

It gives me much pleasure to submit to-night the yearly report as President of this Congregation. No outstanding event has taken place in our little community, and the number of our members has more or less remained the same.

Regular Services were held on Friday nights, Saturday mornings, on all Jewish Holidays as well as on national Holidays whenever called for. At the Coronation Service, his Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania was represented at the Service by our Dr. E. Fabian, and I feel it is a double honour that his Excellency has appointed one of our own members to represent him.

Religious education is given by Mr. Ruben, the children are in small groups and besides learning the prayers and Bible, are also taught Jewish history and customs and I hope that in this way they will come to understand and appreciate the deeper meaning of Judaism. Here I want to express my special thanks to Mr. Ruben for his untiring efforts.

During the Holiday period we were favoured with a particular large number of visitors from the Mainland, and many of our visitors are playing a prominent part in the Jewish life of and are members of the E.C.A.J. ~~and~~ They could see for themselves how conditions are here, and I am glad to say that they were evidently favourably impressed with our efforts and at the recent annual conference of the E.C.A.J. a subsidy for Hobart was again granted unanimously. I want to thank all members of our community, and especially the ladies, who helped to entertain our visitors and so made their stay in Hobart enjoyable.

The Treasurer will submit his balance sheet, here I only want to steal the thunder by stating that we are in a fairly healthy position this year, as we received the full amount of the promised subsidy as well as some arrears from previous years.

At the last Board meeting the question of more profitable investments was raised and the outgoing Board suggests that this matter be thoroughly investigated so that the funds could ~~be~~ earn higher interest, also there appears a possibility to obtain a small piece of land, adjoining the Synagogue and this is to be investigated.

Now I feel I should mention a few other matters which are not very pleasant.

Last year, at Jom Kippur Mr. Reiss saw it fit to refuse a Lijah and I feel that with such an action the person concerned excludes himself from the Community. Mr. Reiss followed this action by advising the Treasurer that he would not pay his contribution and I therefore suggest that it be moved and seconded at the meeting that Mr. Reiss be struck off the list of members.

At the last general meeting a somewhat unpleasant incident occurred and after I made enquiries ascertained that a gross breach of confidence must have been committed by some one who had access to the books by divulging membership contributions to unauthorised persons and this is greatly deplored, and must not happen again.

In closing I thank the members of the Congregation for the confidence shown in me, and I want to thank the members of the Board for their co-operation.

I announce now retirement of the President and the Board and would ask Mr. *Ruben* to take over the chair until a new board for the ensuing year is elected.