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It would appear that certain members of the community have taken exception to the fact that their 'anniversaries', whether birthday or wedding, have not been mentioned in the Social Columns of the Newsletter. Newsletter 9, which came out last September, included a 'Census Form' which our readers were asked to complete and return, so that we had the necessary information to be able to fill our Social Page. Newsletter 10 carried a reminder about the forms. Additional information reaches us either by 'hearsay' or from details supplied by newer members on their application forms. Chances are, therefore, that those of you whose 'anniversaries' have not been recorded in the Newsletter have failed to fill in and return the 'Census Form'.

If you have any news of any kind, be it for the Social Column or for the body of the Newsletter, please either drop me a line or telephone so that the Newsletter can be as comprehensive as possible.

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At the recent Shul A.G.M., held on the 13th May, a new Board of Management was elected. Details of the new Board are set out below; and a 'report' on the A.G.M. is to be found further on in the Newsletter. It is the new Board's intention that the Newsletter should become a medium through which Members may be more fully advised of the activities of the Board; and it is to be hoped that this will generate a greater interest on the part of a large number of the Members in the Shul's religious and secular goings-on.

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 1974 - 1976

Wardens:

- Johnny Back	'Knox Cottage', 4 Prowse Avenue, Bushey Heath	950.1327
- Ronald Cole	'Colne View', 32 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath	950.3566

Financial Representative

- David Shulman	17 Merryhill Mount, Bushey	950.6060
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Members of the Board

- Brian Atkins	14 Risingholme Close, Bushey	950.5472
- Harvey Burton	7 Upton Lodge Close, Bushey	950.4209
- Paul Epstein	7 Coldharbour Lane, Bushey	950.5217
- Godfrey Kaye		
- John Nash	59 Little Bushey Lane, Bushey Heath	950.7341
- Geoffrey Silver	Unit B, 103 Bushey Grove Road, Bushey	92.34064
- Brian Silverman		

Sub-Committee Chairmen

- Building Committee	: John Nash
- Functions Committee	: Harvey Burton
- Membership Committee	: Paul Epstein & Godfrey Kaye
- Social Calendar Committee	: Geoffrey Silver
- Youth & Education Committee	: Brian Silverman

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The FESTIVAL of SHAVUOS is celebrated for two days, on the 6th and 7th of Sivan. 'Shavuos' means 'weeks' : seven weeks are counted from the second day of Pesach - the counting of the Omer. Shavuos begins on the 50th day and its name of 'Pentecost' is from the Greek word meaning 'fiftieth'.

Shavuos is also known as 'The Festival of the Wheat Harvest' and 'The Day of First-fruits', being in Biblical times a harvest festival. On the 50th day after the bringing of the Omer the start of the wheat harvest was celebrated by a thanksgiving offering of two loaves made from the new crop; and from this day until the Festival of Succos the first-fruits of barley, grapes, figs etc were brought to the Temple by the farmer as a token of gratitude to the Almighty for His blessings.

The agricultural nature of Shavuos is now represented by the flowers which are used to decorate the Synagogue. These also serve to remind us that it is on Shavuos that judgment is made as to whether or not we deserve a full and abundant harvest.

The Bible tells us that the Revelation at Mount Sinai came in the third month after the Exodus, i.e. in Sivan. Careful consideration of the relevant passages proves that the anniversary falls on the 6th day of the month. The FESTIVAL of SHAVUOS thus also celebrates the day when Israel undertook acceptance of and allegiance to the laws of God.

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**	PLEASE NOTE THE <u>TIMES OF SERVICES</u> DURING SHAVUOS	**
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**	Sunday, 26th May	Erev Shavuos 9.30 pm
**	Monday, 27th May	1st day Shavuos 10.00 am
**		evening service 7.15 pm
**	Tuesday, 28th May	2nd day Shavuos 10.00 am
**		evening service 9.30 pm

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Report on the SYNAGOGUE A.G.M., held on Monday, 13th May, in the Synagogue.

The Ballot Box being declared open, and the Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting having been read, corrected, approved and signed, the Chairman gave his Report covering the preceding twelve months.

The Board had been reduced in number by 2, due to the resignation of Michael Burke and Jack Ratner. The resignation had also been regretfully-accepted of the Synagogue's Honorary Secretary, Lionel Arden, to whom the Community owed a very great debt of thanks for all the hard work he had put into the job of Secretary for without his efforts the development of the Community over the last few years would have been severely handicapped.

The Chairman was sorry to have to note that a certain feeling of apathy had crept into the Community, as witnessed by the lack of response to many of the activities which the Synagogue had organised.

During the preceding twelve months the membership of the Synagogue has gone up to 162, of which there are 7 Female Members.

The Chairman noted the closing of the Youth Club, largely due to the lack of support from its members. However, the Kindergarten had opened in January and, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Lefton, the Headmistress, it was slowly but surely establishing a good name for itself.

The Functions Committee had held some highly successful functions, but had unfortunately fallen down with arrangements for a major function this year.

