Electric Water Urn in the canteen was leaking and a new one necessary. Several estimates had been obtained, the best one being from the Houndsditch Warehouse Company for approx £21. The Council agreed to the purchase of one. The leaking urn could be repaired.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was left in abeyance.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Lucy Gee 27 Feb 1975

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Jewish Deaf Association
held on Thursday February 27th 1975 at 90, Cazenove Road, N.16.

Present: Mrs. G.M.Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs: D. Assersohn, J. Assersohn, Goldberg, Katz, Solomon,
Gold, Schamroth.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Simmonds, Sinclair, Ross, together
with Mrs. Margulies and Mrs. Goldring.

Apologies: Mr. Halpern.

1. Minutes: signed by the Chairman as being correct
2. Matters Arising: Mrs Gee spoke of the Chief Rabbi's Appeal. She had learned that the Ministers of the United Synagogue had been asked to make the appeal in a Newsletter. Mr Gee had followed this up with a personal letter and although she did not think it would bring in large sums of money, she hoped it would benefit us both financially and as regards publicity for the J.D.A. Mrs. Margulies reported that a little money had already come in and she was told by Mr. Alan Greenbat that he himself made the appeal at the Hackney Synagogue. He donated his own fee and expected the J.D.A. to benefit from various other donations resulting from his appeal. Two other Ministers had sent personal cheques. Mr. J. Assersohn suggested we write to the Chief Rabbi thanking him and Mrs. Gee undertook this.

Mrs. Ross asked if anything had been done with regard to asking Jewish Communities for invitations to visit them, in particular Solihull. Mrs Gee suggested that perhaps the Deaf should write themselves.
3. Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Jewish Blind Society regarding the International Conference in Jerusalem.
4. Reports: (a) Chairmans Report: Mrs. Gee thanked the members for their letters of condolence on the loss of her mother. She congratulated Mr & Mrs Goldberg on the Barmitzvah of their two grandsons.

The Chairman was pleased that the Drama Section was active, as was the lip reading class. With regards to the Speech Classes no money was available for a new class this year. The possibility of members in conjunction with the Council paying for a Speech Class was raised and it was agreed to ask those interested in such a class for their opinion. The cost for a two-hour session per week was £6.40.

Mrs. Gee said that the running costs of the Club were high and the Functions Committee had decided to hold the annual fund raising function this year at the Club to save outside expenses. The Club would be closed to the members on the day of the function Sunday March 9th.

The prices in the canteen had been raised a little.

The roof was leaking badly again and one estimate had quoted £800 for repairs. A discussion followed with the Council agreeing to Mr. David Assersohn's suggestion that a Surveyor be called in and estimates obtained through him to get the work carried out properly. It was agreed to write to Mr. Silver.

(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr. D. Assersohn said that he was trying to get an Aid Committee interested in the Association. He had written to the Jewish Chronicle who had printed his letter although the last sentence had been cut. He received two replies from people willing to serve. He had also sent letters to some local Synagogues asking for workers. The Southgate Progressive Synagogue had put his letter on their Notice Board. Mr. Assersohn hoped for more results.

As mentioned in the last Minutes the shares were sold and Local Authority Yearling Bonds bought. ~~The interest had fallen but we~~ could still sell at a profit at anytime, above market rates. Mr. Assersohn was thanked for his report.

(c) General Purposes Committee Report: Mr. Katz reported that the Chanukah Party had been successful with over 120 people present. All members had been presented with a J.D.A. embossed plastic wallet which the G.P.C. paid for. Members of the Committee were also given one. The Drama Group performed at the party.

At a Whist Drive on January 12th nine tables played. The Whist Drives were becoming popular again and at a Grand Whist Drive the previous Sunday 16 tables played.

The G.P.C. tried to arrange programmes every month but found it difficult to make the members come on a weekday.

There would be a Grand Bingo in April and 150 tickets had been sold at £1 each to include refreshments, raffle etc. For the Purim Party on Sunday March 2nd about 125 people were expected.

The G.P.C. had bought an electronic calculator for £10. The Drama Section had come third in the F.L.D.C. Drama Competitions. The expenses in connection with the competition amounted to £29. Their producer Michae Brojer had to go into hospital and Isadore Schlisselman had taken over. The Annual General Meeting of the G.P.C. will take place on April 27th 1975.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mr. Katz for his report and suggested that the GPC discuss holding a Show on a Sunday for the Drama Group to perform for the Hearing Committee and their friends.

5. Function: Mr. Jerrold Assersohn said the function will be held at the Club on Sunday March 9th with David Berglas and Ron Moody giving their services free. Ron Moody took over from John Bluthal who was going to appear but had to go to Australia where his father was ill.

Mr. Assersohn said that although it would be a good programme there was some difficulty in selling tickets as he thought people were reluctant to come to Stoke Newington from North West London. If the G.P.C. could sell tickets it would be appreciated. He asked the members present to help in the sale of raffle tickets and was informed that all the members had been given raffle tickets to sell.

The deaf members on the Council wished the function every success.

6. Any other Business: Mrs. Margulies reported that the windows of the office had been smashed in by unknown assailants. The police were called in. Our Insurance Brokers were sending a glazier to replair the damage.

We received two legacies - one of £500 from Mrs. Bessie Gottlieb -deceased the other for £25 from Joseph Games - deceased. Two legacies were still outstanding.

A supply of J.D.A. headed paper was required and a discussion followed regarding the lay-out of the heading.

The Meeting closed at 9.25. to be followed by a Functions Committee Meeting.

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Evelyn Gee

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the
Jewish Deaf Association, held on Monday June 9th 1975
at 90, Cazenove Road, London. N.16.

Present: Mrs G.M.Gee (in the Chair) Messrs: D.Assersohn, J. Assersohn,
Newman, Schanroth, Katz, Clements.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Ross, Stryker, together with Mrs. Margulies
and Mrs. Goldring.

Apologies Mr & Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. Sinclair.

Mrs. Gee opened the meeting by welcoming the new representatives of the G.P.C.

