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*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
His kindness endures forever.*

Psalms 118

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EDITORIAL

A MORE UNITED SYNAGOGUE

After 120 years of history, in which we have shared a century of success, it is clear that the United Synagogue is facing internal challenges. The economic state of the country has made it exceptionally difficult to sustain essential communal ventures whether in the teaching of children and adults, the care and welfare of the elderly and those in need for whatever reason, or the future development of expanding newer communities. In addition we must ensure enhanced support for our fellow Jews in Israel, in the newly emerged states in Eastern Europe and wherever local communities need our help.

We anticipate that by Rosh Hashanah we will be aware of the outcome of long-awaited "Think Tank" reports. The JEDT has conducted a searching inquiry into the current state of Jewish education for children from nursery age up to eighteen, and the review of urgent needs is bound to raise serious issues affecting the entire Anglo-Jewish community.

The Kalms review of the organisation and needs of the United Synagogue will bear even more directly on individual communities. It would be very easy, although understandable, if we were to allow responsibility for meeting these challenges to pass to those who are in larger and more affluent communities. But the lesson of Rosh Hashanah is that we seek repentance and change not only for ourselves as individuals but also as active communal groups. Whatever partial success these necessary reports may hold out, it is essential that as a community, and as individuals we offer our active involvement in the United Synagogue, in supporting our Services and Social and Charitable work particularly in education.

Each person must feel involved on a basis of mutual interdependence with all our work and with that of the United Synagogue. More than ever we should appreciate the immense reliance placed on us to see that all we value is supported and developed. Only when we can say we have given active and tangible expression to support for our current and wider communal needs will we be able to approach each New Year in a frame of mind that deserves recognition in peace and full penitence. We hope that all efforts for communal renewal meet with deserved success. We should aim by showing our own interdependence individually and with other United Synagogue communities to achieve this in the coming year and direct our thoughts and prayers for peace for ourselves, for our families, and for all Israel in the way we recognise we are bound to do.

CHIEF RABBI'S NEW YEAR GREETINGS

As we enter the Jewish year of 5753, we pray that the year that has just ended will be seen in retrospect as the moment in which *shalom al Yisrael* became not just a prayer but a possibility.

The peace negotiations began in Madrid; a significant place at a significant time, the five hundredth anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. They raised the most pointed question. Could the international community – above all, Israel's Arab neighbours – finally come to terms with the Jewish people's needs and right for a secure home after more expulsions and persecutions than any other people has ever endured?

The process continues, reinforced by Israel's new government and its commitment to the pursuit of a viable and enduring peace. We pray for its success. May we, this year, see the fulfilment of the biblical blessing, "I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid".

But we should do more. In contemplating the significance of the times in which we live, we should recall the words with which Maimonides drew his great work, the *Mishneh Torah*, to a close. He wrote:

The sages and prophets did not long for the days of the Messiah so that Israel might exercise dominion over the world or rule over the heathens or be exalted by the nations or that it might eat and drink and rejoice. Their aspiration was that Israel be free to devote itself to the Torah and its wisdom, with no one to oppress or disturb it, and thus be worthy of life in the world to come. In that era there will be neither famine nor war, neither jealousy nor strife...

Maimonides reminds us that though peace is the highest blessing, it is itself only a means to an end. Now that so much that Jews prayed for throughout the ages has come to pass – now that Jews have returned to their land, re-established their home, recovered their sovereignty and are within sight of peace with their neighbours – the task that summons us with monumental urgency is this. Can we "devote ourselves to the Torah and its wisdom?" Can we recover our sense of destiny as a holy nation, a people of spiritual and ethical excellence?

That was the task I set forth this time last year in calling on us all in Anglo-Jewry to work together to create a Decade of Renewal.

There have been marvellous first signs. There have been new Jewish schools, opened or projected, in Manchester, Southgate and Redbridge. There have been new learning programmes, outreach activities and youth centres. As I have travelled throughout Anglo-Jewry this year I have been struck time and again by the enthusiasm and creativity of our communities. But there is so much more to do.

