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First and foremost we must say 'thank you', through the pages of the Bushey Synagogue Newsletter, to Julian Shindler and his friends from Edgware and Stanmore who so ably took the services over Pesach. We are indeed indebted to them all for the way they always 'step in' when Johnny Back is away.

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At a time when there is much talk in society about the 'generation gap' it seems a great pity that a 'gap' is growing in our Community. One of our senior members has remarked that there are, in Bushey, a number of 'members of the older generation' who have, between them, a tremendous amount of experience in the running of Synagogues and in coping with the 'teething troubles' which beset young communities. Instead of seeing a growing involvement of those people in the life of the Community we are witnessing a widening gulf between them and the Synagogue: they are not coming to Shool, they are not supporting our various activities.

Whilst we can appreciate the difficulties that might exist for members of the 'older generation' who live in a young community where the majority of members are young marrieds, it is nevertheless worth mentioning that we are still all Jews, and as such we ought all to have a certain sense of belonging, a feeling of mutual concern over the well-being and sound development of the Community.

Is it something that the 'younger generation' have said or done? Is it not true to say that the 'older generation' have a lot to teach us? Perhaps some of our Readers can throw light on why this 'generation gap' has come about and how we can set about narrowing it - or better still closing it completely - before the gulf becomes too wide to bridge.

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We record elsewhere the fact that Ronald Cole (that's me) was returned unopposed as the Bushey Synagogue's representative on the Board of Deputies. Whilst the Editorial Board (that's moi) is whole-heartedly in favour of this result, it is still important to mention the apathy with which this 'election' was met. Of some 125 nomination forms sent out, only four were returned. The fact that all four nominated the same person may prove something; but it certainly doesn't prove that the result has come about through the exercise by the Members of their Democratic rights.

Is it not time that we all woke up to the responsibilities that we have to ourselves, our children, and the future generations of Bushey Jews, to take a far more active interest in the goings-on in our Community? There must be something that YOU are not happy about, or which annoys YOU: so do something about it, even if that 'something' is just to write in to the Newsletter.

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The Youth & Education Committee would welcome suggestions for a name for the Kindergarten which is due to open in September. Please send in your ideas, and we'll publish the suggestions.

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BARBECUE

A SUMMER BARBECUE is being organised, under the auspices of the Social Calendar Committee, to be held on Sunday, 15th July at 'The Foresters', Stanmore Common, from 8.00 p.m. until midnight.

Music will be provided by a Discotheque and a Steel Band, and tickets, at £2.50 each, will include a Barbecue Dinner, with Strawberries and Ice Cream, and Drinks.

Would all those who want tickets for themselves and to sell to others, as well as all those interested in helping both before and on the night, please contact Ronald Cole (950.3566). All proceeds from the Barbecue will go to the Kindergarten Fund.

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INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Shirley and Paul Epstein request the pleasure of the company of the Congregation to help celebrate their Simcha: the BAR MITZVAH of their younger son, MURRAY CLIVE, who will read Maftor and Haphtorah on Saturday 9th June. Kiddush after the Service.

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REPORT OF THE SYNAGOGUE A.G.M.

The minutes of the 1972 AGM being read, approved and signed, Johnny Back, Senior Warden, proceeded to give his Annual Report concerning the activities of the Bushey Community. The Report was divided into sections, each dealing with the achievements of one of the Board's sub-committees.

Membership of the Synagogue has gone up to 125 male members and 7 female members.

The Youth Club, which started life at the end of 1971, had come up against certain difficulties and had been put into 'limbo' until things could be sorted out. At the present time there are no plans to re-start the Youth Club. There had been a good response to the questionnaire which the Youth & Education Committee sent out in connection with the plans to start Cheder, but the information which had been received went to show that this was not yet a viable project as there are not enough children in the area in any given age group to provide the Classes with a large enough number of children in any one class. The Kindergarten was due to open in September. There would be no initial financial help from the Herts County Council because they would want us to meet certain requirements which were not compatible with the aims that we had in mind. There is an application before the Bushey Urban District Council for permission to start the Kindergarten, and there seems to be no reason for this to be refused. We are hoping to get clearance to fence off part of the 'forecourt' and use it as a 'playground'; and we are thinking about approaching the immediate neighbours on the other side of the 'forecourt' with a view to perhaps buying part of their back gardens to extend the 'playground'.

The Building Committee had engaged an architect who had drawn up plans for the improvement and extension of the Synagogue building. Plans for the erection of an extension in line with the toilets were before the Bushey U.D.C.: as yet we had had no decision from them. Future plans include the beautification of the area around the Ark; and the building of a Ladies' Gallery.