1. Minutes signed as being correct after a correction in the Hon. Treasurer's report.
2. Matters Arising: The result of the Chief Rabbi's Appeal so far amounted to £665.
The Council thought this a good result.

Lionel Katz reported that the J.D.A. came third in the F.L.D.C. Drama Competition but was awarded first place for costumes.

Mrs. Margulies reported that the Speech Classes would be starting in September and Miss Brinson the Deputy Head of the Dept. for the Deaf at the City Lit would be taking the class herself. Mrs. Gee will write to Miss Brinson to thank her.

3. Correspondence: Three estimates had been received regarding a new roof. The builders which Mr. Goldberg had sent quoted £2,760. Mr. Silver after being contacted sent two firms and the estimates were £1,993 and £1,743. A discussion followed and it was decided to give the work to Messrs. Strutt whose estimate, although being the lowest, was found to promise the best result. It was also decided to ask Mr. Silver for his professional services to see that the work is carried out satisfactorily. Mr. J. Assersohn agreed to contact Mr. Silver. Mr. David Assersohn said that the money for the new roof would have to come out of capital but as costs could only increase, it was advisable to have it done now. A decision was taken to that effect.

Fire Extinguishers: On recommendation from the Insurance Brokers, fire fighting equipment will be installed by Messrs. Nuswift at a cost of approx £155. It was possible that a Brownie Pack in Finchley would contribute to the cost by small money raising functions.

Bequests: One legacy of £500 is still outstanding. We were notified that Mrs. Annie Wills (Rita Katz's mother) had bequeathed £250 to the J.D.A.

The Southend B'nai B'rith Young Adult Lodge had again issued an invitation for the members to spend an afternoon (August 31st) with them.

We had a letter from the Jewish Lads' Brigade inviting our younger members for a weekend at their Camp. Mrs Margulies had sent a reply pointing out that unfortunately the handicap of our members must exclude them from such a visit. The Council agreed.

4. Reports

(a) Chairman: Mrs Gee said that the Club had not been very busy since the last meeting except for the Talk by Mr. Kessler about the Falashas. Mr. Margulies' arrangements for that was much appreciated and proved that the Deaf would come to the Club on a Thursday if enough effort was made. At present they only came to the Club regularly on Sundays unless a Dance or a Bingo is arranged.

A dance was held to celebrate Israel's Independence Day and the Chairman was pleased that the members enjoyed it.

With reference to the Pulpit Appeal, Rev. Hardman of the Hendon Synagogue informed Mrs. Gee that two Lodges had responded financially. The more people heard about the J.D.A, the better and she suggested sending reports of activities to the J.C.

Mrs. Blumenthal suggested trying to get more people to serve on the Council and Functions Committee.

(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report:

Mr. David Assersohn said that we still have our money invested with Thanet Council at the same rate of interest which is 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ %.

Mentioning the previous Minutes regarding an Aid Committee he said that he had met with poor response. In spite of writing a letter to the J.C. and various Ministers he received only two replies. He answered suggesting they visit the Club and hoped they would contact Mrs. Margulies to fix a time.

With reference to the money for the new roof, Mr. Assersohn suggested writing to Sir Isaac Wolfson as a Patron of the Association asking for his help. The Council agreed and asked Mrs. Margulies to do so.

(c) General Purposes Committee Report: Mr. Katz said that the Stage Play at the Purin Party was very good and Grand Bingo very successful. The GPC Annual General Meeting was held on May 4th instead of April 25th owing to the death of his mother and some new members had been elected to the GPC. The GPC was trying to arrange weekday Bingo etc on Wednesdays seeing that the members attended functions at other Deaf Clubs on Thursdays. A Solo League was being arranged for future Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Sunday last the members went on a mystery coach outing. The destination was Beaulieu and it was very interesting. They filled a 53 seater coach.

Mr. Katz was thanked for his report.

5. Function: Mrs. Margulies reported on the result of the function which took place at the Club on March 9th last. Monies from Adverts, Donations, Raffle and £1 collection, Childrens Greetings, Tickets and the Card Evening amounted to £3,693.20. Expenses came to £335.47. Profit= £3,357.73. All monies for the adverts had now been received. The Council was very pleased with the result and Mrs. Margulies and Mrs Goldring were thanked for their work.

The result of this function was only £566 down on the previous one, which in view of the present economic situation was regarded as a success not only financially but socially.

The matter of the next function was brought up but some members of the Council thought it too soon to discuss it.

Mrs. Ross mentioned that it would soon be the 25th Anniversary of the Club and perhaps the Hearing and Deaf could combine efforts to run a function. It was explained that the J.D.A. function was primarily to bring in money to help keep the Club going but perhaps the Deaf themselves could try to do something on their own.

6. Annual Report: It was decided to send out an appeal letter this year instead of a Report.
7. Annual General Meeting: It was suggested to hold this sometime in November. A Guest Speaker to be invited and several names were mentioned including Sir John Cohen whom Mrs Gee agreed to contact.

8. Any other Business: Mrs. Margulies reported a visit to the Club by a gentleman from Leeds who wanted his 17 year old daughter to visit the Club on June 29th. He left a donation of £30.

Mrs. Ross asked if the Council had a date in mind for the Drama Group to perform for the Hearing. Nothing was decided.

9. Date of next meeting. This was left in abeyance.

The Meeting closed at approx. 10.p.m.

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Evelyn Gee.
11. Nov. 1975.

GUEST SPEAKER: LORD FISHER OF CAMDEN

Present: Mr. G.M.Gee (in the Chair) Mrs. G.M.Gee, Mr. D.Weitzman, Q.C., M.P.
Mrs. Weitzman, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, M.P., The Deputy Mayor &
Mayoress of Hackney, Messrs. D.P.Assersohn, J.Assersohn, H.Goldberg,
C.Halpern, J.Sinclair.

