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And so we are One.....It is just about a year since we brought out the first Newsletter and, from the reports that got back to us, it would seem that they are read quite thoroughly. The Questionnaires which were sent out with issue Number 8 have brought forth some good suggestions, which we hope to implement during our second year. Incidentally, some of the Questionnaires have still not been sent back - so, if on reading that last bit you feel a bit guilty, please dig out the form, fill it in, add your name, and send it off.....

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In Newsletter Number 2 I mentioned the subject of decorum in Shul - a subject which inspired a 'Letter to the Editor'. With the Yommim Tovim coming up soon, here we go again. Let us all remember that Johnny Back conducts the Services for our benefit, and let's all show him respect, as well as showing more than a little consideration for those of our neighbours who might actually have come to Shul to pray, by maintaining some semblance of decorum and silence during the prayers. It is only natural that children will want to run around and that after a while they will become restless and noisy; but it cannot do any harm for them to be taught from an early age, by their parents' example, that Shul is not a place for business and social discussions whilst the services are being conducted.

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This week saw the Ladies Guild A.G.M., and the election of their new officers for a two year period. During the last two years, under the co-chairmanship of Shirley Epstein and Barbara Kaye, the Guild has gone from strength to strength; and whilst this Newsletter is 'non political', the very fact that the elections will be over before we reach our readers makes it possible to comment on the situation. Shirley and Barbara have always been workers and there is no doubt but that they will continue to be, whether 'in' or 'out' of office. We say 'thank you' to them for all that they have done for the Guild and for the Shul; and we wish their successors 'good luck' in following the lead which Shirley and Barbara have set.

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.....we were very sorry to hear that Joanna Faktor has been unwell: we send her our very best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.....

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.....the Synagogue is organising a RAFFLE, limited to 200 members and associate members, with one prize of £25 and four of £5 each month, and a once-a-year prize of a Mini Car: payment in advance, either monthly, or quarterly, half-yearly, or annually, at the rate of 25 pence per week: for further information and the Application Form, please contact Brian Atkins (950.5472): starting date is 1st November 1973.....

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We extend a very heart Mazeltov to

- Judi & Johnny Back on the birth of their son Gidon Dov, a brother for Reuven and Gavriel
- Sheila & Leonard Joseph on the birth of their son Marshall, a brother for Jacalyn and Ryan
- Ada & David Mandel on the birth of their grand-daughter Julie Carol, a sister for Simon
- Tricia & Martin Pasha on the birth of their daughter Jodi, a sister for Louise
- Florri & Abe Sherrick on the birth of their grandson Elliott Adam, a brother for Michelle and Alan
- Trina & Brian Soames on the birth of their son Adam

and to Liz and Lionel Finkelstein on the recent engagement of Lionel's sister, Anita

and to Mignon & Ian Walters on the recent marriage of their son, Roger

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.....Enclosed with this Newsletter is a 'Consus Form'. It would be a great help towards filling our "Social Page", as well as providing useful information for the Board of Management, if you would please complete and return the form as soon as possible.....

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Report from IVAN GOLD, chairman of the FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

The Functions Committee are back in full swing again and, amongst the various functions which are planned for the future, please note that a CARD EVENING will be held on Saturday, the 4th November, in the Synagogue Hall. Admission will be £1, which will include refreshments. Tickets are now available from Ivan Gold (950.3354).

Following on the success of last year's New Year's Eve Party, we are once again going to hold a NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO in the Synagogue Hall. This will be a most enjoyable evening, with Dinner, Dancing, and lots of Fun.....Please keep watching 'this space' for further details.

The Main Function this year will be a THEATRE SHOW. We are still working out the final details on this, and will keep you advised of all developments. This function should be something out of the ordinary, with many big names.....

Once again we would invite all those members of the community who are interested in joining the Functions Committee to come along to our meetings: they will be made most welcome. For details of any of our functions or Meetings please get in touch with Ivan Gold.

