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EDITORIAL

A TIME OF RENEWAL

As we enter a new year, our community must balance its record of past achievements against our hopes for its future. In February 1980 we shall celebrate the Ninetieth Anniversary of the foundation of the Synagogue with a special commemorative service. There is much to look forward to in the future, and it is therefore a suitable moment for each member to renew his or her commitment to the welfare of our community. It is clearly impossible for our communal life to be strengthened and made even more active without increased support from our members.

In social affairs under the leadership of the Functions Committee there has been an increased amount of interest which is recorded in the Annual Report. There is, in contrast, little chance of sustaining our essential activities unless we are able to develop the support we enjoy at present from only a minority of members. The beauty of our synagogue building has been enhanced by its redecoration and its original and striking design can be more readily seen as an uplifting influence and an encouragement to join in the services by both presence and participation.

It is hoped that each member will respond to this stimulus for renewed effort so that the new year may be marked not only by anniversaries of past achievements but will be notable also for the spirit of vigour shown in all facets of our communal life and affairs.

BRIDEGROOMS OF THE LAW

We are happy to announce that our Bridegrooms for this year will be Mr. Benjamin de Winter and Mr. Bertram Topper.

Mr. de Winter, a highly respected member of our congregation, has been associated with our synagogue for many years. He is an ardent supporter of Israel, and many charitable causes in this country have benefitted from his generosity. He is also held in very high esteem in the wider non-Jewish circles, both trade and social. His wife Elizabeth is a prominent member of the Ladies' Guild, and responds readily to any calls made upon her. On a number of occasions she has given the hospitality of her home for charitable functions.

Mr. Topper has been associated with the synagogue all his life, and has many nostalgic memories spanning a period of many years. His grandmother was a founder member, and her parents were married in our synagogue on Sept. 5th, 1909. An uncle was Mr. Harry Aaronson, at one time F.R.

His wife Beatrice, who is a very prominent member of the Ladies' Guild, has also a very long family connection. Her late brother Morris sang in the Choir in the old days.

Both are very charitable people. Their special interest is the Einayim Aid Society of the Jewish Blind Society, of which he is currently Chairman.

MINI-SERMON

TUNING THE HEART

By the Rev. S. Venitt, B.A.

Much has been said about the functions of the different organs of the body, and our literature abounds with illustrations of the importance of each in the sphere of ethics and morals.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue".

Again, the hands constitute the sphere of influence an individual wields, which transcends his immediate acts.

The Midrash points out the unique quality of the ear. If one falls and hurts oneself, then each wound requires its own bandage and dressing. Spiritual illness, however, even if it is very extensive can be cured in one simple way, through the powers of hearing, of accepting rebuke. This cures all ills "Incline your ear and come to Me, listen and your soul shall live." Isaiah iv. 3).

When Abraham saw the place from afar, it betokens the eye of vision rather than mere seeing.

The heart especially plays a very important role in Judaism, and one can win his battle to live a righteous and upright life, if he attune his heart properly to the words of the Torah.

Moses speaks of this tuning in when he tells the people "Set your heart unto all the words wherewith I testify against you this day." Ours is a religion of action, but *Rachamono libo bol*, the All-Merciful one desires the heart. It makes all the difference when we perform a Mitzvah with heart, feeling and enthusiasm.

Particularly at this time of the year, we should be reflecting on our relationships with our fellow man. The heart has a great role to play. "Thou shall not hate thy brother in thy heart."

The Torah tells you to purge your heart of hatred towards a person who may have hurt you, and against whom it is quite natural to harbour ill-feeling.

"Thou shalt not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". Here again it is necessary to overcome one's feelings that would naturally make one tend to repay evil with evil.

We are asked to attune our hearts to the words of the Torah. How do we acquire the right attitude of heart? It will need not only a change of attitude, but also a great deal of effort.

In this season of Teshuvah, we do well to follow the path indicated by our Torah.

If we want to return to genuine Jewish values, then we must work hard on ourselves, so that we will not only perform Mitzvot, but perform them with the motivation of love and with heart.

Mr. & Mrs.

JOE GODFREY

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*Wishing all our relatives, friends
and members of the congregation
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
AND WELL OVER THE FAST*

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Hon. Officers and Board 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. S. Venitt and Family wish to convey their sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Honorary Officers, to the Board of Management, relatives, friends, and members of the Synagogue.

Hella and Shmuel Forscher and Family wish to convey to the Congregation their warmest wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year, and would like them to know that their address in Hendon is 7 King's Close, N.W.4.; Tel. 203 1163.

Miss Reina Longhorn wishes to convey her most cordial wishes to the Congregation for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Englefield send their compliments to the congregation.