We are losing Jews. Some are opting out, some are drifting out and some are marrying out. **On average, for the past forty years,**

Anglo-Jewry has lost ten of its number every single day. The worst thing we can do is to accept this as inevitable. The message of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is that prayer, repentance and charity can change an "evil decree". There is no such thing as inevitability in the course of human affairs. That is our most powerful belief as Jews.

Let us, in the coming "Days of Awe", set ourselves a challenge – a challenge of personal growth, responsibility and leadership. Let us decide to **grow as Jews** in the year to come. And the best way to grow is to help others to grow. If you celebrate Shabbat, then reach out to others and invite them to your home for a Shabbat meal. If you go to shul, invite someone who does not to come with you. If you learn, find someone to teach. If you have a special talent, ask your rabbi to help you find a way to use it for the benefit of the community. Spiritual possessions are the opposite of physical possessions: the more we share them, the more we have.

The greatest source of renewal is to set ourselves a challenge, a realistic challenge but one that stretches us nonetheless. The challenge is therefore before us in the form of the Jews we are losing through indifference, ours and theirs. We know who they are. Very often they are our own friends or relatives, sometimes our own children or grandchildren. Let us, this year, show them that we care.

Tehi shenat nissim geluim – may the year 5753 be a year of visible miracles, a year of peace and renewal for you and your family, for Israel and for the Jewish people throughout the world.

RABBI DR JONATHAN SACKS
CHIEF RABBI
Ellul 5752

CHASANIM

It is with great pleasure that we announce that our chasanim this year will be Mr Joe Nisner and Dr Cyril Hodes.

Both our chasanim are well known long standing members of our congregation.

Joe Nisner has recently been elected a Warden of the Synagogue to replace Mr M DeVries, who was elected an Honorary Officer of the United Synagogue, and Cyril Hodes was elected a representative on the Council of the United Synagogue replacing Mr Nisner.

We look forward to our members and friends joining in our Annual Reception on Sunday 1st November, when our Chasanim will be our honoured guests.

ANNUAL REPORT 1991-2 5751-2

In presenting our Annual Report we are pleased to extend a hearty welcome to Rev and Mrs M J Golomb on the occasion of his appointment as part-time Minister of the congregation. Rev Golomb, who holds another part-time appointment with the United Synagogue, was able to take up his duties before Rosh Hashanah. The services for the High Holydays were expertly conducted by the Minister and Mr Jonathan Miller. We also extend our thanks to Mr Miller for his assistance over Pesach when Rev Golomb was unable to be present due to his wife's indisposition. Rev Golomb is an eloquent and learned speaker and we hope to have the opportunity of hearing him frequently in the future.

A Chanukah Shabbaton was held on Shabbat Chanukah when after Kiddush and lunch the occasion was enlivened by songs, stories, and brief speeches from Rev Golomb and his son and a Yeshiva colleague. We are grateful to those who organised the function and to those donors who supported it so that the cost was most reasonable.

The Chassanim this year were Mr Jack Langdon Chasan Torah, and Mr Sidney Fainlight Chasan Bereshis, who together with Miss Adelaide Langdon and Mrs Barbara Fainlight were guests of honour at our Annual Reception.

The Ladies Guild have organised bring and buy and social functions, and a most successful occasion was a recent bring and buy and tea with a guest speaker on the work of the Shaare Zedek Hospital. This was very enjoyable and a substantial sum was raised for local and Israeli charities including local needs. We extend our thanks to all the ladies who work so hard and have the welfare of our Shul foremost in their minds.

The Honorary Officers, Council Members and their spouses were guests at the Induction Service of the new Chief Rabbi. This was without doubt an historic occasion and will be long remembered, in addition Mr Arram represented the Synagogue at the Centenary Service of the Hampstead Synagogue.

It has been necessary to undertake substantial repairs to the Benimra Room, which is the Minister's Robing Room, due to dry rot, extensive treatment was required to walls and the floor, and when new carpet is installed the room should be restored to use. In the course of the coming year we will need to renovate the heating system and instal a new gas-fired boiler. This will produce more effective heating and will result in reduced annual expenditure. Once this new heating is installed we will be able to separate the Synagogue and Communal Hall so that it will not be necessary to heat both when only one is in use.