The Functions Committee take this opportunity of wishing all the community a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELL OVER THE FAST.

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the YOUTH of the Community :

We have had correspondence from the Ruislip Jewish Youth Club (who are affiliated to the A.J.Y.) who would be pleased to see any of our Members' children who might be interested in going along to some of their activities. They meet every Sunday: from 3 pm until 5 pm for the 7 - 11 age group, and from 7.30 pm until 10 pm for the 12 - 16 age group.

The 'Junior' club places the accent on Play: football, cricket, table tennis, chess, draughts, art and drama all feature in their programme of activities. Whenever possible the Club goes out-of-doors, to either the Ruislip Lido or the nearby woods.

The 'Senior' club play table tennis, chess and draughts as well as snooker, and cards. They also hold record dances. Their programme of events during the next couple of months includes a visit to the cinema, a Guest Speaker, and a trip to another Youth Club.

Anyone interested in either of the groups should contact the Club Leader, Angela Presman, at 01-954.2624. Angela can also be reached, during Club times, at the Ruislip Synagogue on 71.33671 - The Synagogue, Shenley Avenue, Ruislip - which is where the Club meets.

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We offer our sincere condolences to

- Jenny Cole, on the loss of her father
- Laurence Schenk, on the loss of his father

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Report from BARBARA KAYE, co-Chairlady of the LADIES GUILD

Quite a number of Guild members and their friends had a wonderful day at ROYAL ASCOT on Ladies' Day. So much so that mixing with Royalty went quite to their heads (or rather, their hats!), and a similar outing is definitely being planned for next year.

This year our Guild once again ran a stall at the Hemel Hempstead Old People's Home Annual Fete; and our grateful thanks go out to those members who responded to our plea for tins and bottles of food for this worthy cause.

Earlier this month a party of Ladies went on a trip to Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke & Duchess of Marlborough, and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. We were more than delighted to have a number of new members with us on this trip, and we hope that they enjoyed themselves and that we will see them again soon.

Regarding this outing: the unfortunate accident that Mrs. Brenner, Shirley's mother, sustained whilst at Blenheim somewhat marred everyone's complete enjoyment, but readers will be pleased to hear that she is making steady progress after an operation on her broken hip and her broken wrist. We all sincerely wish her the speediest of complete recoveries, and hope that she will not be put off from joining us on many future occasions.

As these outings seem to be so popular, we are open to any suggestions as to where anyone would particularly like to visit. We hasten to add that we would welcome any gentlemen who might like to join us on these outings.

With the Guild Elections being held this week (see elsewhere in the Newsletter for 'Stop Press' Election Results), although we have a number of ideas for

future functions, nothing, for obvious reasons, can be arranged definitely for the time being.

Shirley (Epstein) and Barbara (Kayo) would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Ladies who have given them their utmost help and support over the last two years, and trust that this same support will be given to whoever is elected at the A.G.M.

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N.B. Gentlemen - your help is needed, and would be very much appreciated, on Sunday, the 7th October, to assist in putting up the SUCCAH at Shul.

Ladies - once the Gentlemen have done their work on the Sunday, we need your help, at 10 am on Wednesday, the 10th October, to decorate the SUCCAH.

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.....don't forget about the weekly KEEP FIT GROUP, each Monday at 8.30 pm in the Synagogue Hall: all new bodies (and not so new!) will be welcome.....

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Report from RONALD COLE, chairman of the BARBECUE COMMITTEE

384 tickets for the Barbecue were pre-sold: and about 320 people braved what could hardly be described as 'a hot summer evening' to support us in what turned out to be a most successful 'first time'. In spite of the chill in the air, the atmosphere at the Barbecue was friendly and relaxed, and although no-one stayed particularly late that fact was certainly not attributable to their non-enjoyment of the function.