The activities of the Social Calendar Committee, which included a film show and a quiz evening, were very poorly attended. However, under the auspices of this Committee a Barbecue had been organised and had raised just over £800 for the Kindergarten.

The Ladies Keep Fit had obviously proved far too strenuous for the Ladies! and, still on a sporting note, the Football team had avoided losing - on only a few occasions.....

The Synagogue services had, yet again, been less well attended than one would have hoped, with the result that many a Shabbat morning service was held up for as much as 25 minutes waiting for a Minyan.

Plans had been discussed for the building of an extension to the Synagogue but these had been temporarily shelved whilst the Building Committee looked into another alternative which had recently come up.

Various matters arising out of the Chairman's report were discussed. The Financial Representative then gave his Report and presented the audited accounts. These were also discussed at some length.

The F.R. then proposed the motion that the Synagogue's annual fees should be increased to £27.00 (an increase of £5.10 per annum) effective Rosh Hashana 5735. The new fees would be made up as follows :-

Annual membership fee	£ 14.74	Religious education rates	£ 2.50
Funeral expenses scheme	£ 4.50	Building Fund	£ 5.26

After a certain amount of discussion the motion was carried.

A variety of topics were brought up under 'Any Other Business', after which the Returning Officer declared the results of the Election:

returned unopposed as Wardens	- Johnny Back & Ronald Cole
returned unopposed as F.R.	- David Shulman
elected to the Board of Management	- Brian Atkins, Harvey Burton, Paul Epstein, Godfrey Kaye, John Nash, Geoffrey Silver, Brian Silverman
returned unopposed as representatives on the Affiliated Synagogues' Cttee	- Harvey Lament, Brian Silverman
returned unopposed as representative on the London Board of Jewish Religious Education	- Lionel Finkelstein

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MIGDAL

Since the start of this Shabbat afternoon group for children, aged 5 to 11, the attendances have dropped from about 10 children each week to less than 5. The enthusiasm which greeted the idea to form this group has not, it is sad to note, been matched in the positive support so badly needed. It is seemingly far too easy to find a reason for the children not to attend: and unless the numbers increase over the next few weeks then, understandably, Liz & Lionel Finkelstein will have no alternative but to discontinue Migdal.

It is a shame that in a young community such as Bushey, where we have people who are prepared to give of their time and effort for the long term benefit of our children, a group such as MIGDAL -which affords the children an opportunity to meet, to play and to learn together in a Jewish atmosphere- should be allowed to disappear. Please, Parents, make sure that you send your children (if they are aged 5 to 11) to Migdal as often as possible, not only for their own benefit but also so that a group such as this may be able to grow from strength to strength and thus be of benefit to the next group of 5 to 11s as well. Every Shabbat afternoon from 3 pm until 4.30 pm in Shul.

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We offer our congratulations to Lawrence Patashnik on his engagement, and wish a very hearty mazeltov to his mother, Mrs Golda Patashnik.

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We wish a very happy

- birthday to Lionel Arden
- anniversary to Diane & Brian Atkins
- 3rd birthday to Natalie Atkins
- anniversary to Vivienne & Harvey Collis
- birthday to Josephine Davis
- 1st birthday to Hayley Davis
- birthday to Jill Faktor
- birthday to Jeremy Gasson
- anniversary to Phillipa & Ivan Gold
- 8th birthday to Marc Gold
- anniversary to Marilyn & Robert Goldsobel
- anniversary to Suzann & Mervyn Gotlieb
- birthday to Mervyn Gotlieb
- 6th birthday to Ryan Joseph
- birthday to Caroline Lazarus
- 5th birthday to Nicole Lehrer
- anniversary to Suzanne & Michael Lynn
- birthday to Michael Lynn
- anniversary to Sharon & Martin Morris
- birthday to Martin Morris
- birthday to Melanie Olivestone
- anniversary to Sandra & Michael Shulman
- birthday to Sandra Shulman
- birthday to Isidore Stelzer
- birthday to Millicent Wolmark
- 2nd birthday to Simon Wolmark
- anniversary to Myra & Philip Vyner

all of whom have recently or will shortly be celebrating.....

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We send all good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to

- Mrs Diane Atkins
- Mrs Muriel Shindler

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We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members of the community

- Alan & Vivien Lehrer, and Rosanna, Danielle and Nicole
- Michael & Suzanne Lynn, and Alexander and Jodi
- Martin & Sharon Morris
- Harry Silveston
- Edmund & Louise Verrey, and Matthew

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BUSHEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Played 14, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 10, Goals for 35, Goals against 77.

Not in itself a very worthy record: but it is certainly an achievement that we were able to arrange as many as 14 fixtures on what was essentially a 'day to day' basis. Our membership increased as the season progressed, giving us a larger and stronger pool of players from whom to select a team. This bodes well for next season, when we hope to be involved in an Inter-Synagogue League.