We are pleased to report that due to tight control of expenditure we have maintained the Annual Account in surplus, however it has been found necessary to increase income so that our prospective expenses can be fully covered, and we look forward to our members support and co-operation in this.

We have enjoyed the fullest encouragement from our Minister and Mrs Golomb, our Emeritus Minister Rev Sam Venitt and Mrs Venitt and extend to Rev Venitt our sincerest thanks for all his help during the past year and send him our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

We are very happy that our Secretary Mr Sidney Fainlight has recovered from his recent illness and has returned to his duties which he carries out with care and much understanding.

Mr Michael Surel our caretaker has been more than helpful and efficient at all times and we thank him for his assistance.

To them all, and to our colleagues on the Board and Council of Management, The Ladies Guild and all those associated with the whole of our community we offer our thanks as we renew our efforts for the future.

M A AMIAS
D S ARRAM
M DEVRIES
Honorary Officers

MINI SERMON

by Rev M Golomb

Our Rabbis teach us to regard the Shofar sounds that we hear (daily in a voluntary sense over the preparatory month of Ellul and religiously on the 2 Days of Rosh Hashanah) as a kind of "alarm" – a warning bell.

The trouble with this outlook is that – in either sense – we do tend to take "the alarm" for granted. Either the alarm went off accidentally (due to a fault) or it was deliberately set off for routine checking.

It never (or rarely at best) occurs to us that the alarm "went off" as a warning, (in its conventional sense). Hence many people going passed a closed shop, will assume, on hearing the alarm bell ringing that either it is on "for testing" or it went off "accidentally" – and ignore it.

The same attitude applies when we hear a car alarm ringing. Indeed even when we see with our **own eyes** an emergency vehicle going past us at high speed and hear with our **own ears** the alarm, it still applies to another person – someone else – hence of no immediate concern anyway.

How different is the Jewish View! We are taught early in our lives that "all Israel are responsible for each other" that we should take great notice of each other and of every other Jew.

Indeed "Thou shalt love thy neighbour" (with as much concern and meaning) as thyself "is a teaching which is regarded as most important in our Holy Torah".

On the eve of our Jewish New Year, this lesson which is both basic and yet of the most paramount importance.

Besides being called the Day of Judgement and Day of Remembrance, Rosh Hashanah is labelled the Day of the Shofar Sounds – a period to reinforce in our minds the utter importance of other

people's good well-being as a matter of great priority.

May we all be blessed in the coming New Year with every good health and happiness. May all our personal "alarms" be heard on High and receive immediate attention, and may our Holy Land be blessed with Peace and Prosperity.

ISRAEL TOUR

Consideration is being given to the possibility of arranging a Synagogue Tour in October/November 1993. Members and friends who are interested are asked to contact Mr David Arram for further particulars.

THE LADIES GUILD 1991/2

The Guild this year has been as active as ever. Our members have prepared the Kiddushim each week and on many occasions when a happy event was celebrated, the Kiddush was more akin to a reception.

Whatever the format, our band of helpers were always happy and willing to do whatever was asked of them.

The Guild made a donation to the Synagogue towards the cost of the Succah and for the wine and cake for the Kiddushim. Flowers and plants were provided by the Guild for the adornment of the Synagogue for Shavuot and supplied cake and wine for the Kiddushim.

The Ladies Guild Shabbat took place on January 18th 1992 and was attended by many members and members of other charitable organisations.

Catering for the Annual Reception was carried out most efficiently by a team of our ladies and our efforts were much appreciated by the Honorary Officers.

On four Festivals during the year parcels were sent to a selected list of patients at Springdene and Princess Louise Hospital. We are very grateful to those who undertake the task of making up the parcels and delivering them.

The two functions held during the year were extremely successful and well attended. We are grateful to our Guest Speakers, Mrs Ruth Winston-Fox JP and to Ms Angela Margolis, Executive Director of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, who willingly gave of their time. The proceeds from these Functions have enabled us to give substantial support to the Synagogue, to the JIA for Russian and Ethiopian Olim and to more than a dozen other charities which seek our help. That we have achieved so much is entirely due to our dedicated members and to the large band of Synagogue Members and to Friends who never fail to respond. We are truly grateful for all their support. It is a source of great encouragement to us.

