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MOSEMS-DISPUTE RIGHT OF THE JEWS TO THE TOMB OF RACHEL

Government Refuses Jews Permission
to Repair Monument
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 23—Another controversy between the Jews and the Moslems of Palestine over a Biblical Holy Site has arisen, following closely upon the dispute over the Western Wall of the Temple commonly known as the Wailing Wall, which reached throughout the world.

The center of the present controversy is the Tomb of Rachel, near Jerusalem, described in the Bible as "on the road to Ephraim." The structure which is traditionally believed to cover the cave where Rachel was buried, is in urgent need of repair. The Jewish community of Jerusalem was eager to undertake the repair work, but the British District Commissioner, Keith-Roach, refused permission, stating that the Tomb is claimed by both the Jews and the Moslems. The Palestine government, therefore, will not undertake the repair work in situ.

The matter has again been taken up by the Jewish community since the repairs were not started and it was declared that the new High Commissioner, Sir John Chancellor, is now considering the question as to who has the right to this Holy Site, the Jews or the Moslems.

DIET LIFTS IMMUNITY OF ANTI-SEMITIC DEPUTIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 23—The Prussian Diet by a majority vote adopted today the resolution introduced by its constitutional committee calling for a suspension of the parliament immunity of Deputies Ley and Kaufmann, against whom charges of libel for anti-Semitic agitation are pending.

The Diet further decided in principle to deliver to the courts all deputies who abuse their immunity privilege by sponsoring as the responsible editors, publications which indulge in unjustified attacks. It was stated that practically all members of the anti-Semitic National Socialist group in the Diet are protecting anti-Semitic publications by lending their names as the responsible editors. The average number of publications thus produced, given freedom by the responsible editor's immunity, is ten for each deputy.

LEMBERG COMMUNISTS USE HEBREW FOR PROPAGANDA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lemberg, Jan. 23—The police confiscated a Communist poster today, placed in the streets of Lemberg. The poster was printed in Hebrew and it was said to be the first time that the Polish Communists have employed Hebrew for their propaganda purposes.

CHURCH CLAIMS PROPERTY SOLD TO JEWISH WELFARE INSTITUTION IN RIGA

Demands Return at Original Price on
Basis of Old Russian Law
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Jan. 23—A delegation representing the Jewish community of Riga is expected to call on President Semgal asking him to use his good office to persuade a local Catholic church from ousting a Jewish welfare institution.

The church now holds a judgment rendered by the Latvian Senate, according to a court, against the Lina Hacedek Jewish hospital society, on the basis of an old Russian law. In 1921, T. Chedack, president of the society, purchased from the Church of Jesus an old house, ruined during the wars at 103 Dzirnavu Iela, at the price of 120,000 Russian roubles. No formal deed was obtained in view of the unsettled conditions. Only the house was purchased while it was agreed the church be paid 20 Latvian roubles annually as rental for the site, which was part of the church's property.

The Jewish society, with the aid of an appropriation from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, repaired the house and equipped it for a Jewish maternity hospital, at a cost of 3,000,000 Latvian roubles.

The church, however, now demands that the house be turned back to it at the original purchase price which, according to the rate of exchange, would amount to 80,000 Latvian roubles or \$385. The claim was brought before the Senate, which granted the judgment to the church on the basis of an ancient Russian law that the seller has the repurchase right at the sale price.

No appeal from the Senate decision is possible, but the conflict has attracted wide attention in the Latvian capital since it is felt that an injustice would be done to the Jewish welfare institution by compelling it to turn over the improved property at the original price, and besides, it will be deprived of its facilities for carrying on its work. A number of Jewish deputies have interested themselves in the matter and conferred with several members of parliament, clergymen, including Bishop Irbis, asking them to persuade the church administration to abstain from the threatened action.

In the meantime the Lina Hacedek has arranged with the church administration to pay a monthly rental of \$100.

DR. LEWIN, FRANKFORT KEY COUNSELLOR, DIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Frankfort, Jan. 23—Dr. Lewin, member of the Frankfort municipal council, died here yesterday at the age of 69. Dr. Lewin was one of the few Jewish army officers in the German army during the World War.