Mesdames: Goldberg, Halpern, Hilton, Simmonds, Sinclair, Mrs. Margulies,
Mrs. Goldring, a number of Deaf members. Miss J.Rose of the Hackney
Gazette. Mr. E. Denton interpreted.

Apologies: Mr. Julius J.Newman, President of the J.D.A.
Secretary of the British Ass. of the Hard of Hearing.

Mr. Gee opened the meeting by welcoming all present and stating how delighted he was to see such a distinguished platform. He regretted the absence of the Mayor of Hackney due to illness and welcomed Cllr. Daniel West the Deputy Mayor who was present. The Chairman also welcomed Mr. David Assersohn who took over the Hon. Treasurer of the J.D.A., and Mr. Jerrold Assersohn the Chairman of the Functions Committee.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to the two M. P's present who came although they had to return to the House of Commons in a short while. He therefore asked them to address the Meeting first, the normal course of business to follow.

Mr. David Weitzman, Q.C., M.P. mentioned that he had close contact with the J.D.A. and made a point of attending the Annual General Meeting of the Association whenever he was asked.

Mr. Stanley Clinton Davis, M.P., remarked that although he represents a different Constituency he was delighted at being allowed to enter Mr. Weitzman's who, he said, worked very hard for the disabled in the House of Commons.

Introducing Lord Fisher of Camden, Mr. Clinton Davis said that the Guest Speaker played a big part in local politics and named the many offices which he had held. He was also a marvellous Ambassador of the Jewish people.

The Guest Speaker of the evening then gave his Address

Lord Fisher spoke about the work of the Board of Deputies of which he is President.

He also mentioned that although he had not visited the J.D.A. Club for a number of years, the Association was very well known for the wonderful work it carried out. He had nothing but praise for the people who devoted their time to such vital work and it was fortunate in having Mr. & Mrs. Gee connected with it.

Mr. Gee thanked Lord Fisher for his interesting speech and called on Cllr. West to address the audience.

Cllr. Daniel West in his inspiring speech mentioned that although he himself was handicapped by blindness, he has always tried to do his share as a member of society. He expressed appreciation for all workers who devoted time and energy to help the handicapped and wished the J.D.A. continued success.

Mrs. G.M.Gee the Chairman of the Jewish Deaf Association then gave her Report:

Despite all the turmoil in the World, Mrs. Gee said that the work of the J.D.A. had to go on. Their aim was to try to bring the Hearing World into the lives of the Deaf and to encourage the Deaf to go out into the Hearing World.

Activities were arranged in the Club such as Bingo, Whist Drives, Competitions, Brains Trusts and Talks, as well as Outings. The General Purposes Committee of the Deaf themselves took an active part in helping to arrange these.

A Bazaar held at the Club had realised over £400 and the Deaf had participated in that venture.

A Seder Service had taken place and over 120 members attended.

The premises were large and expenses heavy, therefore Fund Raising was essential. She was very pleased that a Function was being arranged under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jerrold Assersohn, to take place early next year at the Club. It was hoped that the Theatre of the Deaf would give a performance. In conjunction with the Function a Brochure would be issued and Mr Gee and Mr Lauffer would be undertaking this. Mrs. Gee expressed her thanks to the gentlemen mentioned.

Mrs Gee expressed her appreciation to Mr David Assersohn for accepting the office of Hon. Treasurer, the House Committee for keeping an eye on the running of the Club, Mrs. Margulies for her friendship and guidance to the Deaf Mrs Goldring and Mrs Simmons for their help, Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs Sinclair for their work with the Friendship Club. She also thanked Mr Denton for interpreting.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr. David Assersohn said he was impressed with what he had seen at the Club and was delighted to be the Hon. Treasurer.

The financial situation was much the same as previously. In view of the fall in share prices the Council of the J.D.A. had approved the sale of share holdings and money was now deposited with a Local Authority earning twice as much income for the Association. This year was an anxious one but he felt sure that the Association would continue to flourish as it had in the past.

In reply to a question from the floor the Hon. Treasurer said that we did have a small surplus of £900, but with inflation, costs will rise and it is possible that even with a Fund Raising function there may be a deficit at the end of the year.

When asked by a deaf member what would happen in the event of the funds going down, Mr Assersohn replied that there is a sum of money saved which could if necessary keep the Club going for some time. However that money could only be used once.

The accounts were adopted and Mr. Assersohn thanked for his report.

General Purposes Committee Report: Mr Lionel Katz the Chairman said that the G.P.C. worked hard all the year trying to arrange activities for the members. Activities included Bingo, Whist Drives, Competitions. Parties to celebrate the Jewish Festivals. The Youth Section had started up again and he hoped this would be successful.

Mr. Katz was thanked for his report and the remaining items on the Agenda were dealt with as follows:

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were signed as being correct.

Elections: No new nominations were received and all Hon. Officers were returned on block.

The Meeting was closed by Mr. Gee following a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Myer Solomon on behalf of the Deaf.

Refreshments were then served.

G. Gee.
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the
Jewish Deaf Association Held on Tuesday November 11th 1975
at 90, Cazenove Road, London.N.16.

Present: Mrs G.M.Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs: D.Assersohn, J.Assersohn, Goldberg, Newman, Clements,
Katz, Schamroth.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Sinclair, Ross, Stryker.

In attendance Mrs Margulies, Mrs Goldring.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and the Minutes were signed as being correct.
2. Matters Arising: Mr Linke from Leeds who had a 17 year old deaf daughter did not make the intended visit to the Club.

The work on the new roof was now complete but repairs and re-decoration still had to be carried out.

Nothing further had been heard regarding the donation from the Brownie Pack.

3. Correspondence: In reply to our letters to Sir Isaac Wolfson regarding financial help towards the new roof, we had received a letter informing us that the matter would be put before the Trustees in February of next year.

Legacies: We had received two. One for £500 and one for £200. Still outstanding was one for £250 (Mrs.Wills) and another for £25, plus the legacy which Mr. Landy is dealing with, the amount of which is unknown.