Sincerest good wishes for the New Year are extended to the Ministers, Honorary Officers, the Board of Management, and all congregants, relatives and friends by:

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*Extend their Compliments and Best Wishes
for a Happy New Year*

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50 LATIMER COURT, W.6

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The past year has seen several noteworthy events, and in opening our report we recall the splendid occasion of a reception to mark the fortieth wedding anniversary of the Reverend & Mrs. Venitt which coincided with the fortieth anniversary of Reverend Venitt's induction into the ministry. A special Kiddush was held on the 24th of February (Shabbat Mishpatim — 27th Shevat) following the service at which Reverend Venitt read the Haftorah, and on the following evening over two hundred friends and members attended the reception in honour of the Reverend and Mrs. Venitt. Appropriate tributes were given by Mrs. F. Hodes and Mrs. D. Arram on behalf of the Ladies' Guild together with presentations of a certificate for trees in Israel and a cheque. On behalf of the Officers and Board of Management representing the congregation, Mr. M. A. Amias, after a speech marked by suitable quotations from the Bible and Rabbinic literature, presented a gift of a music centre and a cheque. Reverend Venitt replied and a vote of thanks was made by Mr. DeVries. It was a truly memorable gathering, and it was particularly pleasant to be able to welcome so many members of the Reverend & Mrs. Venitt's family as well as past members and Hon. Officers of the congregation.

The community was again honoured this year with a visit from representatives of the local authority at a special Civic Service on the 10th of February attended by the Worshipful Mayor of Hammersmith, Councillor W. Smith, J.P. together with the Mayoress and several councillors. At a Kiddush after the service the Mayor and Mayoress were presented with suitably inscribed copies of 'A Book of Jewish Thoughts' to mark the occasion.

The High Holyday services were conducted without the need of outside assistance as, for the first time Mr. Amias acted as Baal Shachris. The services on all the Yomim Noraim were marked by inspiring addresses by the Reverend Venitt, and we are pleased to report that members found the arrangements highly satisfactory. The Chasanim were Mr. S. Williams and Mr. R. Clark, Chasan Torah and Chasan Bereshis respectively, and at the Annual Reception they were presented with commemorative certificates.

During the year gifts were made to the Synagogue to mark special occasions or in memoriam. As members will already have seen with pleasure, a new embroidered Ark Curtain was presented by Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hodes to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Sefer Torah mantles and gifts of Chumashim and Siddurim were also particularly welcome, gifts which add to the dignity of our services.

The necessary arrangements were undertaken by the House Committee which, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Langdon continues actively to assist in the maintenance of our extensive premises and to make improvements whenever possible.

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The Hon. Officers would like to place on record on behalf of the congregation, our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. J. Canter and family on the occasion of Mr. Canter's 90th birthday, which was marked by a special Kiddush.

The year has been very busy in the social sphere, and the Functions Committee organised a most successful supper and quiz evening which was well attended and raised over two hundred pounds for local funds. Our thanks are due to the Committee for their energetic efforts. They have been supported at all times by the tireless and most active and enthusiastic work of the Ladies' Guild which on so many occasions and in so many ways has contributed greatly to the welfare of the congregation. We record with special thanks all their efforts, and wish them continued vigour and energy for all the valuable work they do.

The Hon. Officers wish to place on record once again, their profound debt to the support of the Minister, the Reverend Venitt and to Mrs. Venitt whose special anniversaries have already been mentioned, and to the members of the Board of Management, Council of the United Synagogue and Board of Deputies, as well as to the Secretary and Choir for lending invaluable assistance with the services. As our caretaker Mr. P. Howard has retired this year, we offer our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Members will already be aware of the need to raise additional funds by way of increases in membership contributions if the community is to play its full part in the United Synagogue and to maintain its ability to meet ever increasing local expenses, which reflect general inflation, as every economy is exercised in keeping these costs as low as possible. Despite the many demands made on them, we are sure that members will do their utmost within their power to ensure the continued progress of the Congregation, which next year reaches a major landmark in its history, the 90th Anniversary of its consecration, which we hope to be able to mark suitably at the appropriate time.

M. A. AMIAS,
D. ARRAM,
M. DEVRIES.
Honorary Officers

Gifts For The Succah

The *Succah* will be ready for decorating on Wednesday and Thursday, 3rd and 4th October.

Gifts of flowers, foliage, wine, etc., will be gratefully accepted, also donation toward the purchase of cakes.

It will be greatly appreciated if members could send their gifts on those days between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD

(In International Year of the Child)

Commencing as we do every year with our decoration of the Succah and always finding willing hands, the Succah was once again beautifully decorated with fruit and foliage. We were able to hold a Kiddush after every service. The Simchat Torah Reception was catered admirably by the Ladies' Guild making a very happy evening.

Our first fund-raising function was a Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy on Dec. 10th. and this realised the sum of £112-80.

February 10th was Ladies' Guild Shabbat. This is an occasion when the Synagogue honours the Ladies of the Community for the good work they do.

We were able to collect on behalf of the Jewish Blind Society for 'Geranium Day' the Greater London Flag Day for the Blind.

On Sunday May 13th we had a most enjoyable social evening with Guest Speaker Mr. Derek Reid. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Williams for allowing us the use of their home. This being International Year of the Child we decided to allocate the Evening's proceeds to the Jewish Welfare Board. At Shavuot the plants in the Synagogue loaned by members of the Guild made a splendid show.

Unfortunately, as with other societies, we have had to raise the membership fee. The fee however includes the cost of parcels for the special patients at St. Bernard's, Southall, sent 4 times a year.

We meet in members' homes once a month and our attendances remain steady as usual. Nevertheless, new faces and helping hands would be very welcome.

REBECCA FOX
Hon. Secretary

Hammersmith Synagogue Functions Committee

The Functions Committee held their second supper evening on Sunday 29th April in the Synagogue Hall. These functions are proving very popular with our members, and this one was no exception. During the evening a General Knowledge Quiz, devised by Mr. David Field, was presented. Tables competed against each other, and a small prize was presented to the winners. The evening was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our Functions Committee, comprising members of the Board of Management and members of the Ladies' Guild and their husbands, worked very hard to organise and prepare the supper. We are most grateful to them for their efforts.