BETTY MELTZ
Hon Secretary

THE LATE MR HYMAN SHARPE

Hyman Sharpe will be remembered as one of the most outstanding lay leaders of our Hammersmith and West Kensington Synagogue.

Following his war service, he began to take a keen interest in the affairs of the Shul, for which he was well qualified, both by erudition and a flair for administration. After a brief spell as a member of the Board of Management, he became the Senior Warden in 1947 and held that office for two periods, covering some twenty years in all. He knew the ritual, and had the necessary tact and common sense essential in the day-to-day running of Synagogical matters. Over the years, there was hardly one associated organisation in which he was not an active participant. He was the Synagogue's representative on a number of committees of the United Synagogue, and was a member of the Council. He was Chairman of the Combined Charities Fund for a number of years.

Hymie presided at many a special events. The highlights were the Diamond Jubilee Reception in 1950, and the laying of the Foundation Stone and Opening of the New Synagogue Block in 1956-7.

We who worked very closely with him can speak of his modesty and humility, the depth of his religious feeling, and his dedication, earnestness and thoroughness in dealing with the many tasks facing him. He was greatly admired and respected for his qualities of heart and mind.

Hymie was well-grounded in Mishna, Talmud, Jewish history and folk-lore, and would often contribute illuminating articles to our Synagogue Magazine *The Brook*. He loved delving and researching for new nuances and fresh insights. He kindled a *Jahrzeit* Candle for one of his teachers who taught him the whole of the Mishna as a labour of love.

Hymie and Phyllis who married in 1932, had a wonderful partnership extending over 54 years. We can truly apply the term *nefsho kshora Bnefsho* two souls in harmony – the closest bond of relationship. They both showed great devotion to Phyllis's parents who shared home with them. In 1982 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

In the last few years Hymie's health steadily deteriorated. Phyllis gave him her utmost attention and care, but sadly she predeceased him, in 1986. Hymie still battled on alone in his flat for several years until he could cope no longer. He passed away just before Yom Kippur, 1990, leaving a void which could never be filled. His name is inscribed in the records of our Synagogue. He will not be forgotten.

SAM VENITT

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Honorary Officers, Board and Committee of Management extend their compliments and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all Members of the Congregation and their Families.

The Reverend and Mrs M J Golomb convey their best wishes to the Honorary Officers, Board and Committee of Management and all the congregation for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Reverend and Mrs S Venitt and Family extend their best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Honorary Officers, Board and Committee of Management, Friends and Members of the Congregation.

Hella Forscher and Family wish to convey to the Congregation their warmest wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year, 7, Kings Close, NW4. 081-203 1163.

Mr & Mrs Sidney Fainlight wish to convey their most cordial wishes to the Congregation for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mr & Mrs Michael Surel convey their compliments to the congregation.

Sincerest good wishes for the New Year are extended to The Rev and Mrs Golomb and Family, The Rev and Mrs Venitt and Family, The Honorary Officers, the Board and Committee of Management, and all congregants, relatives and friends by:

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JIA

Our JIA Committee are pleased to report that the sum raised in 1991 Kol Nidre Appeal and the General Appeal for 1992 was over £17,000. This is an increase of nearly £1,000 over the previous year, although with fewer donors. We offer our sincere thanks to all those who associated themselves with our local efforts and who have contributed so generously. We look forward to your ever continuing support to Israel.

D A & J B

AN ENGLISHMAN IN PARIS

On Sunday I will be going to Paris. Today is Friday and I am sitting in my flat, surrounded by papers which scream for attention before I lock the door for a few days away. This will be a return visit to one of my favourite cities. I only hope everything is done in time for me to leave.

My first memories of France's capital are from 1982. With friends I had spent five weeks travelling around Europe on an inter-rail pass. By the time we reached France we had already spent time in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Freiberg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Belgrade, Athens, Florence, Rome, Venice and Pisa so we were all fairly tired. We spent a day at Nice to top our tans so that we would look nice and healthy when we saw our parents.