The Functions Committee had organised two very successful functions during the year: the New Year's Eve Disco, and the Annual Dinner & Ball. In all, they had raised £1900, as well as having the satisfaction of knowing that they had put on two well attended and highly successful 'dos'. The Committee were looking to extend their activities during 1973/4.

The Social Calendar Committee had suffered from a disappointing response from the Community to the functions that they had put on: which included a showing of "My Fair Lady", and a talk by Noel Edmonds (Disc Jockey) and Tim Blackmore (BBC Producer).

A Barbecue is planned for Sunday, 15th July; all proceeds to go to the Kindergarten fund. A challenge from Borehamwood & Elstree had resulted in a Synagogue Football Team being started, with regular practices every Sunday afternoon. A Kuop Fit Group had also been started; and there were plans to form a Tennis Club.

The Services Committee were sorry to have to mention, yet again, the difficulties of getting a minyan at Friday evening services; and the fact that on many Saturday mornings we had to wait for a minyan. On the brighter side, they were pleased to report that we had held services on Hoshana Rabba, for the first time; and that we had got a minyan when two members of the Community had been saying Kaddish.

The Kol Nidre Appeal had raised over £700; the Community had seen the start of their own Newsletter; and donations to the Synagogue had included a Yad from Jenny and Ronald Cole, a Sefer Torah Mantle from Judy & Neville Nagler, and a Sefer Torah Breastplate from Raena & Nicky Frankel-Pöllen.

Discussion of the Report gave rise to the suggestion that a regular Shiur be organised by the Services Committee - Johnny Back undertook to look into the possibility of this being done, with the proviso that there were enough people who would 'guarantee' their support so that a guest speaker should not find himself talking to a row of empty chairs; and to the expression of the need of a closer liaison with the Stanmore Community and especially with the Stanmore Cheder - Ronald Cole, as Editor of the Newsletter, undertook to contact Rabbi Chaitowitz, Rabbi Bernstein and the Editor of 'Habima' in order to try and get the fullest possible information on their local activities when those activities might be of interest or concern to the Bushey Community.

Brian Atkins, the Financial Representative, then presented the audited accounts for the year, and observed that whilst the Synagogue is currently in a healthy state, that liquidity would disappear as soon as work was done on the extension to the building.

Ronald Cole was returned, unopposed, as the Community's representative on the Board of Deputies.

Under 'Any Other Business', it was pointed out that there was a growing need for a closer liaison between the various sub-committees that organised functions so that there was no clash of dates or of intended functions. This problem should never arise, it was pointed out, since every sub-committee was represented on the Board which would therefore serve as a 'clearing house' for ideas and for dates. It was also mentioned that certain members of the Board were noticeable by their absence - and that they had not even had the courtesy to send their apologies for absence. The meeting felt that this was something which ought in future to be rectified: and that the members of the Board had a duty to attend the AGM. A resolution was put and carried that notification of attendance at Board Meetings should be sent out annually with the Notice of Meeting of the AGM.

The meeting, which had begun at 8.45 p.m., closed at 9.40 p.m.

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FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

THE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE still needs new members - would all those interested in joining please contact Ivan Gold (950.3384)

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LONDON BOARD OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 1973 HOLIDAY LIST
ST. JOHNS & STANMORE HEBREW CLASSES

Tuesday	5th June	-	Thursday	7th June	Shavuot
Tuesday	24th July	-	Thursday	30th August	Summer Vacation
sessions will resume Sunday, 2nd September					
Wednesday	26th September				Erev Rosh Hashana
Thursday	27th September				Rosh Hashana - 1st day
Wednesday	10th October				Erev Sukkot
Thursday	11th October				Sukkot - 1st day
Wednesday	17th October				Hoshana Rabba
Thursday	18th October				Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday	25th December				Public Holiday
Wednesday	26th December				Public Holiday

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LADIES GUILD

ASCOT - Don't forget the outing on Thursday, 21st June: Ladies Day/Gold Cup Day. The coach will leave Bushey Heath at 9.30 a.m. and will get back at about 6.00 p.m. Please contact Diane Atkins (950.5472), Betty Segalov (950.3485), or Carol Zatman (950.4249) for further information and/or to book your place

OUTING - A daytime outing is being planned for early July. This is for Ladies only, so Mothers please make arrangements for someone to look after your children! The trip will be to either Waddesden Manor - a very beautiful stately home belonging to the Rothschild Family - or to Luton Hoo - another beautiful stately home, with lovely gardens, housing the Wernher Collection and mementoes of Russian Imperial Families. Anyone interested please contact Betty Segalov (950.3485). It is up to you: if the demand is not there, then the trip cannot be arranged because of the cost of hiring the coach.