Barbecued Chicken, Sausages, Jacket Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Corn Salad, followed by Peach Melba, kept the wolf away from the door: and no report on the Barbecue would be complete without the giving of a gigantic bouquet to those workers who cooked, and served, and cleared up and generally helped to make the evening run on well-oiled wheels.

Ticket sales, a Raffle, and the generosity of those who supplied us with many of our requirements at or near cost price enabled us to raise over £550 towards the Kindergarten Fund. Mr.A.Nony-Mouse very kindly donated £250 towards the same Fund.

Our last, and most sincere, thanks must go to Messrs David Gold and Norman Slater who allowed us to use 'The Foresters' for the Barbecue.

We plan to hold another Barbecue next summer, and the search for a venue is on: so if you know of anywhere capable of taking about 500 people, please let us know!

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.....there is quite a lot of beer left over from the Barbecue, and anyone who might be interested in purchasing some 7 pint or 5 pint cans should please phone Jenny or Ronald Cole (950.3566): the 7 pint cans cost us 69p., and the 5 pint cans cost 60p.: obviously, we would like to recoup as much of the outlay as we possibly can.....

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...we extend a very hearty Mazeltov to Paul Epeloin and David Shulman, our Chatan Torah and Chatan Berechit for this year,....both have done a tremendous amount of work in helping to build the community into a stronger and more united group, and we wish them and their families good health and happiness for many years to come.....

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The WATFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN have, for some time, been running a Friendship Club for the older members of the Jewish Community in and around Watford. The Friendship Club is now meeting in the Bushey Synagogue Hall, Police Station Lane.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, the 24th September, from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm, and thereafter every Monday afternoon.

If you are interested in coming along, or know of anyone in the district who might be, please contact Jackie Shulman (950.6060).

Apart from the Friendship Club, the LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN do a lot of worthwhile work, including hospital visiting, helping at a school for the mentally handicapped, driving people around, etc., as well as holding extremely interesting meetings for the members of the League. Anyone interested in helping the League in this work please contact Jackie.

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.....don't forget our FOOTBALL TEAM.....we have our first match of the season on Sunday, the 30th September, and so this Sunday, the 23rd, is our final pre-match practice.....all those interested, please come along to the King George Recreation Ground at 11 am on Sunday morning.....

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Dear Readers:

please do not forget that your Synagogue and your Newsletter both need you.

- our Synagogue, like every other Synagogue, thrives on new members; and so if you know of anyone in the area who might be interested in joining, or if you hear of people moving into the district, please contact David Shulman (950.6060)
- our Newsletter, like every other Newsletter, needs contributions from its readers, as well as needing information regarding its readers: births, marriages, etc., all of which should please be sent to the Editor.

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*****S T O P*****P R E S S*****E L E C T I O N*****R E S U L T S*****

at the LADIES' GUILD A.G.M., held on Wednesday the 19th September, the following Officers were elected:-

Co-Chairladies : Barbara Kaye, Lynn Freyd
Secretary : Marion Lampert (92.32534)
Membership Sec : Bonnie Nash
Treasurer : Pat Silverman
co-opted as Cultural & Social Activities Officer : Betty Segalov

...next meeting of the Ladies Guild: 3rd October, at 17 Priory View, by courtesy of Carol Zatman.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES (not under the Board of Management)

BUSHEY WIZO : report from Myra Grays, co-Chairlady

Wednesday, the 19th September, saw a joint function with the Stanmore WIZO: a Luncheon, with Ginette Spanier as the Guest Speaker. We will give a detailed report of this function, which - writing in anticipation - we are sure will be a highly successful and enjoyable one, in a future Newsletter.

At the moment, we are busily discussing and preparing for our main function: a Supper Dance on Saturday, the 27th October. This promises to be a colourful, unusual and thoroughly entertaining evening. For further information and/or tickets, at £4.50 per head all inclusive, please contact Myra Grays (92.29635), who will also be please to give you details of our next WIZO meeting.

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