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Sharon School

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((this piece was written for the ceremony of laying Foundation Stones for the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation - Communal Hall, School and Youth Centre - 12th April 1964).

The establishment of Sharon School follows the age-old Jewish tradition of communal acceptance of the responsibility for the education of the children of the community.

Mervyn Lasovsky -Sharon School opening ceremony



Sharon School is a private school teaching the Government syllabus in each class and at the same time and during normal school hours providing a comprehensive Jewish religious, historical and national education.

The School is controlled by an autonomous Board of Governors representing all sections of the community. The premises now being built by the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation will be leased by the Board for Sharon School.

The School was dedicated in January, 1961, and the first class of eight pupils paved the way for annually increasing enrolments so that in its fourth year some 70 pupils attend the K.G. and primary standards. The first teachers of the school are still on the Staff and there are in addition three other full-time teachers, two part-time teachers and a School Secretary.

During its first two years the School was housed by the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation in its buildings in Park Lane; presently, and until the completion of these buildings, the School is availing itself of the hospitality of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation in the Samuel Leon School premises, Montagu Avenue.

The solid foundation laid by the teachers, and the enthusiastic parents is already evident in the outstanding progress of the four pioneer classes and the acquisition of a permanent home for Sharon School will allow for the natural development of an excellent centre for education.

The Board of Governors:

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Youth Centre

THE idea of a Jewish Youth Centre for Salisbury was mooted about nine years ago, when responsible leaders in the community realised the vital need of providing adequate facilities for the various youth organisations in the city.

The new building—which represents only the first stage of the Youth Centre scheme—will consist of six rooms, and will enable all the existing youth activities (Habonim, Betar, Zionist Youth and Maccabi) to be conducted under one roof.

Administration of the Youth Centre is in the hands of a Committee elected from among the Youth, and comprises representatives of the organisations mentioned above. In this way it is hoped that valuable experience will be gained by those who should in time become leaders in the Community.

Apart from the Committee there is a Board of Trustees which consists of the Regional Chairmen of the Board of Deputies and the Zionist Council and the Chairman of the Mashonaland Zionist Youth Executive.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Mr. I. Israel (*Chairman*) Mr. S. Almeleh Mr. I. Peimer Mr. M. Kass Mr. M. Dozetos

The youth organisations listed above do not cater for all the estimated 300 young Jewish people of and above school-leaving age, and communal leaders are rightly concerned about these non-affiliated youngsters. For this reason it is essential that the second stage of the project should be proceeded with as

soon as possible. There is every reason to hope that the public-spirited people of all three local Congregations who contributed so generously towards the cost of the first stage of the scheme will respond to a further appeal when it is made.

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