A letter was received from Clifton Data Service with an offer of a Survey of the Trust Funds of various Public Companies. The cost of a copy of this Survey is £16. The Council agreed to it being obtained!.

It was suggested that in view of us purchasing the fire fighting equipment, the Insurance premium be reduced, it was pointed out however that the equipment was a condition of the Insurance Brokers.

4. Reports

(a) Chairman: Mrs Gee said that the Club was running well but she would like to see more activities such as Talks and Discussions. She was very pleased that the Speech Classes had started with Miss Brinson as teacher. There were 9 members in the class.

Each year the canteen was subsidised by about £500 to £600 and now that expenses were even higher it had been decided at the last House Committee Meeting to increase the prices in the Canteen.

Mrs Gee asked the deaf members of the Council if anything further had been arranged about the Drama Group. Jane Stryker replied that she had received a letter from Michael Brojer, the Producer, suggesting a meeting in February or March.

Mrs Goldberg, as Chairman of the Friendship Club, reported that at the Association of Jewish Friendship Clubs Handicraft Exhibition, three of our members had won prizes for three items out of the eight exhibited. She would get the full results at a luncheon meeting being held the next day.

Mrs. Gee thanked Mrs Goldberg for her interest in the Friendship Club. The Chairman also thanked Mrs Goldring for looking after the Club during Mrs Margulies's absence in America.

(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report: The 1974 accounts had been completed in readiness for the Annual General Meeting on November 20th and Mr Assersohn reported that for the first time we had made a loss - of £1,100. In addition, a sum of £2,000 was set aside for the new roof, and about £1,000 had been lost when our investments were reorganised. The loss was therefore approx.£4,100.

The Treasurer pointed out that although £1,000 was lost on the sale of our old investments, our new investment had already brought in £1,350 in only a few months, so that the change was worthwhile.

The picture for 1975 looked rather better for various reasons, such as - the result of the Annual Appeal being good and instead of £500 which we received in 1974 from the Moorgate Trust, they had sent us £2,000 for 1975. Also the £2,000 expenditure for the roof was not recurring.

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Mr Assersohn mentioned that a Fund raising- function had been held in 1975. No Fund-raising function took place in 1974. Therefore 1975 might not be so bad.

It was not possible to tell what 1976 would be like.

The amount deposited with Local Authorities had now matured and on the Brokers' advice, Mr Assersohn had invested in Treasury Stock 12³/₄% of 1992 showing a yield of 13.8% free of tax. He had registered with the Official Custodian of Charities which would prove advantageous as it would speed repayment of income tax back to the J.D.A.

We had a sum of £4,000 in the Bank which would be drawn upon.

Mrs Gee thanked Mr Assersohn for his hard work looking after the J.D.A finances.

(c) General Purposes Committee report: Mr Katz said the GPC had given a party for children and parents and it was very successful. They had looked after the Club while Mrs Margulies was away. Bingo was still very popular.

A sub-committee had been formed with Ruth Myers as Chairman and a buffet/dance was being arranged for May 30th 1976. They had a caterer but had not yet fixed a hall or band.

Winter Indoor Games had started again at the Club on Saturday nights. The snooker balls were not up to standard and a new set would cost £35. However another Club may have a set to sell. The billiard table was faulty and a discussion regarding this followed.

Mr Katz said that the members would prefer to come to the Club earlier on Sundays in the winter and leave earlier. It was decided to open at 5 oclock instead of 6 and close at 10.30.

A discussion regarding the benefit of teleprinter-telephone then took place.

Mr Katz was thanked for his report.

5. Function: Mr Jerrold Assersohn said that he had written to all members of the Functions Committee asking for ideas. He had received two replies. Mrs Littaur sent a list of suggestions. Mrs Myers felt that the previous function was not a social success and should not be run at the Club in future.

Mr Assersohn felt that Mrs Myers had overlooked the fact that the function was of financial importance rather than of a social nature. However Mrs Gee said that she thought the function was a social success and the Council agreed. Mrs Gee said that many Committees now run functions in their own premises rather than go to added expense and the idea should be repeated.

Mr Assersohn then suggested arranging a meeting of the Functions Committee for December 4th 1975.

6. Result of New Year Appeal: The appeal to date had brought in £1,248. 81.
7. Annual General Meeting: The Guest Speaker for this year's meeting on November 20th is Miss D.M.M. Sugden - Director of Social Services, London Borough of Hackney.
8. Any other Business: No other business was discussed.
9. Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged

The Meeting closed at approx. 10.0.p.m.

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E. Gee
23. Mar '76

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Jewish Deaf Association
held on Tuesday March 23rd 1976, at 90, Cazenove Road, London.N.16.

Present: Mrs G.M.Gee (in the Chair)
Messrs: D.Assersohn, Goldberg, Newman, Clements, Gold,
Katz, Schamroth

Mesdames: Goldberg, Sinclair, Ross, Stryker, together with
Mrs Margulies and Mrs Goldring.

Apologies Mrs L. Blumenthal, Mr. J. Assersohn.

1. Minutes: The Chairman opened the Meeting, and the Minutes were signed as correct.
2. Matters Arising: With reference to the application to Sir Isaac Wolfson for financial help towards the new roof, two further letters had been sent from the office and we have now received a very nice personal letter from Sir Isaac enclosing a cheque for £2,000. The Council expressed their appreciation for the efforts involved that brought such a splendid result.

Nothing further had been heard from the Brownie Pack.

The Survey from Clifton Data Service was obtained.

3. Correspondence: A letter was received from the Central Council for Jewish Social Service inviting the J.D.A. to become a Constituent member of that Council. We replied saying we would be happy to be accepted.

Mr Curtis had written offering to help with the repairs of the Billiards Table. It was decided to contact Thurstons.

4. Reports (a) Chairmans Report

Mrs Gee expressed pleasure at the arrangements being made for the Dinner & Dance on May 30th and thanked Mrs Margulies and Mrs Goldring for working so hard together with the Deaf. She hoped that photographs would be taken at the function and perhaps a Reporter from the J.C. be present.

