

Sydney. Prominent from his early years in sporting circles, he was a cricket player of note in the 'seventies, and an original life member of the Sydney Cricket Ground. He was Manager of the Australian Cricket XI. which visited England and America in 1893.

As a member of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve, he rose to the rank of Commander, and was placed in the retired list prior to the last war. At the date of his death he was the oldest officer on the Reserve List of the R.A.N.R.

From its commencement, Commander Cohen took a prominent part as one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Committee in the movement which resulted in the erection of the New South Wales Jewish War Memorial (Maccabean Hall). He was a foundation member and member of the first Committee of the Australian Jewish Historical Society.

The late Commander Cohen had a remarkable and interesting fund of reminiscences of the early identities of the Sydney Jewish community. His portrait in the uniform of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve appears on page 83 (Part III.) of this volume in connection with his paper on Rev. Solomon Phillips and his descendants.

His late wife (who predeceased him) was Deborah, the eldest daughter of the late Montague Levey, of Wynyard Square, Sydney. According to the Marriage Register at the Great Synagogue this marriage took place on the 12th March, 1878, and was the third marriage celebrated at the present Great Synagogue building, the officiant being the Rev. A. B. Davis.

Four sons and one daughter survive the deceased.

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Rev. Z. Mandelbaum.

On the 17th of August last there passed away at Ballarat, in the State of Victoria, at the age of seventy-six, the Reverend Zalel Mandelbaum, who for fourteen years occupied the post of Minister of the Ballarat Hebrew Congregation.

Born in Turov, Russia, of a well-known Rabbinic family, the Rev. Mandelbaum served for many years with

a Shephardie community at Port Said. About 1905 he migrated to Australia, and within a few months of landing in Perth was appointed Minister at Broken Hill, New South Wales. He remained in charge of the community for ten years, and, as a result of his personal efforts, a Synagogue was erected and dedicated.

Later, he received a call to Perth, Western Australia, as assistant to the late Rabbi D. I. Freedman. While the latter was away from Australia and serving as Chaplain with the Forces during the strenuous years of the 1914-1918 war, Rev. Z. Mandelbaum had the spiritual charge of Western Australian Jewry.

In 1926 he retired to live in Sydney, but in the following year he was prevailed upon to accept a call to the Ballarat congregation. In that historic city his ministry was distinguished by genial charm of character and manner, as well as by earnest and devoted attention to his community. In the course of his duties he endeared himself to his flock, and won the respect and goodwill of his fellow-citizens.

Rabbi Danglow, M.A., of the St. Kilda, Melbourne, congregation, and Rabbi Dr. H. Freedman, B.A., of the Toorak Road, Melbourne, Hebrew congregation, officiated at the funeral, which was attended by clergymen representing Anglican, Presbyterian and other denominations, and by many other citizens of Ballarat and Melbourne, both Jews and non-Jews. Rabbi Danglow paid eloquent tribute to the high esteem in which the deceased was held throughout Australian Jewry, and the part he had played in stimulating Judaism among his co-religionists and in fostering an understanding and appreciation of its problems amongst non-Jews.

Rev. Z. Mandelbaum was a foundation member of the Australian Jewish Historical Society. He was one of the first to write welcoming its formation, and he took a very keen interest in its operations. He was a member up to the date of his death.

He is survived by a widow and three daughters—Mrs. Jerdan and Miss Rose Mandelbaum of Sydney, and Mrs. Greenberg of Perth.

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