STATE ATTORNEY ASKS PUNISHMENT FOR GERMAN DREYFUS CASE INSTIGATORS

State Prosecutor Asks for Dismissal
of Two Court Officials
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 23—The dismissal of Landesgerichtsdirektor Hoffman and the punishment of Landesgerichtsrat Koelling, the two German court officials charged with instigating the German Dreyfus case, that of the Jewish merchant of Magdeburg, Rudolf Haas, were demanded before the disciplinary senate by the state prosecutor Rhode.

The prosecutor, in his plea, revealed that even after Schroeter confessed to the killing of Rudolf Haas's book-keeper, Kelling, and Haas's release from prison following his acquittal of guilt, Hoffman wanted to issue an order to again arrest the Jewish merchant on a concocted charge of perjury. He was prevented from doing so by a decision of the judge who tried the case. The state prosecutor paid tribute to the action of Dr. Weiss, the vice-president of the Berlin police, who brought about a solution of the murder mystery by detailing the outstanding German criminal expert, Busdorf-Niemann, to the case. It was against Weiss that Hoffman and Koelling formulated the charge of favoritism toward the Jewish merchant.

JUGO-SLAV DICTATORSHIP DISSOLVES POALE ZION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Belgrade, Jan. 23—The only Jewish group whose activities were interfered with by the dictatorship was the Poale Zion party, Zionist laborites.

The authorities ordered the dissolution of all groups and societies in the country which are affiliated with the party.

RUTTENBERG POWER HOUSE GIVES ELECTRICITY TO VALLEY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 23—Deganin and other Jewish settlements in the Jordan valley yesterday began to receive electric power from the Ruttenberg electric station newly constructed on the Jordan. The power will be utilized for light and irrigation work.

KOLENBERG INVESTIGATION KEPT SECRET IN MOSCOW

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Jan. 23—No further details concerning the investigation now carried on by the Soviet authorities in regard to the Jewish young man, Kolenberg, who killed General Slaschoff, could be secured.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told that until the investigation was concluded and the date of his trial set, no information would be given out.

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COMPLETE BRAILLE MANU- SCRIPTS FOR JEWISH BLIND

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 23.—Completion of more than a score of manuscripts in Braille for the Jewish blind has been announced by the Committee on Jewish Literature for the Sightless operating for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Under direction of Mrs. Oscar Silberschmidt, of Cincinnati, Ohio, chairman, this committee has devoted itself to the transcription of Tracts published by the Tract Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for the past year and a half. The aim from the first was to administer to the spiritual needs of the Jewish blind of whom an incomplete survey indicates there is a total of 200 to 300 in America.

The work transcribed included: nine copies of "What Do Jews Believe?" by Rabbi H. G. Enelow of New York; three copies of "The Jew in America," by Rabbi David Philipson of Cincinnati; one copy of "Jew and Non-Jew," by Rabbi Martin A. Meyer; two copies of "Jewish Ethics," by Rabbi Samuel Schulman, of New York; two copies of "The Universal Lord," by Rabbi Maurice H. Harris, of New York; one copy of "Humanitarianism of the Laws of Israel," by Rabbi Jacob S. Raisin, of Charleston, S. C.; one copy of "Post-Biblical Judaism," by Rabbi Israel Betan of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati; one copy of "The Jewish Prayer-book," by Rabbi Solomon B. Freehoff, of Chicago; one copy of "Out of the House of Bondage," by Miss Adele Bidersee of New York; three copies of "The Story of Genesis," by Miss Bidersee; one copy of the story, "The Clever Accomplish," by Miss Lois Montross, Woodstock, Vt.; one of Psalms 23 and 91; and copies of several miscellaneous short stories. These articles are being circulated to a reading list of sightless Jewish readers throughout the country.

\$50,000 J. D. C. EMERGENCY LOAN HELPED THOU. SANDS IN PALESTINE Borrowers Are Repaying Over 60% Report Shows

Improvement of the economic condition of Palestine is indicated in a report from E. N. Mohl, director of The Loan Bank, Ltd., of Palestine to the Joint Distribution Committee, of the administration of an Emergency Loan Fund of \$50,000 made available to the Jews of that country during the crisis of 1925-1928.

Speaking of the value of this loan fund, Mr. Mohl said in his report: "The timely help to the Jewish population, especially in Tel Aviv, as given by the Joint Distribution Committee, was effective beyond description. Thousands have re-established themselves in normal occupations through the aid of these loans. The Joint Distribution Committee in granting this fund and in inaugurating this work has again been of outstanding service to the Jewish community of Palestine."

