

NEWSLETTER
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There can be little doubt in anyone's mind regarding the vote of thanks which is due to the Functions Committee from the Community. The New Year's Eve Disco and, five weeks later, the Annual Dinner & Ball raised between them just under £1,900.

To achieve a final profit of nearly £1,700 on the Dinner & Ball is a tremendous credit to the Committee - praise which is even more justified when remembering that just over a month earlier they had raised £200 on a completely new, and most successful, local function. A bouquet must be handed to the Ladies of the Functions Committee who worked so hard to provide us all with a hot, and most enjoyable, meal on New Year's Eve.

Whilst it is perhaps unfair, and certainly not easy, to single out any one person for individual praise, we hope to be forgiven for making special mention of Barbara Kaye whose never ending hard work on behalf of the various organisations within the Community bore fruit on the Tombola table. It was not surprising that many people who planned to buy one ticket 'as a gesture' subsequently, having seen the really marvellous array of prizes, went for the bargain of 6 tickets for £5!!

What a good idea to have a Swap Shop!

How hard the Committee worked to ensure two smoothly run functions, thus giving us all the chance to relax and enjoy ourselves.

As we began this Editorial piece, so let us end it : to Ivan Gold and the whole of the Functions Committee - thank you.

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We would remind the more energetic of our Readers that there is a regular Football practice at 2.p.m. on Sundays, at the King George V Recreation Ground. It's all a lot of fun - but make sure you bring your shin pads, splints and bandages

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SOME SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT :

Membership	Len Salmon	92-41981
Social Calendar	David Segalov	950-3485
Youth & Education	Michael Burke	204-2986

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday	28th February	Tim Blackmore & Noel Edmonds	8.30 p.m.
Saturday	3rd March	Shalosh Seudot	5.00 p.m.
Monday	5th March	1st day of Adar II	
Thursday	15th March	Fast of Esther	- ends 6.47 p.m.
Sunday	18th March	Purim	
		Purim Party in Shul	3.30 p.m.
		(start of British Summer Time)	
Wednesday	28th March	Food Bring & Buy	10.30 a.m.

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REPORT OF THE LADIES' GUILD

A PURIM PARTY will be held on Sunday the 18th March, beginning at 3.30 p.m. PLEASE note that this is to be a Fancy Dress Party: there will be a prize for the best Fancy Dress. There will also be a Film Show and tea will, of course, be provided. Mothers: PLEASE phone Barbara Kaye or Shirley Epstein (950-5217) and let them have the numbers of children you will be bringing so that the necessary catering arrangements can be made.

On Wednesday the 28th March there will be a FOOD BRING & BUY, starting at 10.30 a.m. and going on until 12.30 p.m. Entrance will be 25p. For further details - venue, etc. - please contact Shirley or Barbara.

A letter has been sent to Mrs. Jakobovitz, on behalf of the Ladies' Guild and WIZO to ask her if she would give a talk on Pesach to members of the community. We are awaiting her reply.

LADIES ONLY: Enquiries are being made regarding a possible Ascot Day outing in May. Travel would be by coach. All those interested, please contact Betty Segalov (950-3485).

Also being arranged is an outing to visit elderly people in the East End (Bnei Brith). (We would prepare a lunch for them, take it there and keep them company for the afternoon).

It is planned to have a number of day outings during the Summer, for members and their children. Further details later.

For those who are not fully aware of the Ladies' Guild and what we do:

- we are young, go-ahead, and responsible for the Kiddush in Schul every Shabat, as well as for organising the Chanukah and Purim Parties.
- we raise funds to further equip the kitchen, by means of Jumble Sales and Fashion Shows.
- membership subscription is only 50p per year.

WHY NOT JOIN : the more the merrier. If you are new to the area, what better way to get to know the other members of the community?

NEXT MEETING : Thursday, 1st March at 8.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Diane Atkins (950-5472) 14 Risingholme Close, Bushey.

SOCIAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Please make a note of the date : Wednesday, 28th February
Please make a note of the time : 8.30 p.m.
Please make a note of the place: The Synagogue Hall, Police Station
Lane, Bushey.