The profit made from these socials is used for the benefit of the synagogue generally. We thank all those who attended, and would greatly appreciate their support at any future functions.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

WEDDINGS

The following marriages were solemnised at the Synagogue during the course of the year.

Nigel Jeffrey LEE to Susan Vivien MAYER.
Sidney Ansell DOBKIN to Phyllis HILL.

BARMITZVAHS

Daniel CLEIN Daniel MIRZOEFF
Dillon GORVY Jonathan SAMUEL

To those above, and to all members and their families who had celebrations during the year, we extend warmest felicitations.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a welcome to the following new members, who joined the Synagogue during the past year:

Mr. & Mrs. L. FRANKS
Mr. P. E. HIRSCH
Mrs. RANDALL
Mrs. D. ROMAIN
Mr. & Mrs. WISBEY

Gifts to the Synagogue

Dr. & Mrs. F. Hodes	<i>Ark Curtain</i>
Mr. & Mrs. B. Davis	<i>Mantle</i>
Mrs. A. Halfin	<i>Mantle</i>
Miss M. Halfin	<i>Mantle</i>
Mrs. M. Gilbert	<i>Mantle</i>
Mr. & Mrs. R. Clark	
Mr. J. Langdon	<i>Mantle</i>
Miss A. Langdon	
Mr. N. Gordon	<i>Mantle</i>
Mr. Lionel Kaufman	
Mrs. Zara Brickman	<i>Mantle</i>
Mrs. J. Brand	<i>Mantle</i>
Miss R. Longhorn	<i>Prayer Books</i>
Mr. & Mrs. B. Topper	<i>Kinot</i>
Anonymous	<i>Prayer Books</i>

THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN

With a Queen as Head of State, a woman Prime Minister in office, another woman recently appointed a High Court Appeal Judge, and Madame Veil as the first elected President of the European Parliamentary Assembly, a brief reference to Biblical history discloses that woman played a dominant role in those days.

Needless to say a woman appears almost at the beginning when Eve exercised her influence and what flows from that event is a very long story! In any case it proved which was the weaker sex. Indeed has not every subsequent Eve to this day confirmed this?

We read that Abraham was born at Ur and there he married Sarah who according to the biblical narrative was beautiful and most loyal. Despite her problems with Hagar, Sarah proved the perfect helpmate to Abraham and indeed triumphed over adversity when she gave birth to Isaac. Sarah was a very practical person with a strong character suited to her particular problems and times.

What a truly romantic story is the meeting of Isaac with Rebecca. Rebecca is portrayed as a delightful unselfish girl drawing water for strangers and their camels. She was decisive as well as beautiful. She did not dither when asked the question "Wilt thou go with this man"? It is a pity she was also deceptive in her plot to deny Esau his birthright in favour of Jacob. She too proved a strong character and provided a lesson of the dangers of having a favourite child.

And so Jacob married Rachel, but only after working seven years as a shepherd, was cheated and obliged to work a further seven years to win his Rachel. That was indeed true love. Rachel too was beautiful but at times very critical — perhaps she will be best remembered as the Mother of Joseph.

To proceed further from generation to generation looking at the dominant women in this fashion cannot be confined to this page. I can briefly mention the names of the Queen of Sheba, Esther, Ruth, Deborah and Delilah who certainly left their indelible mark in history. In contemporary times Golda Meir dominated the political scene with wisdom and strength during some of the vital formative years of the State of Israel.

It is therefore not untimely that we should pay tribute in this year in particular which I think can be referred to as the Year of the Woman and indeed at all times in general to our women whose value according to the psalmist is far above rubies.

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**Best Wishes
for a happy New Year
and well over the Fast
from**

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and SHAUNA and JONATHAN**

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BETH HATEFUTSOTH

It took a great deal of creative imagination combined with superb expertise to build a museum portraying, in story, the survival of the Jewish Communities living in the diaspora. This is Beth Hatefutsoth, — a museum of the diaspora, whose official opening, one year ago, on the campus of Tel Aviv University, formed part of Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations. It has been acclaimed as one of the most modern and inventive museums in the world, using the most up-to-date audio-visual techniques.

The idea was that of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, some 20 years ago, and as a tribute to him the museum now carries his name. To paraphrase his words "Beth Hatefutsoth is a living memorial to the Jewish dispersion, and presents to the non-Jewish world, and to the Jewish people, especially to the younger generations of Israelis, who live so differently from their forebears in the diaspora, the amazing phenomenon of the miraculous survival of Jews, despite dispersion and persecution, for which there is no parallel in the chronicles of mankind."

Beth Hatefutsoth is a unique museum in that there is scarcely one authentic exhibit. What has been exhibited has been reproduced by artists and craftsmen utilizing materials of the 1970s, but with the greatest care as to reproductive detail and historical fact. There is no chronological or geographical order, rather a theme which runs through the permanent exhibits which are divided into six sections.

