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In the hope that the absence of a Newsletter during the past few months will have been noticed not so much as one notices the disappearance of a boil, but more as one misses a friend, let me start with an apology for the lapse of time since our issue Number 9. Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, the October War, the urgent efforts to help in whatever way possible for the good of Israel and her people ..... so much has happened in the last three months: and now we hope and pray that the Geneva talks which are due to begin this week will see the beginnings of a move towards a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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Let me make it quite clear that I have no desire to help all the younger readers with their school homework, nor do I wish to follow in the footsteps of M----- Pr---- in trying to solve any personal or domestic problems which might be present within our Community. However, if you do have any questions which you feel might be common to others in the area, and to which you - and you think they - would like an answer, then please write in: we will call the column "Can You Tell Me?". Naturally, I do not expect to be able to answer all (perhaps not even any!) of the questions myself, but I will try to get the right answers from the experts. I would like to think that the majority of the questions would relate to Judaism; and that we might be able to provoke a certain amount of correspondence on some topics.

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In the last issue I made mention of the matter of decorum in Shul: and I'm glad to be able to say that the Yommim Tovim services were not disturbed or disrupted to any great degree. Perhaps this next plea will receive as good a reaction: Shabbat morning services start at 10 a.m., and could easily finish somewhere around Mid-day, if we didn't have sometimes to wait as long as 20 minutes for a Minyan ..... And it is interesting to note that it is usually the latecomers who are the ones complaining about the lateness of the hour at which we finish davening. If a few people were to get to Shul earlier, then we could all get home to lunch earlier. After all, no-one wants to spend most of Shabbat in Shul, especially when the days are so short .....

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There are quite a number of the 'Census Forms' which were sent out with the last Newsletter which have still not been returned: if, as you read this, you feel a trifle guilty, please complete the form and send it back as soon as possible, Thanks.

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Report From The LADIES' GUILD

We are delighted to report that, as a result of our good as new sale in the Synagogue hall and subsequently in a shop in Watford, we were able to send £233.20 to the J.I.A. on behalf of our Guild. We can't thank our members enough (and also some non-members) for their generosity in giving both new and second-hand goods and, most of all, for being such charming and persuasive sales ladies. We did not realise that we had such talent around us. At this time a special thank you also goes out to all the willing husbands who gave us their valuable spare time in virtually becoming removal men and helping whilst the shop was open - we are sure you will be rewarded by hearing of the amount raised by your hard working wives for our beloved Israel, who needs money now more desperately than ever before.

A jumble sale was subsequently held once again in the Synagogue hall and £50 was raised towards our funds.

Back to the nitty gritty .....

Chanukah party will be held on Sunday, 23rd December from 3.30 p.m. The theme is a "mad hat" tea party so all you clever mothers can start getting busy. There will be a cartoon show, after tea, to suit all ages. Once again we are appealing to members for their help on the Sunday morning in preparing the tea.

On Sunday, 17th March we are holding a children's fashion show in the Synagogue hall and are delighted that the shop "Please Mum" of Elstree and Edgware have agreed to supply all the clothes.

Hendon Synagogue Ladies Guild have written to us asking if we would like to join them for lunch, on 13th March 1973, in Hendon when they are planning a cookery demonstration of Passover dishes, combined with a talk on Passover. We haven't any additional details, but as soon as we do have we will advise you of them.

In June, p.G., we are going to Royal Ascot on Ladies Day again and there seems to be a terrific demand for this particular outing, so hurry up and put your name down on our list - we don't mind how many coaches we have to hire - the more the merrier.

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..... The FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE still have a few tickets left for the NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO: at £4.00 per head, to include a Salmon Supper and Wine, this should really be a terrific way of spending the evening 'ringing out the old and in the new'.

For tickets, or if you have any gifts for the "Pick-A-Parcel" stand, please contact Barbara Kaye ( ) or Marion Lempert (92.32534).

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Watch out for further news of main function of the year .....

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We extend a very hearty Mazeltov to

- Elaine & Laurence Shaw on the birth of their son Graham Raphael, a brother for Alison and Daniel
- Marilyn & Melville Shone on the birth of their son Adam, a brother for Simone
- Dr. & Mrs. Marc Faktor on their son David recently becoming Barmitzvah

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Football

At a meeting held a few months ago, the BUSHEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB was formed. The following Officers were elected: Joint Secretaries - David Hornick, John Nash; Captain - Ronald Cole; Vice Captain - Laurence Brass.

Membership of the Club is open to all Synagogue Members and their sons. Subscription for the second half of the season (from 1st January 1974) is £1.25 (50p for Under 18s).

On Sunday, the 16th December, we played our third match of the season. Having lost the previous two games 2-3 and 2-8 we were pleased to register a draw, 3-3, especially as the opposition, Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue, last season beat us 03 and 1-9!!

Over the next few weeks we have four further matches scheduled: Hampstead Anonymous on 30th December, Auerbach, Hope & Co. on 13th January, Belmont Synagogue on 27th January, and a return match against Borehamwood & Elstree on 3rd February.

What we badly need are more members: not only to join us each Sunday, when we don't have a match, at 11 a.m. at the King George Recreation Ground for a practice game, but also to compete for places in the Team - and thereby help to raise the standard of play and, we hope, the record of success.....

All those interested in joining, or finding out more about, the Club are invited to a meeting to be held at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27th December, in the Synagogue Hall: or contact either David Hornick (92.43898) or John Nash (950.7341).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

" Within the next few weeks the local Council will be appointing new Boards of School Governors to schools within the district. In the past, a high proportion of nominations have been made on a party political basis but Bushey Liberals are anxious to change this method and have decided to make their nominations from outside the political ranks. Liberal Councillors are, therefore, approaching local organisations such as the Synagogue to ascertain who might be willing to serve as a Governor.