BRING & BUY - In view of the success of our recent Bring & Buy, another such 'function' has been arranged for Wednesday, 13th June, at the home of Raena Frankel-Pollen - 18 Risingholm Close, Bushey (950.3207) - at 10.30 a.m. Entrance will be 25p.

On Sunday the 8th July we have promised to help out again at the Hemel Hempstead Old Peoples Home (run by the Jewish Welfare Board). We will have the same stall as last year - bottled and tinned foods. All those interested in helping, or those with donations (which can be collected if you cannot get them round to us), please contact Barbara Kaye _____ or Lynn Freyd (950.4269).

The next meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be on Wednesday the 13th June at the home of Shirley Epstein - 7 Coldharbour Lane, Bushey (950.5217).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who visited me and said and wrote kind words whilst I was sitting Shiva for my Father.

Yours sincerely,

John Nash.

Dear Sir,

For many years, the parents of Bushey children attending the Stanmore Hebrew Classes have had to suffer the frustrations of being an ignored minority.

So that a more concerted voice may be heard from the Bushey Parents, I propose forming a Bushey Parents Association whose aim will be to be effective in stating the special needs of this community's children at Stanmore, until such time as we have our own Cheder.

The inaugural meeting of the Association will be held at 21 Claybury on Monday the 16th June at 8.30 p.m. All those who are interested are cordially invited.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Silverman.

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We are vory pleased to welcome to the community:

- Fred & Ilse Roxon, and Lawrence
- Morris & Dora Statt

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REPORT FROM OUR FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Well, Ladies & Gentlemon of the Bushey Sporting Fraternity, our two matches with Borehamwood & Elstree are over: sad to say, we lost them both.

On Sunday, 8th April, we played 'away' and lost by 3 goals to nil. These bare facts tell us nothing of the chances missed and the opportunities lost. For the fans who braved the coldest April Sunday for 100 years to cheer the team on, we would say "thank you girls" because, Ladies & Gentlemen, it was the girls who travelled to support the team. Anyhow, back to the match: the team played very well considering it was their first competitive game. The trouble was that our finishing left a lot to be desired whilst the opposition were very sharp in front of goal thus deserving their victory.

The return match, at 'home', was played on Sunday, 13th May at the Royal Caledonian Schools' ground. Once again we were defeated though at least we did manage to score a goal - Laurence Brass was our scorer - and what's more it put us one up for a while. Of course the eight goals that Borehamwood & Elstree scored were all lucky ones - and they only managed to win because they were the better team.

But next season!

Our Sunday afternoon practices will resume again in August or September and we thank all the wives, in advance, for letting their husbands off the leash for a while.

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We extend a very hearty mazeltov to

- Roberta & Raymond Coffor on the birth of their son Nicholas James, a brother for Juliet
- Muriel & Alan Feldman on the birth of their daughter Carole Eve, a sister for Raymond
- Paula & David Mendoza on the birth of their son Marc Daniel
- Jackie & Stuart Phillips on the birth of their daughter Nicola Sharon, a sister for Alan
- Louise & Aron Sager on the birth of their son Joel Anthony

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OTHER ACTIVITIES (NOT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SYNAGOGUE)

WIZO REPORT

Members of the Bushey WIZO have been collecting in aid of Jewish Women's Week, and we hope to give details of the total sum raised in the next issue of the Newsletter.

A Supper-Dance is being held on Sunday, 27th October, at the Royal Majestic Rooms, Willoeden; £8 per double ticket. Please make a note of this - keep the date free: tickets on sale soon!

On Wednesday, 20th June we will be having a coffee morning with cakes and desserts to see, taste and copy - a sort of "Bring & Bite"! Venue to be announced.

On Wednesday, 8th August we hope to organise a trip to Woburn Abbey with the children. The coach will be leaving Bushey around 10.00 a.m. and returning around 4.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us, so tell your friends to keep the date free.

YOGA CLASSES are being organised and they will be held weekly on Tuesday mornings, starting within the next few weeks. All those interested please contact Myra Graye (92.29635).

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SHIUR

There will be a SHIUR on Tuesday, 12th June, at 8.30 p.m. at the home of Jenny & Ronald Cole - 8 Swallow Close, Bushey (950.3566).

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N.B.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a QUESTIONNAIRE. Please complete and return to Ronald Cole, 8 Swallow Close, Bushey, as soon as possible.

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