At a cocktail party given by the Hampstead Synagogue Ladies' Guild, £95 was raised for the J.D.A. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Blumenthal who instigated this. It also resulted in more publicity for the Association.

The Friendship Club was invited to a party by the Golders Green Friendship Club and to save transport expenses we asked the Jewish Blind Society to loan us one of their mini-buses. We in turn help them by lending them our card tables.

The visit of Miss Jane Wilmot a deaf solicitor to the Club was an outstanding success. Mrs Gee had written asking her to talk at a luncheon or Garden Party at her house, the proceeds of which will go to the J.D.A.

Mrs Gee was very pleased that the Speech Class was still very active. She regretted not being able to attend the function on May 30th owing to a family wedding out of London, however other members of the Committees were coming. She expressed regret that the Chairman of the Functions Committee, Mr Jerrold Assersohn could not attend this meeting.

(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report: Before giving his report, Mr David Assersohn conveyed the apologies of his father who could not attend the meeting owing to pressure of work. Mr Jerrold Assersohn's suggestion to call a meeting of the Functions Committee for April 8th was accepted.

The Hon. Treasurer then reported on the accounts for 1975. These had been sent to the Auditors and should be ready by the middle of April. We would then be in a better position to know exactly how we stand.

The claim from the Inland Revenue for tax refund had been applied for, and the money received.

In reply to Mr Goldberg's question regarding £4,000 in the Bank, Mr Assersohn said that we probably had about £3,000 now as we have been drawing on the current account. However if there is more than £2,000 he will put some of it on short term deposit.

Assersohn was thanked for his report.

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G. P. C. Report: Mr Katz reported that the JDA/BDA combined Leap Year Bingo on February 29th was very successful.

82 members attended the Purim Party. A good dinner was served and they all enjoyed themselves.

The Grand Whist Drive attracted 14 tables which was very good. The Whist Drives were gradually building up again in attendance.

The Club was looked after very well during Mrs Margulies's absence.

Arrangements were going well for the 25th Anniversary Function. They would now be having a dinner instead of a buffet and the hall booked is the Montefiore Hall at St. John's Wood Liberal Synagogue. The tickets were almost all sold and some deaf people were coming from Paris. A Tombola was being run and gifts were needed. 600 raffle books had been printed. Discussions had taken place regarding Guests of Honour and at a meeting a vote had been passed against.

Mr Katz passed a note to Mrs Gee which Emil Stryker had given him.

The GPC would like the Club to revert to its original times on Sundays i.e. open at 6 o'clock till 11.p.m.

The GPC thanked Mr Newman for his donation of £20 towards the May 30th function and the House Committee for a donation of £20 towards the Purim Party. That concluded the GPC Report.

5. Function: No report given in Mr Jerrold Assersohn's absence.

6. Any other Business:

Repairs and Re-decoration: The Insurance Brokers told us to go ahead and they would negotiate further with the Insurance Company as the sum offered by them seemed too small.

Israel 1977: Mrs Margulies had had a meeting with the members to find out how many were interested before starting on preparations. She had 42 names altogether.

The Congress would last five days but would be combined with a holiday of approx., two weeks. It was thought that it would cost in the region of £300 per person.

Deaf Organisations apart from the JDA would be going but it was felt that they should join the delegation from the JDA and the JDA not go under the auspices of another organisation. Mrs Margulies felt strongly that the Jewish Deaf Association from Britain should be represented at the Congress in Israel and Mr. Assersohn agreed.

The subject of a Home for elderly deaf was mentioned and Mr Assersohn suggested forming a sub-committee to discuss the problem. Mr Goldberg also felt that this idea needed further consideration as there are already three members who are alone and needing care. Following a discussion Mr Assersohn agreed to write to the Jewish Welfare Board to arrange a meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting: This was left in abeyance.

The Meeting closed at approx. 9.45.p.m.

G. Gee 14th Sept. 1976.

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J E W I S H D E A F A S S O C I A T I O N

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, November 20th, 1975
at 90, Cazenove Road, London.N.16.

Guest Speaker: Miss D.M.Sugden, Director of Social Services,
London Borough of Hackney

Present: Mrs G.M.Gee (in the Chair) Cllr. A.Super & Mrs Super (Mayor & Mayoress of Hackney) Mr. Julius J. Newman (President of the J.D.A.)
Messrs: D.Assersohn, J.Assersohn, Goldberg, Halpern,
Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Halpern, Sinclair - also Mrs Margulies,
Mrs Goldring, a number of Deaf members. Mr. E. Denton interpreted.

Apologies: Mrs. H. Alexander, Mr. D. Weitzman, QC.,MP.

Mrs Gee opened the meeting by welcoming all present. She apologised for Mr. Gee's absence due to a prior commitment and was taking the Chair in his place.

She remarked that it was most appropriate to have a Lady Guest Speaker as it was International Womens' Year. Mrs Gee then gave her Report:

She stressed the difficulties that the Deaf had to cope with and the help that is given to them by the Association.

The Friendship Club, under the guidance of Mrs Tilly Goldberg and Mrs Lily Sinclair, was well attended on Wednesday afternoons and this year we won the Cup of Merit for items entered in the Association of Jewish Friendship Clubs Handicraft Exhibition, as well as three individual prizes.

The General Purposes Committee of the Deaf did a good job in arranging activities and the various games and competitions were popular.

A weekly lip-reading class was still running successfully, and we were fortunate in having Miss Brinson, the deputy Head of the City Literary Institute as the teacher of the speech-improvement class.

It was essential to raise funds to keep the Club going and she was very grateful to Mr Jerrold Assersohn and the Functions Committee for their superb efforts in arranging a Variety Evening which was held at the Club. The entertainment was first class and it was a most successful and enjoyable evening. Thanks were due to Mr Gee and Mr Lauffer for producing such a rewarding Brochure.