At the entrance to the permanent exhibition stands a large reproduction of Titus's Arch in Rome, depicting the Roman triumphal procession, with Jewish captives, following the capture of Jerusalem, and the destruction of the second Temple. From here one enters a section devoted to the Family, and there is a 16 screen slide show, constantly changing, with hundreds of photographs of contemporary Jews from all parts of the world.

In the Religious Life section the most moving exhibits are the models of 18 famous synagogues of the world, faithful in every detail, some of which no longer exist. The model of the Great Shool of Vilna moved me deeply for it was here that my great-grandparents must have worshipped.

The section devoted to Culture shows its evolution from the time of the 2nd Temple up to the present day, whilst that section dealing with "Among the Nations" is arranged as a series of stations beginning with Alexandria in the 1st century C. E. proceeding to Babylon in Talmudic times, thence to the Middle Ages, and culminating in modern Jewish life in America, Europe, and Arab countries.

One great omission on which a special committee of the Board of Deputies is working, and which will be rectified, is that no reference is made to the great massacre at York, nor to

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the expulsion and return of the Jews to England.

In the section on Return there is a series of slide projections on the theme of the return to Zion from olden times to modern political Zionism, together with the personalities involved.

The Memorial Column, like a prison cage suspended from the ceiling of the museum, serves as a commemoration of Jewish martyrdom, and the book, "Scrolls of Fire" which forms part of the exhibit, is a unique work of art devoted to 52 episodes of persecution.

Apart from permanent exhibits, there are study areas, continuous film shows depicting various aspects of Jewish life both in Ivrit and English, and even a computer which has a memory bank of information regarding the diaspora. Visitors may ask it any questions, and the answer is given on a print-out sheet. There are also temporary exhibitions, a section for youth study, and photograph and film archives.

Such is the fascination of this museum that it draws one back time, and time again, for there is too much to be taken in at any one visit. For me, this was the highlight of my last visit to Israel, and on leaving the exhibition one carries away the message displayed before the exit, a message of hope, despite all the sufferings of our people, — "To remember the past; to live the present; and trust in the future".

M.D.C.

90th Anniversary Celebration Tour To Israel

One of the Functions in celebration of the Synagogue's 90th Anniversary will be a TOUR TO ISRAEL. It is hoped that this will take place during November, 1980.

Members who have shown interest will be given full information at a meeting to be held after the High Holydays.

Members who wish to be included should give their names to our Financial Representative, Mr. David Arram.

HAMMERSMITH WOMEN ZIONISTS

Hammersmith WIZO still carries on, in spite of an ageing membership and paucity of numbers. Our efforts have been applauded by the Head Office as an example to many younger people. Our subscriptions are maintained, and £102.50 was collected for Jewish Women's Week.

We welcome new members, and wish our present loyal supporters a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Please telephone me at 748 2727 with your offer to help.

JEANIE CAPLAN

WORDS ! !

Many years ago, I wrote for "The Brook" a few very short articles on words in English which have some connection with Hebrew or with the Bible or with the Land of Israel.

It was with great surprise and pleasure that I was recently asked by some readers with very long memories "what about doing an article on words."

I have selected some ten words at random which I hope will prove of interest and if I have previously used them then I hope that because it was all so long ago, they will still be fresh to most readers.

1. SAUNTER — in modern English to wander about idly to loiter. Originally meant to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and is derived from the French Sainte Terre — Holy Land.

2. JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE — Has nothing to do with Jerusalem and is not even an artichoke. It is a plant of the same genus as the common sunflower with an edible root which has a flavour similar to an artichoke. The plant was introduced into England from Italy and the word Jerusalem is a corruption of "girasole" — the Italian for sunflower. Should any reader wish to prove this, then take the corn of a Jerusalem artichoke, root it and earth it in a flower pot (or in the garden) and watch it grow into a sturdy sunflower.

3. GAUZE — a thin transparent silken fabric. French — gaze. Low Latin — gazzatum probably from GAZA in Palestine because believed to have first been made there.

4. PARADISE — literally a park or pleasure ground; the garden of Eden; heaven; any place or state of blissful delights. Latin — paradus. Arabic and Persian — firdaus; pl: faradis: a pleasure garden, a plantation; Hebrew: pardess; an orchard.

5. MYRRH — a bitter aromatic transparent gum exuded from the bark of a Shrub in Arabia. Used in medicine. From the Hebrew "mara" to be bitter. See Ruth 1:20. "Call me not "Naomi" (meaning sweet) call me "mara" (meaning bitter).

6. HAREM — The portion of the house allotted to females in Eastern countries, "forbidden" to all males except the husband; the collection of wives of one man. The word harem is derived from the Arabic from a word closely akin to the Hebrew "cherem" meaning forbidden.

7. MINARET — Literally a "Lantern" or light house; a turret on a Mohammedan mosque from which the people are summoned to prayers. It is derived from the Arabic from a word akin to the Hebrew "menorah" — a candlestick or candelabra.

8. HOUSE — anything for covering or protecting; a dwelling place. Compare with the Welsh — huis — a covering. German: haus a house and also hutten to cover; akin to Latin casa, the protecting thing, a cottage; Hebrew — Kass-ah: to cover.

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9. CIDER — Literally an intoxicating drink; a drink made from apple juice. French — cidre; Greek — sikera: Strong drink. Hebrew shaychar — strong drink.

