

## OBITUARIES

### Etta Applebaum

Etta Applebaum, who died on 15th April last, was the second daughter of Joel and Dinah Goldberg and fourth of their seven children. She was married to Victor Applebaum at the Great Synagogue by Rabbi Francis L. Cohen on 14th September, 1924, and was the mother of Ralph and Neville Applebaum and Valda Cohen, of Perth. She was widowed on 20th November, 1960.

She supported many communal activities, including Trustee of the Help in Need Society, member of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and with her husband was deeply involved in the formation of the North Shore Synagogue.

She was a member of the Great Synagogue all her life and continued to occupy the seat held by her Maternal Great Grandmother since the opening of the Great Synagogue. Her great grandfather, John Isaacs, was Hon. Treasurer of the York St. Synagogue in 1849 and on the completion of the building of the Great Synagogue was elected to its first Board of Management. His eldest daughter, Phoebe, was married by Rev. A. B. Davis in 1869 to Elias Cohen, who also took a great interest in communal affairs, and together with his father-in-law and committee was instrumental in opening the Sydney Hebrew Certified Denominational School in 1868.

In 1890, Dinah, the second daughter of Phoebe and Elias Cohen, was married by Rev. A. B. Davis at the Great Synagogue to Joel Goldberg, who had arrived in Sydney from Shillel, Russia, in 1885 with two brothers. These three men played a large part in the establishment of the Newtown Synagogue, all taking Executive positions on the Board of Management.

Etta Applebaum was a typical Jewish mother, devoted to her family, who were encouraged to be observant orthodox Jews. The three children of Victor and Etta Applebaum continue the family tradition of involvement in communal activities.

The family is characterised by its close knit and strong ties of family unity and her two brothers and four sisters exemplified the importance and value of sound family structure.

Mrs. Applebaum will always be remembered for her kindness and friendliness.

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