Mrs Gee expressed her thanks to Mr David Assersohn for his invaluable work as Hon. Treasurer and to Mrs Margulies whose work embraces every facet of the J.D.A. The latter ably assisted by Mrs Goldring who in addition to the administrative work shows a keen and practical interest in the Deaf. The Chairman also mentioned Mrs Blumenthal who proved to be a great friend of the Association and whose advice as a Council member was greatly appreciated. Lastly a special thanks was due to Mr Denton for coming to the Club to interpret whenever he was needed.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Assersohn then presented his report.

1974 ran at a loss of £1,183 plus approx., £1,000 loss on the sale of investments. A sum of £2,000 was set aside in addition for essential roof work on the premises. No fund raising function had been held in 1974 but he was pleased to report that a successful function was held in February 1975.

Although the shares were sold at a loss we now held new investments which should prove profitable.

Though costs were still rising the 1975 accounts should look better as we had received one very generous donation and there was also the result of the February function.

Mr. Assersohn was thanked for his report

General Purposes Committee Report: Mr Lionel Katz the Chairman of the GPC said that his committee worked hard in trying to arrange activities. The Deaf took part in various competitions arranged by the Federation of London Deaf Clubs. The members were very happy to have the J.D.A.Club.

Election of Hon. Officers: No new nominations were received and all Hon. Officers were returned on block.

Address by Miss D.M.Sugden. Director of Social Services L.B. of Hackney

Miss Sugden thanked the audience for the warm welcome extended to her and then spoke of the Social Services provided by the Borough of Hackney in which the Jewish Deaf Association played an important part by looking after the Jewish Deaf.

In keeping with all Social Services, the L.B. of Hackney was experiencing **financial** difficulties and the Jewish Deaf Association, in providing help for deaf people did a great service.

Mrs Gee thanked Miss Sugden for her interesting and enlightening talk.

Then followed an Address by the Mayor of Hackney, Cllr. Arthur Super:

Cllr. Super said that he was delighted to be at the Meeting of the J.D.A. He knew of the work being done and having defected hearing himself, was especially interested. As the Mayor of Hackney he was appreciative of the work being done by the Jewish Deaf Association in his Borough and expressed his hope of its continued success.

Vote of thanks: The vote of thanks was given by Martin Binysh a deaf member of the J.D.A, to Miss Sugden, to the Mayor and Mayoress of Hackney, to Mrs Gee and the Committees of the J.D.A., to Mr Newman the President, and to Mr Denton for interpreting. He remarked that he had met Jewish Deaf People from many other Countries who were not in the fortunate position of having a Club of their own such as the J.D.A., members had.

The Meeting was then closed and refreshements were served.

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G. Gee. 1st Dec. 1976.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the
Jewish Deaf Association held on Tuesday September 14th 1976
at 90, Cazenove Road, N.16.

Present: Mrs G.M. Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs: D.Assersohn, Goldberg, Clements Schamroth

Mesdames: Goldberg, Sinclair together with Mrs Margulies, Mrs Goldring.

Apologies: Mrs Blumenthal, Mr. J. Assersohn, Mr G.M.Gee, Mr. L. Katz, Mrs. R. Ross

The Chairman expressed regret at the passing away of a Vice-President of the J.D.A., Miss Hilda Schlesinger, M.B.E.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as being correct

2. Matters Arising: Mrs Margulies had attended a meeting of the North Finchley Brownie Pack and was presented with a cheque for the JDA of £150.

Mr David Assersohn reported on a meeting that he and Mrs Margulies had with the Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Board regarding a separate unit for elderly deaf in one of their buildings in our district. Nothing resulted from that meeting. Mr Assersohn felt that we should use some of our resources to help those elderly deaf instead. It was decided to treat each case on merit.

David Jessel had taken a movie film at the dinner/dance on May 30th and it was agreed to show it at the Chanukah Party on December 22nd.

Billiard Table: Repairs to the extent of £18 had been carried out but further work was necessary. Another firm had been called in and an estimate of approx £50 was received. It was not yet known whether Mr Curtis would pay the full amount but the bill will be sent to him after the work has been carried out.

Speech Class: Miss Brinson had to give up coming to take the class as she had further duties at the City Lit. Another teacher who had already been introduced to the members will come.

The re-decorating of the upstairs rooms had been carried out at a cost of £318, of which amount £250 was paid by the Insurance Company.

Israel Trip - 1977: Mrs Margulies had been to Peltours to try to get some more details. It was not yet known how many members wish to take part and there will be another meeting at the Club after the high holidays. It was pointed out that the cost of the Congress alone was £30 per person. We had written to Chaim Apter for more information but had no reply to date.

3. Correspondence: Letters had been received regarding the following bequests:

Mrs Margarete Schlesinger. The JDA was left 45% of the residuary estate. Amount not yet known.

David Collier: The estate is still not settled but we were asked to consent to a larger sum of money than that first specified in order to pay for his tombstone and the ambulance for the Magen David Adom.

Samuel Koffler: A further sum was received from the estate plus tax refund certificate.

Kathleen Paget: The estate was in the process of being finalised and we will receive a refund of duty in due course.

4. Annual Appeal: About 1,200 appeal letters had been sent out and we are hoping for a good response.

5. Fund raising function: This will take place on October 31st at the Club. The names of the performers were not yet known. No raffle would be held but an auction would be arranged. Mrs Sinclair had donated a gold watch towards it and Mrs Gee reported that a case of wine and some long playing records were donated and they would go into the auction as well.

Mrs Stryker complained that in addition to the Club being closed on all the other Sundays in October due to the high holidays, that particular Sunday would be closed for Club activities as well. It was explained that it was most important for the function to be held at the Club in order that the Club should be kept going. Mrs Stryker accepted the explanation.

6. Annual General Meeting: This will take place on Tuesday November 9th 1976 and the Guest Speaker will be Judge Bernard Gillis. Q.C.

7. Reports

Chairman's Report: Mrs Gee said she knew that the dinner/dance on May 30th had been a big social and financial success and thanks were due to all who worked very hard to make it so.