We arrived in Paris having been travelling for a month. In our five days there we saw many of the traditional tourist sites – the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysee, the Louvre, Versailles and spent time wandering around the city. I have the pictures by me as I type – all of us with long hair screaming for a visit to a barber after our weeks away. Somehow, that time, the magic of the city passed me by.

The last time I saw Paris I had not expected to stay there longer than overnight. It was in 1985 and I was expecting to pick up a car. One of my dearest friends had a yen to drive around Europe in a Citroen 2CV. The original idea was that we would pick up the car and drive it to Amsterdam. There we would meet his parents who would drive it back to Paris. (His Father was also a 2CV fan). This had been checked out in advance but when we arrived at the garage they announced that the person picking up the car had to return it. Sadly we had to stay in Paris for a few days until his parents arrived.

These were wonderful days. We walked all over the city and I fell in love with the place. Paris truly does have an atmosphere of its own. We saw many of the places I had already been to since it was his first trip and it was like seeing old friends. It was fun practising my schoolboy French. Usually good enough to ask the question but bad enough not to understanding the reply or, insult or insults, to prompt a reply in English.

On this trip we went for a picnic in the Bois de Boulogne – a large and gorgeous wooded park on the West of the city. We spent hours walking around – this remains my favourite way to get to know a city. Again this trip was a short five days and there was lots left unseen.

So this summer I return. This trip is also a little bit of an accident. A friend and I had planned to go away together but he was unable to come with in the end. I needed to choose a place I knew would be fun, where Kosher food was no problem and which was nearby for a short break. Where else could I choose? Yet again it will be for five days and on the table I have a guidebook waiting to be read so that I can plan my time well. I like Paris in August since the city is fairly empty. There is so much to see and do it will be hard to make choices. However I spend my time in the next week I have no doubt that Paris will continue to be a city of which I can say that yes, I remember it well.

JONATHAN MILLER

OUR VISITORS

Of all the activities in our Synagogue there is none so fruitful or as satisfying as teaching and when that teaching helps to dispel ignorance of what our religion stands for then it is especially worth while.

Tuesday June 11th was such an occasion when 30 children of the Queens Manor Primary School SW6 accompanied by 3 teachers visited the Synagogue.

The party was received by our Emeritus Minister The Rev Sam Venitt who has so much experience in dealing with such groups.

The pupils, well behaved boys and girls of about age 8 to 10, listened most attentively to the short talk by Mr Venitt on the various appurtenances used in the Synagogue, great interest was shown in The Ark, The Sifra Torah, The Shofar, The Kiddush Cup, Havdalah Candle and Spice Box.

I had the privilege of being present and it was an especial delight to see an expert teacher at work. It was illuminating to see how Rev Venitt brought out audience participation and encouraged the children to ask most pertinent questions.

After a break for orange juice and biscuits in the hall, presided over by Mrs Venitt, the party returned to the Synagogue where the children were free to make drawings of anything they saw.

To judge by the enthusiasm and eagerness to ask and learn shown by the whole group, including the teachers, it must be considered to have been a successful occasion.

We are hoping to entertain more non-Jewish groups and would be glad to hear of any organisation who would like an invitation.

Apart from the children, we who were present learnt much from that natural teacher, Sam Venitt, on "How it should be done".

It was a rewarding morning.

Moshavami

THE WEDDING

On 16th August 1992, corresponding to 17th Av 5752, Dina Shiloh and Alan Reich were married at the Mount Zion Hotel in Jerusalem. The Bride's parents are members of our Synagogue and her grandfather is our longstanding warden, Moss Amias.

The bridegroom's parents Cherie and Jack live in Hendon, but both he and his bride have been living in Jerusalem for the past three years, hence the venue for the wedding.

For both families, the happy occasion meant a reunion of relatives from all over the world: Australia, North America, South America and Europe. Among those invited and present was a small contingent from our synagogue, in support of Dina's family, conveying a message of the love and affection which the congregation bears for her grandfather.

It was a most enjoyable occasion; the chupah itself, and the subsequent jollification took place on the Hotel Terrace overlooking

the Old City; the Jerusalem summer weather for that evening was agreeable; and the few speeches were neat and witty. All in all, it was a pleasure and privilege to have been present.

