

MAX GORDON — OBITUARY

Early in November, 1971, Mr. Max Gordon, a well known communal identity in Melbourne, died. Mr. Gordon for a great number of years until 1971 was President of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Jewish Historical Society. He was born in Bialystok, Poland, and migrated to Australia more than fifty years ago.



For many years he was a wholesale skin and fur merchant and before 1939, had made a great number of trips to attend the fur sales in Europe.

He was a member of the St. Kilda Hebrew Congregation and active in a number of communal organisations. He was one of the earliest members of the Bachelors and Hosts' Ball Committee, and some thirty years ago, he was active in the Welfare Guardian Movement. This Movement was responsible for bringing Jewish boys from Europe and establishing them in Australia.

In the past few years, Max Gordon had become well known for his interest in Australian Jewish History and as an author. He wrote several books which included "The Life of Sir Isaac Isaacs"—the first work on this great Australian; "The History of the Jews in Van Dieman's land" (Tasmania); "The Queen of Sheba", and another on "Selected Short Stories". He had also had published a number of shorter articles.

In the years of his retirement, his interests centred around history, the Armadale Bowling Club, and gardening.

The sympathy of the Society is extended to his widow, Lea, and his adult children, Ronald and Barbara.