The Emergency Loan Fund was called into being late in 1926, in response to a cablegram to the Joint Distribution Committee from Dr. Magnes and Mr. Mohl, describing the acute situation which had arisen in Palestine. They asked for \$50,000 to be used for loans to assist those who were desirous of taking up some productive activity but lacked funds for the purchase of tools and implements.

When the cablegram arrived there were no funds in the treasury of the Joint Distribution Committee available for the purpose outlined therein. After a conference between Felix M. Warburg, its chairman, David A. Brown, chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, Bernard Flexner, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, and others, an arrangement was made with the latter organization whereby \$50,000 due to it from the Joint Distribution Committee should be forwarded instead to Dr. Magnes and Mr. Mohl to meet the distressing situation they had described.

For the administration of this Emergency Loan Fund, a special board was set up through the cooperation of the management of the Loan Bank and the Vaad Hakehillah of Jaffa-Tel Aviv; applications for loans were received at the office of the latter, while the investigations were made by the Loan Bank, whose staff administered the operation of the fund. \$7,000 were budgeted for Tel Aviv, \$1,000 for Haifa, \$1,000 for Jerusalem and \$1,000 as a special reserve.

Between January 16th, 1927, and September 30th last, the committee held 116 meetings and considered 3,378 applications for loans of which about 70% were granted. The maximum average loan was \$8,400 and the minimum \$7,500. The loans enabled, among other things, 100 men to go to work on the Jaffa-Petach Tikvah road; 200 to get jobs in the Jerusalem Public Works; 250 to work on the Jerusalem-Jericho road; and 30 to help in constructing the Beer-Sheba police buildings.

In making these loans, preference

GUGGENHEIM BROTHERS INCREASE GIFT TO HEBREW UNION COLLEGE TO \$500,000 \$5,000,000 Endowment Fund Now at \$2,800,000 Mark (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 23.—A gift of \$500,000 from the Guggenheim family in New York City brought the Hebrew Union College \$5,000,000 Endowment Fund to the \$2,800,000 mark. The announcement of the gift was made by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the College. The brothers, Daniel, Murry, Solomon R. and former United States Senator Simon Guggenheim, have increased their previous contribution of \$150,000 to \$500,000, Dr. Morgenstern announced.

Adolph S. Ochs is chairman of the Endowment Fund campaign.

KOSHER PRODUCTS BILL BEFORE CALIF. LEGISLATURE (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 23.—A Kosher products bill similar to the one in effect in New York State was introduced in the State Legislature by Harry Lyons, Jewish assemblyman from Los Angeles. Mr. Lyons is sponsoring the bill in accordance with the action of the Legislative Committee of the Kehillah of Los Angeles and in conformity with the request of the "Vaad Hakashruth," organization. This bill, known as Assembly Bill No. 12, was referred to the Legislative Committee on Quarantine and Public Health.

It is expected that the bill will be favorably reported by the Committee, and that it will pass both houses of the legislature and will finally receive the official approval of the Governor.

The bill has its strongest support in the "Vaad Hakashruth" of Los Angeles, where preparations are being made in case a public hearing is held on the bill.

was given to widowers or widows with dependent families, and no loans were issued to applicants who could receive credit from institutions, the Loan Bank or credit cooperatives. An interest charge of 6% was made not for the sake of income, Mr. Mohl reports, but to emphasize the constructive character of the operation.

The making of loans ceased on September 30th last, and the fund is in process of liquidation. "The cessation of activities has caused no hardships," Mr. Mohl reports. "The number of those now in real need is small. They can readily be taken care of. A large majority of those who received assistance from the Emergency Loan Fund have recuperated and are firmly on their own feet."

"The record of collections is very good—much better than anticipated. This is due not only to the good judgment exercised by the loan committee, but also to the fact that the general conditions in the country have improved."

ORT DETERMINES UPON \$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN TO AID UNEMPLOYED AND DECLASSED

Howard Cullman, New York Port Commissioner, Heads Drive

A campaign for a \$1,000,000 for all Ort activities to help unemployed and declassified Jews of Russia, Poland and other Eastern European countries to help themselves by supplying them with machines and raw materials was determined upon Tuesday night by the Executive Committee of the Ort Reconstruction Fund, at the home of Howard S. Cullman, Commissioner of the Port of New York Authority. Mr. Cullman was elected President of the Fund and Chairman of the campaign.

