

- NAPTHALL, Mick, 42, 1818, shopkeeper, Pitt Street. Sydney. Frances, 22 (B.C.); Catherine, 7 (B.C.); and Joseph, 4 (B.C.), Catholics.
- POLACK, Abraham, 31, 1820, innkeeper, George Street, 1 horse and 20 horned cattle; Hannah, 23; Sarah, 3 (B.C.); Solomon, 18 months (B.C.).
- PHILLIPS, Emanuel, 1819, shepherd to Cooper, Bathurst.
- PERARA, Joseph, 22, 1826, labourer, A.A. Co., Port Stephens.
- RAPHAEL, Joseph, 42, 1800, dealer, Pitt Street, Sydney; wife Ann, 21, Protestant.
- RAPHAEL, Jane, 9, at school with Rev. M. Walker, Parramatta.
- SOLOMON, Samuel, 36, 1820, dealer, Goulburn Street, Sydney; Elizabeth, 30, 1820; Lewis, 5 (B.C.); Benjamin, 3 (B.C.).
- SOLOMON, Aaron and Isaac, Newcastle and Parramatta. Religion not stated.
- SIMPSON, Solomon, 27, 1817, dealer, Kent Street, Sydney.
- SOLOMONS, Solomon, 1810, dealer, Pitt Street, Sydney; Elizabeth, 22 (B.C.); George, 6 (B.C.); John, 3 (B.C.); Michael, 8 months (B.C.).
- SOLOMONS, Isaac, 22, 1828.
- SOLOMON, V., 28, 1818, dealer, George Street; E., 26; Mary, senr., 21; Mary, junr., 21; David, 2 months.
- SOLOMON, Samuel, 44, 1814, shoemaker, Cambridge Street, Sydney.
- STEPHENS, Elizabeth, 40, 1816, servant, Thomas Galvin, Upper Minto.
- SPYER, L. S., 23, 1828, merchant with P. J. Cohen, George Street, Sydney.
- WILLIAMS, William, 49, 1817, confectioner at Samuel Cohen's, Clarence Street.

Petition by Hobart Jews in 1852.

The following Letter and Petition to the Lieutenant-Governor from the Jews of Hobart are of interest. The original Petition is in the possession of Rabbi L. A. Falk.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR W. T. DENISON Knt. Lieut. Gov. of Van Diemens Land &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

We the undersigned members of the Jewish Community of Hobart Town being desirous of presenting to your Excellency a Petition from the general body of our Coreligionists resident therein praying your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to its Legislative Council, that the maintenance of their Clergy be apportioned from those funds. Your Excellency declared in your opening speech to that Honble. Assembly, you had recommended to the Secretary of State to be applied to the remuneration of the

Clergy of all denominations, for the Religious instruction of the People and respectfully solicit an interview with your Excellency at your Excellency's appointment antecedently to the presentation of the Petition to the Council which we have the Honor of enclosing herewith to your private Secretary.

and have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's obt. Servts.

Hobart Town
Feby. 12 1852

ABRAHAM HORT SECR.
SAMUEL MOSES.
HYAM L. MOSES.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM THOMAS
DENISON Knight Lieutenant Governor
of Van Diemen's Land and its dependencies.

The Humble Petition of the undersigned members of the Jewish persuasion resident in this Colony.

SHEWETH

THAT provision has been made by law for the building of places of worship and clergymen's dwellings and for the support of the ministers of three churches in this Colony.

THAT considerable sums of money have already been expended in building and in paying the salaries of the clergymen of the churches to which we have adverted: and that by the third part of Schedule C annexed to the Act of Parliament 13 and 14 Victoria c. 59, £15,000 per annum is reserved for those purposes for the future.

THAT the money thus applied and proposed to be applied is paid from the general Colonial revenue to which your Petitioners contribute in common with the other inhabitants.

THAT your Petitioners could have no reason to complain of the support afforded by the Government to these three churches if the money applied to that purpose were collected exclusively from the members of those churches: but that your Petitioners respectfully submit it to Your Excellency as a great grievance that the money which they contribute to the revenue should be applied to the support of churches to which they do not belong.

THAT the members of the Jewish Church in this Colony have hitherto been under the necessity of supporting their ministers from their private resources, and that they have also at their own expense erected a synagogue in Hobart Town and another in Launceston.

THAT your Petitioners respectfully submit that so long as the Government provides for other churches from the general revenue, your Petitioners are in justice and equity entitled to have a fair proportion of that revenue appropriated to the support of the Jewish Church.—Your Petitioners claiming to be placed upon a footing of equality with other Colonists in the administration as well of the ecclesiastical as of the secular concerns of the Government.

THAT your Petitioners understand that in several of the West Indian Colonies a part of the revenue is applied to the support of the Jewish Church in common with other Churches.

THAT Your Petitioners wish also to remind Your Excellency that in the recent debate in the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria in reference to an application made by the Jews in that Colony that a portion of the public funds set apart for religious purposes should be devoted to them, every member who spoke upon the question was in favor of the application.

YOUR Petitioners humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Legislative Council to make provision in the present estimates for the support of the ministers and for the erection and repair of the dwellings and places of worship of the Jewish Church.

AND Your Petitioners will ever pray

SAMUEL MOSES.	D. WOLFF MOSES.†	SAMUEL BENJAMIN.
ABRAHAM HORT Senr.	JNO. LEWIN.	ABRAHAM MYERS.
HYAM L. MOSES.	MICHAEL SIMONS.	ELIJAH LAZARUS.
J. SOLOMON.	S. LYONS.	A. MARKS.
M. ABRAHAMS.	LAZARUS LEVY.	SIMEON FRANKEL.
L. SOLOMON.	S. BARNETT.	A. B. SOLOMON.
EDWARD CASPER.	P. LEVY.	I. HYAMS.
SAMUEL LEVY Senior.	ALM. RHEUBEN.	E. KARNEY.
H. JONES.	MORRIS ROSENBERG.	JOSH. LYONS.
S. SOLOMON.	MOSES COHEN.	ROBERT HART.
LEWIS HENRY LAZARUS.	ELIAS CASPER.	

The Beginning of the Ballarat Hebrew Congregation.*

By NATHAN F. SPIELVOGEL.

(Read before the Society, June 10th, 1940.)

A calm, starry night in September, 1853. Main Road, Ballarat.

Hundreds of young, bearded diggers! Red shirts, high boots and heavy cloth hats! All of them feverishly seeking for pleasure.

Along the planked footpaths are scores of boozing

†Signature not too certain.

†This paper, while not historically correct in every detail, gives, nevertheless, a good representation of the life and times of the period.—Ed.