10. Jubilee — Literally a shout of joy; the year of release among the Jews every fiftieth year; any season of great public joy or festivity. Latin — Jubilum Hebrew — Yovel (see Leviticus 25:10) a Happy New Year to all and a grand Jubilee next year.

H.S.

HAMMERSMITH & WEST KENSINGTON J.I.A. COMMITTEE

During the 1979 Campaign the J.I.A. has concentrated on "Project Renewal" centered on the town of Ashkelon, and is concerned with the rehousing and rehabilitation of 42,000 inhabitants, mainly from poor Middle Eastern countries, who have large families, and live below the poverty line in dilapidated, and unhygienic housing.

Anglo-Jewry has undertaken the task of rebuilding those parts of the town which have become an urban slum.

The Hammersmith Community has a special interest in the town of Ashkelon through the building of a school for mentally handicapped children, and opened in 1969. This was made possible by the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Godfrey, and their Family. Our Community was, therefore, in the forefront when it came to the work of a rehabilitation programme, and one would have hoped that the Hammersmith Community, in particular, would have responded generously to our appeal. Unfortunately, our total for the year just ended was only £12,463 — some £8,000 short of last year's result. When one considers the rate of inflation in Israel, this result is even worse in purchasing power. It is inconceivable that fellow Jews should be so complaisant about the plight of their brothers and sisters in Israel who lack the basic necessities of life. I hope that the resolution of every member at this Rosh Hoshana will be to give more, and to work harder for the cause of Israel during the coming year. To this end we appeal to the members to come and help us on our Committee. Ma'asim tovim, good deeds have an equal importance with zedaka, charity.

I would remind the Community of the proposed tour to Israel in November 1980 to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Synagogue. A visit to Ashkelon, and particularly to the Godfrey School will be part of the itinerary. Details may be obtained from Mr. David Arram, or from any member of the J.I.A. Committee.

M.D.C.

HAMMERSMITH FRIENDSHIP CLUB

REPORT OF CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 1978-1979

Another busy year is with us. Our 27th Birthday/Chanukah Party was a great success with our invited guests, entertainment as always up to standard, and everyone had a gift to complete our happy day.

Twenty-two of our members enjoyed a holiday at the Edith Morrison Holiday Home.

Our Chairman was able to contact the Presenter of the Thames Television "Help" programme, with the result that we had a speaker one afternoon who gave us a great deal of useful information.

A super party was given by Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Filer to celebrate their Golden Wedding with family and friends, and a gift to mark the occasion was presented to them, which we hope will give great pleasure.

Another anniversary was the Ruby Wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Venitt with a lovely party for all the members.

We have had our share of family simchas, including Wedding Celebrations, anniversaries, Birthdays, newly born grandchildren, enjoying these happy events with our members. Members derived great pleasure from being able to take part in the Seder, which was made possible by the Ladies' Guild, and held in the Synagogue Hall. The Rev. S. Venitt conducted the service.

Bring & Buy sales still continue to be a source of wonder when we have our final check up.

We enjoyed a visit from the new Chairman of the association of Friendship Clubs, to hear what is happening in the club world, a lovely day was enjoyed on a coach outing to Eastbourn. Another outing enjoyed was a visit to Rokefield Home for the Blind, by a small party of our members.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Levy made a Kiddush to which the Committee members were invited on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Later a lovely party was then enjoyed by all our members when we joined the happy couple and their guests including Rev. and Mrs. Venitt.

Mrs. Barrie our Chairman presented a Certificate for "Trees in Israel" to them, and Mrs. Levy was made an "Honorary Life Member" of the Friendship Club for her years of devoted service.

Our membership remains good, even during our inclement weather.

On behalf of Mrs. Barrie, we thank the Board of Management for its continued co-operation.

MARY WILSON

Hon. Secretary

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM

HETTY & DAVID BALONOV

148, CONINGHAM ROAD, W.12

with their families

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with

LIANE, IAN and DANIEL

OF LONG ISLAND, U.S.A.

and

GLORIA DEANER, J.P.,

& JULIAN DEANER

with

KATHARINE, ADAM & EMMA

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AND OF CANN, MELBURY ABBAS, DORSET,

AND OF HAMMERSMITH BROADWAY, W.6.

RESCUE ATTEMPT THAT FAILED

The story of what would in 1970's jargon be called a 'Ginger Group' that failed because it had no teeth, was started by people who had no power and allowed to collapse because enough people who had the power didn't care enough to take minimal action.

17 December 1942 — Anthony Eden announced in the House of Commons that the Germans were exterminating Jews in Europe. This declaration was made simultaneously in London, Washington and Moscow. (see "EXILE AND RETURN" by Martin Gilbert, pages 202-4).

In the weeks that followed this declaration, I hopefully called a meeting of a few friends — refugees from Austria and Germany — who were working in London and had been fortunately freed from internment. The aims of the meeting were to discuss (rather naively) what we could do to impress upon the Government the need to do more than express "declarations". We decided to form the 'Rescue Movement of the Refugees for the Persecuted'. I had the idea that if all over the free World, starting here in London, the refugees — working for the War effort — would be prepared to donate a certain percentage of their earnings in the form of a signed guarantee, and placed this amount at the disposition of the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees this might induce the then neutral European States in Switzerland, Sweden and Turkey to open their doors to any Jew able to escape.