Dr. Henry Moskowitz, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ort Reconstruction Fund, read the report of its activities since its inception in 1924. He informed the Executive Committee concerning the agreement which the Ort had with the Joint Distribution Committee. The Joint Distribution Committee had assisted the Ort for a period of three years and recently covered a part of the Ort's deficit. Since the Ort's agreement with the J. D. C. ended December 31, 1928, the Ort must provide for its activities through its own Fund. Dr. Moskowitz pointed out that the Fund has an accumulated capital of about \$400,000. "With this revolving fund," he said, "credits were given to Jewish farmers and with additional money collected from campaigns about five thousand families were aided."

"Realizing that reconstruction work in Russia and Poland and other countries in Eastern Europe must be done not only on the land but in the workshop and factory, the Fund organized the Cooperative Tool Supply Company, a purchasing organization, to buy machines and raw materials for artisans and declassified Jews in the towns."

"In Russia only three occupations are recognized by the Government as productive—peasants, factory workers and artisans. Others are called declassified. They have none of the rights or privileges of citizenship; but they can obtain them as soon as they enter any one of the three occupations. The Jews living in cities and towns are mainly engaged in trading in small businesses. They are without occupations with which to earn a livelihood."

"Starting with a turnover of 10,000 marks in 1924, the Ort Cooperative Tool Supply Company increased its business rapidly so that in 1928 it did a business of 1,207,712.03 marks or over \$300,000. Through its instrumentality five thousand families in Russia alone received machines, tools and raw materials. Repayments on the loans made were very satisfactory, even under the burdensome conditions in Russia and Poland."

Dr. Moskowitz stated that until the first of July, 1930, the Ort needs for vocational training, colonization and industrialization \$1,000,000.

Dr. David Lvovitch, European Representative of the Ort, pointed out that

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Australian Notes

By Our Melbourne Correspondent

Melbourne, Aus., Dec. 23.—Although wages are governed by law in Australia, certain powers are given to the Trade Unions by which the unions can grant permission in certain cases or workers to work at a wage below that fixed by the court. This applies particularly to the case of a man who has been employed in one trade for a period of years but who, owing to his inability to find employment in his trade, is desirous of accepting work in some other direction. Since his training does not fit him for his new occupation he is unlikely to be worth to his employer the wages prescribed for a workman in that trade. In such circumstances the Trade Union grants him a "permit" to work at a lower wage and itself prescribes the minimum wage that he shall be allowed to accept even under that "permit."

As a result of what the Trade Unions describe as an "abuse" of the permit system by Jews, they have refused to grant them except on very special occasions. An appeal is to be made to the Registrar of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court over the attitude of the unions.

The activities of the Victorian Jewish Welcome Society having practically ceased consequent upon the stopping of immigration to Victoria, the executive of the Society at its meeting discussed at length proposals for the disbanding of the Society.

It was felt that in the absence of demand for the services of the Society he expenses for carrying on the office was unwarranted. During the period of its activity nearly two thousand immigrants have passed through the hands of the Society. It was chiefly concerned with meeting the newcomers, placing them in a home and finding them employment. Its only activity today is the conducting of classes for the English instruction of immigrants. For this purpose funds have been found by the Levinson Trustees.

The Australian Jewish Land Settlement Trust has decided to build in the heart of the Jewish settlement at Berwick, Victoria, a communal centre for the settlers. The centre, it is understood, will comprise a "Shul," a recreation hall, a hostel, a dispensary and a plant nursery. It is estimated that the structure will cost about \$3,000. Mr. S. Keith, a prominent Melbourne merchant, who recently made a donation of £1,000 to the Trust, has forwarded a further check for £1,000.

The campaign of the Ort Oze Emigrant direct having concluded, the Sydney community is endeavoring to obtain financial support from the Australian Land Settlement scheme directed from Melbourne and on behalf of which representatives of the Victorian community visited Sydney in August of this year.

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GERMAN JEWS TO TAKE FINAL DECISION ON NATIONAL COMMUNITIES FEDERATION Constitution to Be Submitted at Conference Next Month

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 23.—The final decision with regard to the projected creation of an All-German Federation of Jewish Communities is to be taken at the Fifth Conference of the Federation of Prussian Jewish Communities, which is opening here on February 3rd in the former Upper Chamber of the Prussian Parliament.