Please make a note in your diary: the Bushey United Football Club are holding a Car Rally on Sunday, 21st July, starting at 2 p.m., followed by Tea in the Synagogue Hall. For further information, please contact Ivan Gold (950.7597).

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Report of the LADIES' GUILD

Members of the Guild are asked to note that helpers are needed on Sunday, 26th May, at 10.30 am, to help decorate the Shul. Both men and women will be welcome: please bring along some flowers from your garden.....

Royal Ascot Ladies' Day: there are still a few places available on the coach for this outing, on 20th June. Please hurry with your £2., as the coach is almost full. Last year's outing was a great success, and there is no reason why this year's should not be equally enjoyable.

The Association of Ladies' Guilds are having a Social Supper on Sunday, 5th June, at Kinloss Synagogue. Tickets are about £2. per head; the Supper is for men and women; and there will be a guest speaker.

Once again the Ladies' Guild is running a Stall at the Hesel Hempstead Old People's Home annual fete, on Sunday, 14th July. As in previous years, our Stall will be selling bottled and tinned foods - so please let us have all you can, for this worthy cause. The more items we have on the Stall the more money we are likely to raise.....please phone Shirley Epstein (950.5217) or Barbara Kaye who will arrange for your 'donations' to be collected - if you are unable to deliver to one of them.

In view of the success of our last meeting, which included a demonstration of 'high fashion hair styling', it is hoped to have a similar type of meeting again in the near future.

The Guild is always looking for new members: anyone interested - or if you know someone who ought to be contacted - please phone Barbara Kaye.

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a Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must write to grouse about the lack of social activities organised by the Synagogue. Whilst it is true that we have had a few small fund-raising activities during the past year which have served as social gatherings, nevertheless, with the exception of a quiz evening and a talk by Noel Edmonds (both poorly attended) there has been little sign of any communal meetings.

Please could we have the occasional Speaker at the Shul, or a Melava Malka, or perhaps a well-prepared games or card evening. Surely it is wrong that the only activities of the Shul, apart from fund-raising, should be the Services.

Yours truly,

a concerned reader.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES, NOT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SYNAGOGUE

BUSHEY ISRAEL FUND

At a Meeting of the Committee, on Wednesday, 17th April, the 5th Monthly Draw was made.

- 1st prize : £50 : J.G.Phillips, Esq., 24 Hartsbourne Ave, Bushey
- 2nd prize : £25 : M.Zatman, Esq., 17 Priory View, Bushey Heath
- 3rd prize : £15 : D.Hornick, Esq., 21 Sherwoods Road, Watford Heath

At a Meeting of the Committee, on Wednesday, 22nd May, the 6th Monthly Draw was made.

- 1st prize : £50 : Mrs.L.Leder, 9 Tatlow Court, West Heath Ave,N.W.11.
- 2nd prize : £25 : H.Leder, Esq., 9 Tatlow Court, West Heath Ave,N.W.11.
- 3rd prize : £15 : R.Cole, Esq., 32 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath

On Sunday, 30th June, the Bushey Israel Fund are holding a BARBECUE at 'The Grove Lodge', Chandlers Cross. Tickets, at £3.50 per head, can be obtained from Harvey Burton (950.4209) or Ronald Cole (950.3566). Music will be provided by a Steel Band and a Discotheque; the menu will include Chicken, Sausages, Jacket Potatoes, Salads, and Poire Helene.....surely an evening not to be missed : 8 pm until Midnight.

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BUSHEY WIZO

The next meeting will be at the home of Sandra Persky -21 Parkside Drive, Edgware- on Wednesday next, 29th May. The following meeting will be on the 3rd June (Monday) at the home of Gloria Gold -4 Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath. The main point of discussion at these meetings will be our forthcoming 'Western Evening' which is being held on Sunday, 9th June, at the "Rest Hotel", Kenton.

Our recent 'psychology evening' was such a tremendous success - with over 70 people there - that we are hoping to hold another evening along the same lines so that we can get into deeper discussion on this fascinating topic.

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"MUSIC ON THE HEATH"

is a recently formed inter-denominational organization created to foster a greater understanding and sense of community among the residents of Bushey and Bushey Heath by arranging concerts. As such, the Shul wholeheartedly supports these aims.

The first major concert to be arranged will be at St.Peter's Church, Bushey Heath, on Saturday, 29th June, at 8.00 pm., when the main item will be Part 1 of Mendelsohn's Oratorio 'Elijah'. The tenor solo is being sung by one of our members, Mr. Ian Walters. Included in the first part of the programme are duets of Hebrew music sung by Mr.Walters and Mr.Harvey Lament.

Tickets are available, from 31st May, from Brian Silverman price 40p. Children, students and O.A.Ps - 15p.

As the Concert begins before the termination of Shabbat, special arrangements have been made for our members to be admitted without a ticket, thus enabling them to be at the Concert at the beginning, without being obliged to carry the ticket with them. Members wishing to avail themselves of this facility should let Brian Silverman know beforehand.

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