The 25th Anniversary Party held for the Friendship Club was enjoyed by all. She herself could not come as at the same time the ladies of the House Committee were working in a nearly new shop, the proceeds of which would go to the J.D.A.

Thanks were due to Mrs Goldberg and Mrs Sinclair for their hard work in connection with the shop and to Mr Goldberg for all the running around he did.

The Chairman hoped that many hearing and deaf would come to the Succah on Oct. 13th. She felt that there had been a lack of speakers, quizzes and so on at the Club and would like to see some arranged for the winter months. She was aware that such activities were not well supported by the members but hoped that the GPC would encourage the Deaf to come to the Club when these activities took place.

Hon. Treasurers Report: Mr Assersohn said that the accounts for 1975 were completed in readiness for the AGM and they showed a surplus of £5,300. The reason for this being the result of the 1975 fund raising function plus a donation of £2,000 from the Moorgate Trust Fund.

He had received £205 from the Inland Revenue in payment of our claim.

The Hon. Treasurer thanked the GPC for arranging the function on May 30th and he was told that the cheque from the proceeds of that function would be presented at the A.G.M.

General Purposes Committee Report: No report was given

8. Any other Business

The GPC had a fixture list printed and it was handed round for the Council to see.

Mrs Margulies reported a crack in the wall near the kitchen window and it was decided to ask Mr Silver to come and look at it.

The Council congratulated Mr & Mrs Margulies on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

9. Date of next meeting: This was arranged for Wednesday December 1st 1976.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair,

Erly Gee, 1st Dec. 76

Present: Mrs. G.M.Gee (in the Chair) Messrs: J. Assersohn, H. Goldberg, D. Lauffer, I. Clements, L. Katz, E. Gold, S. Schamroth.

Mesdames: Blumenthal, Goldberg, Sinclair, Ross, Stryker, together with Mrs Margulies and Mrs Goldring

Apologies: Mr. G.M.Gee, Mr. D. Assersohn.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Lauffer to this his first Council Meeting. She explained to the deaf members that Mr Lauffer was a very active member of the Functions Committee and responsible for raising funds for the J.D.A. through the brochure. She also expressed pleasure at seeing Mr. Jerrold Asserson at the Meeting after his accident, and congratulated him on the birth of a grand-daughter.

1. Minutes: were signed after a correction i.e. the adding of Mrs Stryker's name to the list of those present at the last Meeting.

2. Matters Arising: The movie film that David Jessel took at the dinner/dance on May 30th will be shown at the Chanukah Party on December 22nd.

The House Committee had agreed to subsidise the GPC to the amount of £25 towards their expenses for the party.

Israeli Trip 1977: Mrs Margulies reported on a meeting she had with the Deaf on November 28th. It was decided then that the trip would take place the first two weeks in August which would take in the three days of the Congress. So far about 20 people wished to be included. Peltours had been contacted and a programme will be worked out. The cost will be about £300 inclusive of excursions.

Speech class: Mrs Gee expressed regret that this was not well attended as she felt it to be most necessary. It was thought that the lack of attendance was due to the fact that Miss Brinson could not carry on the class owing to other pressures of work and that the new teacher was not as popular. Only two people attended which was not sufficient to run a class. Mr Katz thought that Monday was not a good night for the class and Mrs Margulies said that another night could perhaps be arranged if that was the reason for the poor attendance.

Annual Appeal: This item would be reported on later in the meeting but Mrs Margulies and Mrs Goldring were thanked for their work in connection with it.

Function: Full details would be reported at the Functions Committee Meeting which was to follow this one. It had been very successful socially and financially, the result being approx £2,750. Thanks were due to the Functions Committee for their very hard work. It was felt that we should have more people serving on that Committee.

Lionel Katz mentioned that although he was not at the last Council Meeting, a letter from Emil Stryker was handed to Mrs Gee to read. Mrs Gee said she did read it and had noted its contents.

3. Correspondence: A letter from Mr Curtis was read out in which he agreed to pay the estimated cost of repairs to the Billiard Table which amounted to approx £50.

We received a cheque for £6,500 this being part payment of the legacy from Mrs Margarete Schlesinger.

4. Reports

(a) Chairman's Report: Mrs Gee expressed her thanks to the large crowd who came to the Memorial Service for Mr. Newman which preceded the A.G.M. Rev. Levy conducted the service and she thought it would be a good idea to invite him to the Club on another occasion.

Two events held at the Club had received publicity in the J.C.

She would like to see more 'Speakers' coming to the Club and asked the GPC if they had any preferences. A discussion regarding a Brains Trust followed.

Mrs Gee asked Mr Goldberg if he would light the candles at the forthcoming Chanukah Party. Mrs Goldberg and Mrs Sinclair had kindly offered to help with the supper preparations.

Mrs Gee congratulated the JDA teams for winning Chess and Draughts championships. Presentation of trophies would take place at the Chanukah Party.

Mrs Gee discussed the closure of the Residential Centre for Jewish Deaf Children. She had written to the J.C., and they had printed her item in which she stated that this closure did not affect the JDA which was still very active.

The Chairman had contacted Mrs David Sinclair an active Committee Member of the Centre, in the hope that they might consider helping our Association now. This was followed up by a telephone conversation that Mrs Margulies had with this lady. It does not seem however that they would be very interested.

Mr Assersohn suggested that an official letter be sent to that Committee asking for their help. Mrs Gee undertook the writing of the letter.

(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr David Assersohn could not attend the Meeting but sent a message that there was nothing of importance to discuss, but should the necessity arise, he could be reached by telephone.

(c) General Purposes Committee Report: Mr Katz said that on November 14th there was a Whist Drive which was well attended. Recently a Quiz Evening was held at our Club with other Deaf Clubs taking part. It was very successfully organised and this event would be repeated. The 66 Deaf Club came first in the competition.. The JDA came fourth.

150 tickets were sold for the Grand Bingo on November 21st. The GPC worked very hard and the evening was very successful.

The GPC worked hard and tried to please everyone.