In accordance with the draft Constitution to be submitted to the meeting, the formation of the German Federation depends on the adhesion of the Prussian and the Bavarian Federations of Jewish Communities. The Bavarian Federation has already agreed to join, and the Council of the Prussian Federation has also approved the draft Constitution. All that now remains to be done for the Federation to come into being is that the plenary Assembly of the Prussian Federation of Jewish Communities should approve the Constitution. The other Federations of Jewish Communities in the various German States are confidently expected to join.

According to the draft Constitution, the new Federation is to be a linking up body to which the existing Federations will become affiliated, and not, as was urged in some quarters, a new organization to be elected by the votes of the Jewish population throughout Germany.

N. Y. HADASSAH CHAPTER RAISES \$30,000 FOR U.P.A.

The sum of \$30,000 was raised yesterday by the New York Chapter of Hadassah as its initial contribution toward its \$50,000 quota for the United Palestine Appeal.

The occasion was a "\$50 Give and Get" Luncheon attended by six hundred guests, members of the Chapter. The \$30,000 will be formally presented to the United Palestine Appeal at the official opening of the New York campaign on January 31st.

Mrs. Alexander Kohut was the presiding officer of the luncheon. Addresses were delivered by Judge William M. Lewis, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Mrs. Israel Goldstein, President of the Chapter; Mrs. Jacob Schwarz, Chairman of the Campaign Committee; and Mrs. Matthias Radin.

A silver encased scroll of the law was presented by Mrs. Robert Szold, Acting President of Hadassah, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Straus. The gift was accepted by Mrs. Hugh Grant Straus in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Straus. A feature of the luncheon was the presentation of a pageant, written by Mrs. Jacob Schwarz, depicting the activities of Hadassah.

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under the new agreement with the Soviet Government permitting the Ort to import machines to the declassified Jews, work was started in September, and about \$1,000,000 worth of orders for machines and raw materials have already come in from relatives in America. He submitted a program of operation covering five years. For this program \$1,500,000 must be collected in America and Europe for 1929 and the first half of 1933, he declared.

The meeting decided upon this basis to carry on a campaign for a \$1,000,000 for the next year and a half.

The officers of the Fund are: Adolph Lewinsohn, Honorary President; Howard S. Cullman, President; Jos. H. Becker, Vice-President; Judge Jacob Panken, Vice-President; Morris Wolf, Vice-President; Mrs. Alexander Kobut, Vice-President; Dr. Henry Moskowitz, Chairman, Executive Committee; Herman Bernstein, Honorary Secretary; B. C. Vladeck, Vice-Chairman.

Nathan Straus, Sr., Nathan Straus, Jr., Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Julius Goldman, Mrs. Henry Moskowitz, Judge Edward B. Lazarsky, David H. Bessler and other members of the Executive Committee of the Fund.

A conference dinner to discuss means of aiding the declassified Jews of Russia will be held tonight at the Unity Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Joseph Rosen, representative of the Agro-Joint, Dr. D. Lvovitch, and Judge Edward Lazarsky of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division of Brooklyn, will address the gathering. Judge Algeron L. Nova will preside. The dinner will be held under the auspices of the Ort.

JACOB M. WOLFSOHN, DEAD

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Milwaukee, Jan. 23.—Jacob Mordecai Wolfson, Jewish newspaper man of Chicago, died here yesterday at the age of 63.

Mr. Wolfson came to America in 1891 and to Chicago four years later. He was a contributor to the "Yiddishes Volksblatt," and for several years was editor of the "Daily Jewish Courier." He was the author of the "Jewish Chronology" and "Our Prominent Jewish Women" and was editor of the Chicago Almanac and Yearbook since 1913. At one time he was superintendant of the St. Louis Orthodox Home for Jewish Aged. One of his sons, Joel David Wolfson, is political editor of the "Chicago Evening Post." Leo A. Wolfson, another son, is news editor of the "Milwaukee Journal." He is also survived by his widow.

Emil Fruch, painter and sculptor, who shot himself ten days ago, left almost all his own work and the residue of his estate of more than \$300,000 to the public. It was shown when his will was filed in the Supreme Court.

His work, including paintings and murmurings, the will suggests, should be exhibited in some suitable place, preferably in Washington, D. C., which has a rather more general location than New York.

