

NEWSLETTER
OF THE
BUSHEY & DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE
NUMBER 4

Our grateful thanks to those who have submitted names for the Shool Newsletter. We list the suggestions below: please let us have your 'votes', also any other ideas that you might have.....

THE BUSH E TYPE
 I C G I F Y W (I Can Get It For You Wholesale)
 THE BUSH
 PRIVATE NOSE
 THE BURNING BUSH
 BUSHEY EYEBROWS
 THE SPIRIT LEVEL
 BUSHEY 'IGHBROWS

Although there will be a number of Newsletters in the meantime - for which we would welcome your news, views and letters - we are already planning our next 'magazine-style' issue, which we will bring out in time for Pesach. Please give thought to your contributions, and help to make this a bumper Yomtov edition.

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.....one of the most important contributions towards the growth of our community is the recruiting of new members. Would all readers please keep their eyes and ears open for those who have recently moved or might in the future move into Bushey. The Membership Committee is: Len Salmon (92.41981) - Godfrey Kaye () - David Shulman (950.6060) and Malcolm Baum (950.2064)....

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we extend a very hearty MAZELTOV to:
 Geraldine & David Shemuel on the birth of their son Lee Anthony
 Jackie & David Shulman on the birth of their son Robin Raphael

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The Board of Management are very pleased to be able to say "thank you" to the Synagogue's Honorary Secretary by inviting all members of the community to attend a special Kiddush on Shabbat, 6th January 1973, in honour of LAURA & LIONEL ARDEN who celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

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.....we understand that there are a few tickets left for the New Year's Eve DISCO.....would those interested please contact Ivan Gold (958.5868) at once.....

whilst on the subject of the Functione Committee may we remind you all about the DINNER & DALL:

Please contact Ivan Gold for tickets - Monty Cohen (205.0871) for raffle tickets - Harvey Lament (954.4884) with brochure space sales - and Barbara Kaye () with your tombola gifts.

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the Kol Nidre Appeal raised a promised £700. There is only one problem: the Honorary Officers have so far only received about one-third of this..... Reminders were sent out with the last Newsletter: here is another -

if YOU promised a donation at the Kol Nidre Appeal and have not yet sent in your money, please do so NOW.

(by the way, if you didn't promise a donation but would like to give, please don't feel shy.....)

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Letter to the Editor

Sir,

I read with interest the article by Rev. Hardman in your November issue, but cannot help but feel that the tone of the article makes the same basic error that Jewish parents make in endeavouring to find an excuse for celebrating Christmas.

As one who has never received Christmas presents or celebrated the festival in any way let me say that I at no time felt deprived or at all inferior to my non-Jewish friends, and this, in attending non-Jewish schools. Having met a very large number of people who found themselves in the same position, and having frequently discussed the problem at great length, I have yet to meet a single individual who feels otherwise.

Rev. Hardman appears to imply that there is a serious problem so far as the children are concerned which required a good reply.

My own view is that the problem is not with the children but with the parents, who must appreciate that their 'babies' can live a full and enjoyable life and yet be different.

The celebration of Christmas in any way is yet one more excuse that the parent gives to his child that the latter will be able to use in justifying his total rejection of Judaism at a later stage (whether by marrying out or otherwise), particularly where the parent will question the child on the grounds that he has always had a "good Jewish background".

It is about time that we concerned ourselves a little more with the problem of our child fitting into a Jewish Society and appreciating his Jewish heritage, than that he should not feel in any way different to the non-Jew with whom he has, in most cases, relatively little in common in his private life.

Yours
Johnny Back

We are very pleased to welcome to the community the following new members:

Stephen & Brenda Foss, and Richard

William and Laurel Levy

David & Paula Periera-Mendoza

Geoffrey & Linda Silver, and Russell, Steven, Melanie, Claire and Dany

Isidore & Sonia Stelzer, and Julietta, Helun, and Joseph

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OTHER LOCAL ACTIVITIES (NOT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SYNAGOGUE)

Bushy WIZO held its first full meeting on Monday, 18th December. The meeting was well attended, and everyone was friendly and full of enthusiasm for the potential of the group. Two films were shown: one on the work of WIZO itself, the other about 'The Jerusalem Baby Home' which is run by contributions from WIZO.

Details of the next meeting were discussed. This is to be a talk by Mrs. Haya Wise, who worked for the Israeli Embassy in Russia. This promises to be a most interesting meeting, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Finkelstein (22 Titian Avenue, Bushy Heath 950.1988) at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th January.

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On Wednesday, 10th January, there will be a Lubavitch 'Open House' at the home of Jenny & Ronald Cole (8 Swallow Close, Bushy 950.3566). The evening will be an informal social talk-in, starting at 7.45 p.m.; and at 8.30 p.m. there will be a film show. Everyone is welcome, both regular shiur-goers as well as those others who are interested in discussing the relevance of the Jewish way of life to our 20th century problems.