J B

WE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Since 1948, two million Jews, the vast majority arriving penniless from lands of distress, have been brought home to Israel. This incredible record in saving lives, unparalleled in human history, has been accomplished by the partnership between the People of Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

Today, we face a challenge that demands yet greater giving and sacrifices from us all. In the past three years, over 400,000 needy immigrants (most of them from the former Soviet Union) have started new lives in Israel – the equivalent of 4½ million refugees arriving in the United Kingdom. The resultant burdens on Israel's education, social welfare and medical infrastructures cannot be borne out by the people of Israel alone. Diaspora Jewry must share the responsibility for the success of this absorption.

In recent months, the Jewish Agency has conducted dramatic operations to rescue Jewish refugees from war-torn Eastern Europe. Hundreds of Yugoslav and Moldavian children have joined youngsters from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia in making aliyah without their parents.

These youngsters suffer a double trauma: separated from family and friends for the first time in their lives, they leave knowing that their parents remain in mortal danger. The children are in desperate need of emotional and material support.

Jewish Agency Youth Aliyah acts as a surrogate parent for needy immigrant youth. Through the daily love and care provided by Youth Aliyah villages throughout Israel, we can help thousands of bewildered young immigrants to become responsible, educated adults.

In London also, we need to ensure that our traditions are passed on to the next generation. The United Synagogue's education programmes at chedarim, day schools, youth groups and adult learning centres are strengthening Jewish commitment and serving our long, rich heritage.

Jewish survival depends on us. Only by meaningful contributions towards aliyah and absorption can we truly secure our common, Jewish future. And only by instilling positive values will we ensure that the young generation become proud, identifying Jews. On the night of Kol Nidre, please remember that we are all the Children of Israel.

DAVID POMSON
*Chairman,
Kol Nidre Appeal*

THE SHABBAS TABLE

As I entered the room,
My eyes opened wide,
A new kind of table,
Was standing inside.

This transformed special table,
Was a Shabbat one.
And all preparing and polishing,
Had already been done.

There were dishes of silver,
There were flowers of pink.
But all my mind could do,
Was be surprised, stare, and think.

All plates squeaky clean,
And looked a pure kind of white.
And the cups looked as if,
They had been polished all night.

There were soup bowls and side bowls
And the best kind of knives,
And two special prayers,
For the children and wives.

We were told that the father,
Has most of the wine.
And then passes the cup,
Along the line.

And if unfortunately,
The wine should run out.
Then fill it up again,
And don't be in doubt.

We already knew,
About the two Chalot,
And that it's tastier to eat them,
When they are hot.

At Last comes the good bit,
A small thoughtful treat,
One little cake each,
And some sweets to eat.

So as you can see,
We all learnt a lot.
We learnt about Shabbat,
The table, and lots more Mitzvot.

LAUREN NISNER
Age 11

GIFTS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

Sefer Torah Mantle from Mrs G Mirwitch and family.
Donations towards New Central Heating Boiler from: Mr L Kaufman, Mr D O'Hahon, Cllr S Grose.
Carpet for Benzimra Room from Mr M DeVries.

GIFTS FOR THE SUCCAH

The Succah will be ready for decorating on Thursday 8th October. Gifts of Fruit, Flowers, Foliage, Wine, etc will be gratefully accepted; also donations towards the purchase of cakes.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FRENCH-KOSHER COOK BOOK

With acknowledgements to:
Ruth & Bob Grussman & Publishers Galahad Books NY

POULET DE LA GOYISHA PUHNIM*

3-4 lbs quartered chicken
2 cups uncooked rice
2 onions
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 carrots, cooked
1 can peas
2 teaspoons salt
Dash pepper
½ lb mushrooms
2 cups dry red wine
4 tablespoons *parve* oleo

Sauté the chicken in the oleo until it's a lovely golden. Then you'll take it out from what you're sautéing in and put in a good size casserole pot. Put the rice in the same frying pan and stir till it, too, is a healthy golden brown. Add the onions and garlic and sauté this nice mixture for about 10 or 15 minutes, or until the onion is soft. The frying pan had better be a good size, because now you're adding carrots, peas, salt, pepper, mushrooms and wine. Give a little stir now and then and bring the wine to a boil. Now put the whole thing in the casserole pot with the chicken. Bake it in a moderate oven – say, 350° for about 1 hour, or until the drumsticks are done. Raw chicken, nobody needs. Serve this with a big beautiful salad, a nice glass Kosher wine, it should be dry – and maybe crusty French bread. This will serve 5 to 6 people who'll need extra napkins if they pick up the chicken. And if you pick up, they'll pick up.