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year. A public meeting of the Sydney Jewish community is to be held.

After having occupied the present site for some eighty years, the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation has disposed of its present synagogue for \$52,000 and having purchased a site on St. Kilda Road, Melbourne's boulevard has called for tenders for the new building. Mr. Nahum Barnett, a prominent Melbourne Jewish architect, has prepared the plans and it is estimated that the cost of construction will be in the region of \$40,000. It is expected that the synagogue, when completed will be the finest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Jewish Women's Council Reviews Work

"I want you to try and visualize the picture of a united band of the Jewish women of Australia," declare the President of the New South Wales Council of Jewish Women, Dr. F. Reading, at the first annual meeting of the Council of Jewish Women of Victoria.

"We all have the same problems, the same ideas. We could do the same work with less waste of energy and with greater understanding. This women's movement will become the greatest movement in Australia. Its educational influence upon our Jewish womenfolk must ultimately have far-reaching effects upon the future of Judaism in the Commonwealth."

The establishment of the Council in Victoria was a result of the initiative of Dr. Reading some twelve months ago. It has already some six hundred active members. The feature of its first annual report was the large contributions which the Council had made to several Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic institutions and hospitals. Representatives of the Jewish Philanthropic Society and other charitable organizations conveyed the thanks of their societies to the Council. Victoria is the third state to have the Jewish Women's Council. New South Wales and Queensland established one some years ago. It is proposed to proceed with the establishing of similar organizations in Adelaide and Perth. Over one thousand Jewish women are organized for charitable and educational work in the three Councils at present in existence. Mrs. Maurice Patkin was re-elected president for the ensuing year and Mrs. L. L. Heymanson, senior vice-president.

The death occurred last night of Alfred Shackel, J.P., one of the most prominent of Sydney's communal workers. Mr. Shackel, a member of many charitable committees, was presiding at the meeting of the Federation of Jewish Charitable Organizations. He had just closed the meeting when he collapsed in his chair and died. In addition to his work within the Jewish community, the late Mr. Shackel identified himself with social and municipal life outside. He was at one time mayor of Waverley, a sub-

urb of Sydney, and took a large interest in the management of hospitals.

Every year, during the summer vacation, December and January, sports teams representing the New South Wales, Victorian and West Australian communities, engage in tennis, cricket, swimming and other athletic competitions.

This year the sports gathering will take place in Melbourne and extend over a fortnight. The visiting teams, unless they desire to make their own arrangements, are billeted in Jewish homes and a round of festivities is arranged for them. These annual visits have done much to foster interstate cooperation.

Shura Cherkassky, Russian boy pianist, has taken Australian musical audiences by storm. Newspaper critics have been most extravagant in their praises and wonder what he is likely to be when he "grows up," as, still in his teens, he can rank with the greatest masters of the art. Cherkassky, who is concluding an Australian tour, left Melbourne for Adelaide en route for Europe. The young pianist will make his next appearance in Paris.

H. I. Cohen, K.C., well known in the Melbourne Jewish community, has been appointed Minister for Education in the recently-elected Victorian Ministry.

Mr. Cohen is the only Jew in the Victorian House of Parliament. He has represented Melbourne province in the Upper House for the last seven years. He was an honorary minister in the Lawson government in September 1922 and in March 1923 became Minister for Public Works. Later in the same year he accepted in addition the portfolio of Attorney General in the State House until 1924.

Local newspaper comment accepts the appointment as ideal. Mr. Cohen is a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law, a prominent barrister and a King's Counsel. He is the only Jew to be elected to the Victorian Parliament since 1900. New South Wales is the only other state in Australia having any Jewish members. Mr. Cohen is the first Australian Jew to achieve cabinet rank.

The Newark lodges of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith are planning the erection of a "center" building modeled after the existing "center" building about to be started by the order in New York City, according to an announcement made last week by the newly elected president of Adams Stampers Lodge. The "center" would house the meetings and activities of the nine lodges, with their estimated membership nearly 10,000. The cost would involve an expenditure of nearly \$100,000.

The dedication of the Temple Center of the Boston Synagogue, Temple, Brookline, Mass., took place recently. With this temple, the two buildings were erected at a cost of close to one hundred dollars. The seating capacity of the temple is two thousand. The Rev. J. Abraham, spiritual leader of the congregation.

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