What's it all about?

A talk will be given on the above date, at the above time, and at the above venue by TIM BLACKMORE (Radio One Producer) and NOEL EDMONDS (Radio One Disc-Jockey) on 'POP MUSIC ON RADIO' (The Past Present and Future Relationship between Pop and the Broadcasting Medium).

Admission: 25p, including refreshments.

Future activities of the Social Calendar Committee include a Card Evening, a Barbecue, a Guest Speaker, a Film Show, and another Car Rally - all for your enjoyment and entertainment.

Watch this space for details

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

Laurence & Hilary Brass,
Martin & Josephine Davis,
Alan & Muriel Feldman, and Raymond,
Laurence & Hazel Schenk,
Brian & Trina Soames,
Leslie & Frances Solomons, and Steven.

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REPORT OF THE YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

September 1973 will be a very important month in the life of the Bushey & District Synagogue. It will mark the opening of our Education Programme, with the start of our own PLAY GROUP. There is considerable preparatory work to be done, and the Youth and Education Committee are busy collating information regarding the many varied requirements of a Play Group, in order to ensure its success.

We have enlisted the help of the Ladies' Guild; and have co-opted Jenny Cole and Lynn Freyd onto the Committee.

In due course, registration will begin for the September term; and we hope that Members with children of Play Group age will take the opportunity of enlisting early so as not to be disappointed. The Play Group will be open five mornings a week: we hope to give you further details - such as term dates and fees - in the next issue of the Newsletter.

As you can imagine, a project of this nature is very costly and requires quite a lot of expensive equipment. We are most grateful for the good response to our various appeals.

If you want any further information regarding the Play Group, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Youth & Education Committee who will be pleased to help.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

" We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Honorary Officers, the Board of Management, and the Ladies' Guild of the Synagogue for the wonderful Kiddush they put on for us on Shabat 6th January 1973 to mark our Silver Wedding.

We also wish to express our deepest appreciation to the members of our wonderful community for the truly magnificent Kiddush cup and inscribed tray which was presented to us to commemorate the occasion.

We wish to thank all our friends for their messages of good will which were too numerous to acknowledge individually.

Laura & Lionel Arden "

" I would like, through the pages of the Newsletter, to thank most sincerely those gentlemen who helped to make up a Minyan on the 9th/10th January when I had Yahrzeit. On such an occasion it was gratifying to see so many of the Shul's stalwart members turning out for what I understand to be a precedent in our community.

Although my late Father never had the opportunity of attending our Shul I know he would have been proud to know that his family were associated with a community such as we have here in Bushey.

I believe that it is planned to endeavour to get Minyanim on other occasions for those who wish it, and I am sure that this will create an even greater bond within our Shul.

Yours very sincerely,

Michael Burke. "

"To the Editor:

My choice of name for our excellent (NOT my underlining! Ed.) News Letter is The Spirit Level.

(there followed a remark relating to the Eurovision Song Contest)

unsigned. "

Ed: Dear ? - why the secrecy ???

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CHEDER

It has been suggested that Parents of children aged 5 to 8 might like to organise themselves into a Group and arrange for a Cheder Teacher to visit their homes, in rotation, to give lessons to their children. Classes would be of about eight children; and there would be two classes each week.

Would all those interested in pursuing this idea please contact Mr. Norman Nathan (950- 3658) 3 Brooke Close, Sparrows Herne, Bushey.

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

WIZO

The Bushey WIZO Group is steadily establishing itself as an active part of the Community. Although still in its early stages, the Group's membership is increasing; and an interesting and varied programme is being planned for the future.

On Wednesday last, the 14th, a coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs. Shindler, during which a beauty consultant gave a talk and demonstration. 27 members and guests attended a most successful meeting.

A Card, Games and Social Evening is planned for the 10th March (Saturday), at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, 'Pangbourne', Magpie Hall Road, Bushey Heath. Tickets, at 75p per person, can be obtained from Mrs. Bonnie Nash (950-7341). Coffee and light snacks will be served.

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Future Shiurm are being planned: all those interested please phone Ronald Cole (950-3566) for further information.