*GOYISHA PUHNIM: what all beautiful Jewish babies have.

PUSHKETH POULET CHASSEUR*

2½-3 lbs chicken, quartered
2 tablespoons, *parve* oleo
2 shallots, minced
1 cup mushrooms
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
½ teaspoon chervil
½ teaspoon parsley, chopped
1 can tomatoes
½ cup dry white wine
3 or 4 slices bread, fried in *parve* oleo

Season the pieces of chicken so they'll have a good taste. Brown them in oleo on both sides. When that's done, remove them from the skillet and in the leftover oleo you can sauté the shallots and mushrooms. You can add a little oleo if there's none left in the pan, because now you have to sprinkle in the flour and stir till it's mixed up with any oleo left in the pan. Add the seasonings, tomatoes and wine and bring to a boil. For about 5 minutes you'll keep cooking. Now, make lower the heat and put the chicken in the sauce. Cover whatever you're cooking in and cook slowly for about 45 minutes or until the chicken is tender and looks good enough to eat. Garnish the chicken with small squares of bread you fried a healthy tan in the oleo. This chicken will have a delicious sauce you shouldn't waste. Maybe you'll make rice or potatoes or maybe you'll serve more bread on the side. Whatever you do is your business and it should make happy 4 or 5 people.

**PUSHKEH*: the Jewish Chase Manhattan.

HAMMERSMITH FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our club is flourishing. We have had a number of celebrations during the year. A very happy Chanukah Party. A party given by Mr and Mrs Harry Gold to celebrate their 45th Anniversary. A joint Birthday party for 2 members and another who gave a Strawberry and Cream Tea.

Three very successful outings were arranged to Brighton, Eastbourne and Windsor, a wonderful time was had by all.

Sadly during the year we have lost two of our members - Sadie Ferst and Dolly Butlin. Both will be sadly missed.

New members are always welcome. Please telephone me at 081-748 4797 for full particulars.

NETTA GUYER

A LETTER FROM BRITISH WIZO

Dear Friends,

British WIZO is embarking upon a new membership campaign in order to strengthen our commitment to the people of Israel.

Our workload has greatly increased as we are directly involved in helping olim to adapt to their new way of life from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

Just recently some 100 children from Sarajevo were taken into the WIZO Agricultural School at Nachlat Yehuda.

Each day brings new demands on our homes for battered wives while our "hotlines" for rape crisis victims and abused children are constantly engaged.

If we are to play our part in securing these vital services we must increase our membership and general awareness of the multi-faceted work of WIZO in Israel.

We aim to strengthen our excellent existing groups and to form new groups wherever possible.

I would, therefore, be most grateful if you could publish this letter in your magazine to give encouragement to all my members and to the many potential members in your area.

Thank you so much for your kind co-operation.

Yours faithfully

GINA MONTY
*Chairman,
British WIZO*

ORGANISATIONS

(and addresses for enquiries)

Hammersmith Synagogue Ladies Guild

Meets first Tuesday Evening in the month. Tel: 071-603 5398

Hammersmith Friendship Club

Enquiries to Chairman, Mrs N Guyer. Tel: 081-748 4797

Richmond & Thames Valley Group of the League of Jewish Women

Enquiries to Chairman: Mrs N Guyer. Tel: 081-748 4797

Kensington and Chelsea WIZO

Enquiries to Hon Sec Mrs Martha Tauber. Tel: 071-373 8437
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Board of Deputies Defence Department, Western Region

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Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women (Hammersmith & District Branch)

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Richmond Road, East Twickenham, Middx. TW1 2DS

Jewish Youth Study Groups - West London Branch

Enquiries to Mr Bobby Hill. Tel: 071-387 2681

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