Working in the evenings on a borrowed typewriter, I drafted a letter which we had duplicated and mailed it to every Member of the House of Commons, to various Members of the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chief Rabbi Dr. Hertz, Sir Herbert Emmerson, the High Commissioner for Refugees of the League of Nations and his Deputy, Mr. Kuleman, a very pleasant and helpful Swiss National. We also contacted the Jewish Refugees Committee, Mr. Otto Schiff.

The result of our letters was remarkable — *not one member* of the Wartime Government even acknowledged our suggestion. The most helpful reply came from the office of the late Victor Gollancz and from that wonderful lady, Eleanor Rathbone. As the letter from Mr. Gollancz's secretary, dated 20 February 1943 shows, V. Gollancz and Miss Rathbone "whole heartedly approved" of our action, but "Mr. Gollancz should not appear in the forefront". But Miss Sibthorp introduced me to Sir Andrew McFadyean, who was then, I believe, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and Director of the 'New Trading Company' of Sigmund Warburg. He again introduced me to Sigmund Warburg who questioned me carefully about what I was doing and I replied that I worked in

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a clothing factory earning £6 per week and was a married man with two children. So both men encouraged me to "collect Guarantees" from my fellow refugees — that's all! Otto Schiff and Professor Norman Bentwich saw me with one of my colleagues and told me — as he wrote in his letters dated 4 January and March — of "all the difficulties and little help from the authorities to obtain names and addresses". Archbishop William Temple wrote from Lambeth Palace of his "appreciation" and the Secretary of the Chief Rabbi wrote "wishing success".

A large number of M.P.'s wrote and wished us success but with the exception of Victor Gollancz who placed his office facilities at our disposal, we had a frustrating time. In our hours after work, we went canvassing with Guarantee forms to our fellow refugees and were mainly faced with replies "... if I can have my mother, father, brother etc. out, I will sign". But this was an impossible approach! So our efforts petered out.

As the result of an air raid in the house of one of my fellow workers, a copy of our original letter and some 50-60 Guarantees that we had collected were destroyed.

When I attempted to re-activate the scheme with Mr. Gollancz's office, Miss Sibthorpe returned to me the correspondence with a letter dated July 19, 1945 in which she said "I am sorry that nothing more tangible came of your valuable suggestion."

F.J.G.

CARETAKER

In May our caretaker, Mr. Howard, retired and moved out of the flat at the rear of the Synagogue. Mr. Howard had been with Hammersmith Synagogue for 9 years and had always been unfailingly helpful and faithful in carrying out his duties. Even when his health began to fail he was able to recruit helpers so that the essential work on the premises was not neglected. Mr. and Mrs. Howard have secured a flat in a new block in Hammersmith especially fitted out for people suffering from disability and we all hope that they will enjoy a long and happy retirement there.

As will be appreciated the selection of a caretaker for synagogue property must be undertaken with the utmost care and it was some time before a suitable replacement appeared. During the two months between removal and a new appointment being made, Mr. Howard continued to attend at the synagogue every day to keep things going.

We are happy to welcome our new caretaker — Mrs. T. H. Englefield, who was employed in a similar capacity at Chiswick Synagogue for sixteen years until closure. We are sure that all synagogue organisations will find her a pleasant and willing auxiliary, and that she will prove an asset to our staff.

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN

This will be the 35th New Year since the end of World War 2. What are our thoughts after this long period. Certainly we as Jews have not forgotten the war years. The annual AJEX parade each year bears witness that we remember those of our comrades who laid down their lives and we still find in the weekly columns of the Jewish Chronicle the names of ex-servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice and whose relatives never forget. Recent films like that of the Holocaust remind the world of the tragedy of those years. It is strange however, that on a personal basis, if we look back, we seem to remember the pleasant moments rather than the unpleasant ones.

I was stationed in the U.K. in a unit with only one other Jew. He was not at all orthodox. Indeed, one Yom Kippur when it was impossible to get leave, I was given the day off. Walking in the town I met "him" carrying a wreath which he had been asked to buy for a soldier who had died. I reminded him it was Yom Kippur. "Yom Kippur — Yom Smippur" he replied. Several days later noticing he had not been in the dining hall for some time I found him sitting on his bed eating from a tin. "Why don't you go into the dining hall?" I asked. "It's not kosher", he replied. In the previous weeks he had met an orthodox girl, become engaged, and convinced that he must only eat kosher.

On another occasion having marched a squad of soldiers to the Church on Sunday, the Sergeant Major asked me why I didn't enter. I'm Jewish I told him. Turning to another N.C.O. he asked the same question. The quick answer came: "I'm a vegetarian". "Oh that's OK", replied the Sergeant Major.

However much we as Jewish ex-servicemen and women remember the past we cannot fail to take notice and act on the present. We all know of the large number of cases, of those ex-servicemen in need dealt with by AJEX. We mourn the death this year of David Wigman, who devoted over 30 years service as the organiser of AJEX Welfare. Recently it has become noticeable that less cases come to AJEX for assistance. An investigation has shown a growing number of people who have reached a stage where they find it difficult to leave their homes, though the need is greater than ever. It is now our task to seek out these people who are in need of assistance.