No regard will be paid to the political affiliation of the nominee, the only consideration being their suitability for this responsible position. Thus, if you are interested in your local school and feel you would like to be considered as a Governor, please contact me. "

Laurence Brass (Councillor), 1a Wayside Avenue, Bushey Heath. (950.6519)

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MIGDAL - A SHABBAT AFTERNOON GROUP FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 11

On the afternoon of January 12th the first meeting of a new group for children will take place in the Shul.

The idea of this group is to give an opportunity for the children of our community to meet each other socially, and to gain an insight into Judaism in an informal atmosphere.

A typical afternoon's programme might consist of a serious item about a forthcoming festival, learning an Israeli dance or a Hebrew song, reading a story, acting a playlet, followed by refreshments and finally some games.

MIGDAL will meet every Shabbat afternoon from 2.30 - 4.00 p.m., from January 12th onwards; slightly later timing might be arranged in the summer months.

Please send your children along to help make the group a success. For further information, please contact Elisabeth & Lionel Finkelstein (950.1988)

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We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members of the community:

- Brian & Pauline Binstock
- Howard & Dale Brett, and Samantha
- Harvey & Frances Burton
- Jeffrey & Angela Doctors
- Maurice & Sylvia Elton
- Michael Elton
- Brian & Patricia Geminder, and Gavin and Martin
- Robert & Marilyn Goldsobel
- David & Jacqueline Hornick, and Samantha
- Leon & Judith Kennedy
- Michael & Rebecca Lawson
- Anthony & Caroline Lazarus
- Aleh & Patricia Liebert, and James and Melanie
- Harold & Shirley Marcus, and Steven and Linda
- Colin & Andy Michaels, and Deborah
- Roger & Marion Offebach, and Deborah
- Anthony & Melanie Olivestone, and baby
- Ivor & Angela Rosenthal
- Bernard Rubinatein
- Kenneth Spatz
- Lawrence & Estelle Stanton

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#### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club is now meeting fortnightly, instead of weekly: on alternate Wednesdays. Any offers from 'drivers' who would be prepared to give lifts to and from the meetings would be much appreciated. Please contact Jackie Shulman (950. 6060).

Recent invitations to visit Pinner and Golders Green Friendship Clubs were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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We wish a very happy

- birthday to Brian Atkins
- birthday to Hilary Brass
- anniversary to Josephine & Martin Davis
- birthday to Martin Davis
- birthday to David Mandel
- anniversary to Joanna & Alan Moss
- birthday to Alan Moss
- anniversary to Hazel & Laurence Schenk
- anniversary to Esther & Solle Sheinman
- first birthday to Robin Shulman
- anniversary to Sonia & Isidore Stolzer
- birthday to Merton Zatman

all of whom have recently or will shortly be celebrating.....

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At the risk of repeating myself, may I remind you that this is YOUR Newsletter.

I would like to make sure that the Newsletter really is a monthly: but I need your help. It would be so much easier to produce the Newsletter regularly, and it would make much better reading, if we had plenty of articles from YOU.....

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OTHER ACTIVITIES not under the auspices of the Board of Management

BUSHEY ISRAEL FUND COMMITTEE

At a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th December, the first of the Monthly Draws was made for the three cash prizes: £50, £25, and £15. These Cash Draws will be made about the middle of each month up to and including October 1974; then in November 1974 there will be a draw for the one prize of a new MINI.....

The first winners of the Cash prizes are:

- 1st prize: £50 : A.M.Walker, Esq., 7 Northgate, Prince Albert Road, N.W.8.
- 2nd prize: £25 : Mrs T. Klug, 17 Winnington Road, N.2.
- 3rd prize: £15 : Mrs M. Shindler, 6 Holmbury Close, Hive Road, Bushey Heath.

The Committee is currently looking into various fund-raising activities, including a Sponsored Swim, a Golf Drive and an Auction, in addition to the Car Draw mentioned above. Further details will be given in due course.

We have started distributing 'Collection Bags', which will operate along the lines of the J.N.F.Blue Box. These bags will be collected and replaced every 4 - 6 weeks.

The Committee would welcome new members: anyone interested in the activities of the Bushey Israel Fund Committee is invited to attend the next meeting, which will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Boller, 3 Hartsbourne Road, Bushey Heath (950.3905) at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th January 1974.

Further information can also be obtained from the Chairman, Leon Mitchell (950.5496).

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WIZO

Bushey WIZO have recently held their first A.G.M., and the newly elected Committee, under the chairmanship of Evelyn Hope, promises to be just as hardworking, enthusiastic, and full of ideas as was the previous Committee.

Many plans are in the pipeline for future "functions with a difference", and following the tremendous success of our first Supper Dance we are already busily planning another such "evening with a theme" for next year.

We are holding a General Meeting on Thursday, 10th January, at the home of Eunice Barnes, 'Pangbourne', Magpie Hall Road, Bushey Heath (950.1141), and we look forward to welcoming you there.

Our next function is a QUIZ EVENING which will be held on Saturday, 19th January, at the home of Gloria Gold, 'Hartsbourne Deno', Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath (950.5088). As the QUIZ will be between tables of 6, this promises to be a most entertaining evening! Tickets for this evening, at £2 per head, as well as details of all WIZO activities, can be obtained from Evelyn Hope (950.1591) or from our Vice Chairman, Carol Zatman (950.4249).

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