5. Annual Appeal: Mrs Goldring reported that 1,260 appeal letters had been sent out which included all JDA Committees and Official Organisations. To date 327 replies had been received but some Lodges, Synagogues etc., had a specific time of the year for answering appeals. The income so far amounted to £1,686 Expenses which included printing, postage and so on came to £209. Result=£1,477. For the same period last year the amount was £1,084.
6. Result of Function: This was included in item 2.
7. Any other Business: None
8. Date of next Meeting: To be arranged.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Lucy Gee

17-Mar 1977

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Jewish Deaf Association
held on Thursday, March 17th 1977 at 90, Cazenove Road, N.16.

Present: Mrs G.M.Gee (in the Chair)

Messrs; D.Assersohn, Clements, Gold, Katz, Lauffer, Schamroth

Mesdames: Ross, Sinclair, Stryker, together with Mrs Margulies
and Mrs Goldring

Apologies: Mr. J. Assersohn, Mrs Blumenthal, Mr Gee, Mr. & Mrs Goldberg.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting were signed as being correct.

Mrs Gee congratulated Mr. Lauffer on the occasion of his son's Barmitzvah.

2. Matters Arising: Israel Trip: Some progress had been made. David Jackson had withdrawn. Mrs Margulies will give further details later on in the Meeting.

Speech Class: was now closed. Mrs Gee asked if there was any chance of Miss Brinson re-opening it and was told that there was no possibility at present. It was felt that the Lip-reading class would also close as there was only one member attending it.

Mrs Ross mentioned that speech classes were being held at the Northern Polytechnic in Holloway.

Mrs Gee asked the deaf members of the Council if there were any other classes that they would be interested in such as cookery demonstrations, or ballroom dancing. An item had been put in the Newsletter regarding a First-Aid Course but had met with no response.

3. Correspondence: Two letters had been received regarding legacies. Mr Curtis had re-inbursed us for the repairs to the Billiards Table and a letter of thanks had been sent to him.

4. Reports

(a) Chairman's Report: Mrs Gee said she attended the Purim Party with Mr. Gee and they thought the Drama Section's contribution was very good. Following Mrs Stryker's remarks regarding a hot meal for the Drama Section during rehearsals, it was thought that if this group continued to meet some arrangement could be made.

Rabbi Bernstein had consented to conduct the forthcoming Seder Service on April 7th. Mrs Margulies said that 110 people would be present and the hall would be filled to capacity. Some members had to be disappointed due to not having given the reply slip in time. A discussion regarding seating arrangements followed. Mrs Jessel will act as interpreter. Mr. Denton will not be in London on that date.

Regarding the Fund Raising Function, Mrs Gee was very pleased that Mr Jerrold Assersohn would be resuming as Chairman of that Committee. The function would be in the form of a Garden Fete to be held at Mr & Mrs Gee's residence on July 10th. Not many details were available yet but there would be side shows and a tombola and Mrs Gee would like the members to help by bringing suitable gifts for the tombola. The tickets for the afternoon fete would cost £3.50 each and an evening Disco was being arranged for younger people at a charge of £2.50 per head.

As usual a Brochure would be issued and Mr Gee and Mr Lauffer were again responsible for adverts.

(b) Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Assersohn said that he had changed our Auditors. The accounts were now being handled by Messrs Gerald Edelman and Co, this company being less expensive than our previous accountants.

Mr Assersohn had had some conversation with Mr Rosen of the Association for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. That Association had deaf members and ideas were exchanged.

(c) General Purposes Committee Report:

Mr Katz said that the Chanukah Party in December had attracted a large crowd. Mrs Goldberg had presented the prizes, to members who had won them for the various competitions.

A film 'The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob' had been very much enjoyed and thanks were due to Mrs Margulies for arranging it.

The Purim Party attracted over 100 people and the Mime Play was very good. A number of hearing people were present including Mr & Mrs Gee. Three prizes were presented for fancy dress. The GPC had sent Purim gifts to members who were sick.

Grand Bingo was still popular and the GPC worked hard to see that it was well organised.

A Silver Jubilee outing was being arranged for Sunday July 3rd to Hastings and the GPC will pay for the coaches.

Mr. Katz was thanked for his report.

5. Israel Congress 1977

Mrs Margulies reported that to date 29 people would be participating including four non-Jewish deaf who originally were in David Jackson group. Nine members of the group are under 26 years of age and qualify for the student flight rate and nine will spend a third week at an extra cost of about £40 for bed and breakfast in Netanya.

The group will stay at four bases. Tel Aviv four nights, Jerusalem five nights, Tiberias 1 night and Herzlia four nights.

Mrs Margulies told the Committee about David Jacksons intention to form a group for CHIVE and the events leading up to his withdrawal. He subsequently sent letters to Mrs Margulies containing abusive remarks.

The JDA was subsidizing the original members of the JDA group with the sum of £50 each. If the members attended the Congress extra expense would be involved for them.

In reply to Ivan Clements question regarding a grant from a Trust Fund which David Jackson had applied for, Mrs Margulies said that nothing came of it.

6. Any Other Business

A holiday at Leigh House Cliftonville as being arranged for the Friendship Club from July 17th to 24th, the cost including coach fare would be in the region of £30 per person. The members were paying for this themselves. So far about 22 people wanted to take part and they would be under the supervision of Mrs Goldberg.

Israel's Independence Day on April 21st would be celebrated at the Club, possibly by having a dance. No other ideas had been forthcoming by the members.

The Central Council for Jewish Social Services required a annual affiliation fee of £250 and a discussion followed regarding how the JDA would benefit by being a member of that Council resulting in the general feeling that it would not benefit, however it was suggested to approach them with a view to some financial help for the Israel project. Mrs Gee said she would ask Mr Gee to write to them.

Mrs Margulies mentioned that some of the clauses in the Constitution were now obsolete. A discussion followed and it was decided to look into the matter.

7. Date of Next Meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday June 15th 1977 at 8.15.p.m.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Evie Gee

15 June 1977