It is in the field of Jewish defence that not only members of AJEX, but all of us need to be vigilant. During the war years the enemy was openly identifiable. Similarly today with movements like the National Front. In recent years, however, a new and not so easily recognisable enemy has presented itself. They claim not to be anti-semitic at all — in fact they tell us they abhor racialism — yet they brand Israel as a racialist state. They are virulently anti-Zionist and support the P.L.O. whose clearly stated aim is the

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destruction of the state of Israel to be replaced by a Palestinian State under their control. These movements present the greatest danger to our future as Jews. They infiltrate the Universities, Trade Unions and indeed anywhere where they can spread their insidious propaganda. They are in the forefront of meetings and often are the cause of public disorder. It is to this cancer in our midst which Jewish defence should be giving its utmost attention and each of us needs to be vigilant.

When we have gone back and forth over the years, as Jews we shall never forget the period which ended 34 years ago. We are conscious however that we live in a country that practices tolerance, affords us equality and the chance of a happy life. We are proud to call ourselves British Citizens. J.B.

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

**"If the state does not put an end to the desert,
the desert shall put an end to the state . . ."**

David Ben-Gurion

The first pioneers came to Israel, drained the swamps, tilled the land, and by grim determination forced the land to yield up its crops. Today the new pioneers have come to the Negev — the desert of Israel — and are equally determined that the desert shall also yield up its crops. These new pioneers include educators, scientists, biologists, engineers and technologists and the Ben Gurion University (named after Israel's first Prime Minister) is the catalyst directing their aims and skills to ensure that "the desert shall bloom".

Founded in 1969 by a Government decision, the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is mandated with the vital task of spear-heading the social, cultural and scientific development of the southern region, some 60 percent of Israel's area within the pre 1967 boundaries.

As the youngest University in the country, the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is acutely aware of the need to maintain the highest academic standards in its teaching and in its research so as to attract the best to its campuses in Beersheva and Sde Boker.

Equally important as that which takes place in the classroom and laboratory, however, are the University's multi-faceted activities in the Negev's diverse communities. Whether it is the latest desert agricultural innovation on a nearby moshav or kibbutz, or a highly successful tutorial project in one of the region's economically depressed development towns, the University has, in just a few years, established itself as one of the leading forces in the Negev's development.

In addition to two Beersheva-based campuses, a third campus

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is located at Sde Boker, 40 kilometers south of Beersheva, where David Ben-Gurion lived and found his final resting place. There the Desert Research Institute, situated in a dramatic setting, affords the 75 resident experts a natural, outdoor laboratory in which to study all aspects of life, work and development in the desert.

Also part of the University is the Research and Development Authority with an Applied Research Institute. Its scientists devote themselves exclusively to the development of new products, many of which will form the nucleus for future science-based industry and agriculture suited to the region. For the last five years running, income to the University from licenses of inventions and patents of the Research and Development Authority has been higher than the revenues of any other research facility in Israel and the number of products, devices and processes introduced by the Ben Gurion University into Israeli industry and agriculture is greater than all the other universities combined.

Among the products which can be credited to the Research and Development Authority and the Applied Research Institute are a revolutionary motor starter without moving parts or need of maintenance, a powder which transforms milk or water into high-quality yoghurt in an hour, and advances, in irrigation techniques using the knowledge of the ancient Naboteans irrigation systems which allow utilization of desert "flash floods" and the brackish, or moderately saline water which is often found in abundance under the desert's crust. Research also continues on the introduction of new crops to the desert, such as pistachio and almond nuts; tomatoes with a shelf life of at least three months; and the jojoba bean, whose oil, of a superior quality, can serve as a replacement for sperm whale oil.

The University itself is composed of four faculties; Humanities and Social Sciences; Natural Sciences, Technology and, the youngest faculty (founded in 1974), Health Sciences. The latter faculty's seven-year programme is a unique addition to the Israeli medical scene. From the first day a student begins his medical studies, he acquires the skills needed to function effectively as a community doctor. The Negev, with only ten percent of Israel's population, has had difficulty in attracting the qualified and specialized medical personnel needed to create a complete health infrastructure. As the Health Sciences Faculty is a potential model for medical education in developing countries, it has been designated by the World Health Organisation as a Collaborative Institution. Its progress in this vital field is continuously monitored by the World Health Organisation.

The PhD degree is awarded in nearly all of the eleven departments of the Faculties of Natural Sciences and Technology. Students, however, even at the undergraduate level, are encouraged to work on specific projects in their final years of study with experts employed in local industry. Strong ties with regional enter-

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prises also exist at the academic level in order to provide the expertise for the continued economic growth and technological advancement which the Negev needs to attract trained personnel from the North.

Out of a total population of 425,000 in the southern area, 70 percent are of Middle Eastern or North African origin. It is worth noting then, that one-third of the student body of the University traces itself back to these same countries. This figure is twice the national average of other educational institutions. In this, and a host of other ways, the University — and especially its Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences — endeavours to eliminate Israel's social gap.

In November 1978 at the University's Eighth Annual Board of Governors' Conference, President Yosef Tekoah announced that ten scholarships will be reserved for Egyptian students in the coming academic year. After the signing of the peace treaty in Washington Mr. Tekoah reiterated that the offer still stands, and, in fact, expressed the hope that a similar exchange could be arranged for Beersheva students to attend an Egyptian university. "These two proud and ancient peoples have much to learn from each other, especially in areas of common interest such as stemming the desert's tide and fighting social problems", said Mr. Tekoah. "The peace should not only be a peace between governments, but between peoples, as well.

The immensity of the tasks facing Israel's newest University can only be achieved with time, effort and tremendous financial backing. In ten countries, around the world the Ben Gurion University of the Negev's associates encourage support of scholarship programmes, research projects, sponsorship of Chairs and building programmes. The Ben Gurion University Foundation, the Associate organisation in the United Kingdom has as its President The Rt. Hon. Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea, and as its Chairman Mr. Hyman Kreitman, both of whom are Vice Chairmen of the University's Board of Governors.

Further information about the University and the activities of the British Associates may be obtained from the Executive Director of the British Foundation, Mr. Stephen Horne on 01-499 2276.

OBITUARY

THE LATE DAVID H. VELLEMAN

With great regret we record the death of David H. Velleman who served on the Board of Management for many years, and on various sub-committees connected with the synagogue before he left the district to live in Stanmore. His main interest was in youth work. It was his idea to promote a youth centre to cater for the Western suburbs of London, and he was the first chairman of the sponsoring committee. For several years he was a member of the London Borough of Hammersmith Youth Committee.

FEDERATION OF ZIONIST YOUTH

In 1979 the Federation of Zionist Youth have so far not only consolidated the Membership target achieved at the end of 1978, but have since expanded significantly as well. We attract three age groups, namely 9-14 year-olds who join an ever increasing affiliation to 'Atid'; 14-18's to the Hafinjan movement, and 18-plus to the senior societies.

F.Z.Y. is active in all areas of Jewish life, from supporting the heroic struggle of our persecuted brethren in the U.S.S.R. and Iran, to informing ourselves and the 'elder generation' as to the dangers posed by extremist political elements in our every day society, and from discussing all manner of topics pertaining to Israel and Zionism, to providing a very (and we mean *very*) hectic social life.

The Jewish Chronicle only recently spot-lighted the successful Israel scheme organised in conjunction with the Young Judea movement of America in which a group of youth, generally those who have completed their 'A' levels, spend a year living and working in Israel. The F.Z.Y. Summer trips to Israel have for many years held an enviable reputation amongst the plethora of such schemes available, and generally attract an overwhelming number of non F. Z. Y. members. Such is their popularity, that a large number of people have been unable to obtain places despite an ever increasing number of trips, and booking is always many months in advance. These schemes have led to a number of our members *and* non-members going on aliyah, where they will play a vital role in maintaining the strength and security of *global Jewry*.

The overall success of F.Z.Y., however, must surely lie in the friendliness of the constituent societies and quality of leadership, the latter trained thoroughly not only in England, but in Israel also.

We have always striven to form a movement which symbolizes the saying, "treat all others as you would wish to be treated yourself," and feel that if we have achieved this alone, we have made a significant contribution to the future of Jewish youth. For further details please contact the Organizing Secretary, Federation of Zionist Youth, College House, Finchley Road, N.W.3.

A TASTE OF HONEY

8 ozs. S R Flour.

1 level tablespoon honey.

4 ozs fat.

4 ozs dark brown soft sugar.

1 large egg.

1 oz chopped chocolate.

2 ozs chopped glace cherries.

Cream fat and sugar together until soft, beat in egg and honey. Stir in cherries and chocolate, fold in flour and mix well.

Divide mixture into 36 pieces and shape each into a ball. Place about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet and flatten slightly.

Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool for few minutes on tray before removing to wire rack. Oven gas 4 or 350 F/180C.

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"FORK" BISCUITS

5 oz SR Flour 4 oz Margarine 1 oz Caster Sugar
Flavouring, grated lemon or orange rind or cocoa. If cocoa used, use 1 oz Flour less and replace by 1 oz cocoa.

Soften margarine, add sugar by degrees, beating until smooth. Add flavouring gradually working in flour. Form into balls the size of a walnut. Flatten out on to a baking sheet using a fork dipped in water. Moderate over 15-20 mins.

BARBECUED CHICKEN

1 Roasting Chicken — about 4 lbs. cut into 6 joints.

Oil to cover frying pan to depth of quarter inch.

1 Onion — finely chopped.

2 level teaspoons Salt.

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Freshly Ground Black Pepper.

4 level tablespoons Fine Brown Sugar.

2 teaspoons Prepared Mustard.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Large Lemon (about 2 tablespoons).

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Worcester Sauce.

1 can (5 oz) Tomato Puree, diluted with 2 cans water.

Fry chicken joints (do not skin) in hot oil until golden on all sides, then remove to casserole.

Sauce: — Saute onion in remaining fat until golden, then add all remaining ingredients. Simmer 5 minutes, then pour over the chicken. Cover and bake in a slow oven (Gas No. 2 — 300 deg. F. 150 deg C) for 1½ hours.

Freezes well. Better after 1 or 2 days in refrigerator. Serves 4 to 6.

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ORGANISATIONS

(and addresses for inquiries)

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Hammersmith Synagogue Parents' Assn.
(Now under auspices of Ladies' Guild)

Hammersmith Friendship Club. Meets every Wednesday in the Synagogue Hall. Chairman: Mrs. M. Barrie, 20 Campden Hill Road, W.8. Tel. 937 9263.

Hammersmith and District Women's Zionist Society.
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Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush & Chelsea District Defence Committee (under the auspices of Board of Deputies of British Jews). Inquiries at Jewish Board of Deputies, Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1.

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