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of the

Bushey and District United Synagogue

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EDITORIAL

It would be wrong to begin this issue of the newsletter in any other way than with words of thanks and congratulations:-

to Johnny Sack and Lionel Finkelstein for conducting the services over the Yomim Tovim; to Elizabeth Finkelstein, Andrea Seymour and Colin Fink for organising the children's services; to our Chatanim - Godfrey Kaye and Brian Silverman - for the marvellous Kiddush which they put on after the Simchas Torah service; and to YOU, the community, for the improved decorum in Shul over the Yomim Tovim and for the good turn-out for Simchas Torah.

It is also noteworthy that we once again got a minyan for the 6 a.m.! Hoshana Rabba service....

Let us hope that the recent increased involvement of some members with the Shul's religious and social activities will continue through 5736.

We would commend to your attention the series of talks which have been arranged by the Pinner Scopus Group. Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs, Dr. Isaac Levy (Director of the JNF), and Mr. Shlomo Levin (of the Lubavitch) have already spoken. On Sunday 23rd. November the speaker will be Rabbi Jeremy Rosen (headmaster of Carmel College), followed by Mr. Jacob Gerwitz (of the Board of Deputies) on the 7th December and the Rabbi Cyril Harris on the 21st. December. 8.15 p.m. at the Pinner Synagogue, 1, Cecil Park, Pinner.

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH SERVICE AND PARTY

3.30 p.m. Sunday 30th. Nov.,
in the Shul Hall.

Kindling the Lights
Tea
Entertainment

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

1. The Shabbat candles must be lit before the Shabbat actually commences since the act of kindling a fire or putting on a light is strictly forbidden on the Shabbat on the basis of the words in the Torah "ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the Shabbat day" (Exodus XXXV 3). It is particularly important therefore during the winter months to note the times of the commencement of the Shabbat so that the Shabbat laws are not broken for the purposes of fulfilling the mitzvah of kindling the candles.

2. The use of modern means of transport is forbidden on the Shabbat on the grounds that whichever form of transport one uses a transgression is involved? For example, driving a car oneself means creating fire; using public transport demands the payment of fares; hiring a private car or engaging a non-Jewish driver would be "amirah lenokhri"; asking a non-Jew to perform a task forbidden "de-oraita" to a Jew. Since it is an affront to those observing the Shabbat to see a fellow Jew travelling on the Shabbat, whether to Shul or otherwise, it shows a lack of respect for one's fellow man to openly flout the Shabbat laws.

3. It is forbidden to write on the Shabbat, since this is one of the activities specifically mentioned in the Mishnah (Shabbat VII, 2) as being one of the 39 categories of work so forbidden? Since, as mentioned above, it is an affront to observant Jews to see their fellow Jews commit an "averah" (sin), a Jew should behave in such a way that he does not offend his fellow man by committing a transgression in public or in such a manner that his fellow man will know for certain that it has been committed on a holy day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heartiest mazeltov to

- Susan and Kenneth Arfin on the birth of a son, Ross
- Pauline & Brian Binstock on the birth of a son, Andrew
- Ruth & David Coffey on the birth of a son, Daniel, a brother for Lisa
- Jenny & Ronald Cole on the birth of a son, Jonathan, a brother for Michelle
- Beatrice & Moss Kaye on the birth of their first grandchild, Richard
- Melanie & Lawrence Marshom on the birth of a daughter, Victoria
- Angela & Ivor Rosenthal on the birth of a daughter, Donna
- Jackie & David Shulman on the birth of a son, Paul, a brother for Robin
- Trina & Brian Soames on the birth of a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Adam
- Reuben Soames on the birth of a grand-daughter
- Sylvia and John Kramrisch on the occasion of their son Steven's Barmitzva
- Celia Langley on the occasion of her grandson Steven Kramrisch's Barmitzva

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Our wish for a speedy return to good health is extended to Iris Cohen and Marion Lampert who have recently been unwell.

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We extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to:-

Angela Sheridan on her recent bereavement, and we wish her "long life".

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A warm welcome is extended to the following who have recently joined the Community. We hope their stay will be long, healthy and happy.

Edward and Zelma Brown & Karen;
Harvey and Elizabeth Cohen,
Rachel & Caroline;
Russell and Susan Glass, Simon & Richard;
Harvey and Helen Gluckstein,
Darren, Sara & Lisa;
Joseph and Andrea Kalmus;
Stephen and Angela Sander;
Jeffrey and Annette Seymour,
Gerald, Suzanne & Andrea;
Victor and Linda Silverstone,
Yolande, Jeremy, Sarah & Lara;
Eric and Joy Weinraab, Julie & Ruth.

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Birthday Greetings to the following children:-

Gavriel Back	4th
Simon Banyard	1st
Lee Caplan	5th
Lisa Coffey	2nd
Simon Gitlin	8th
Michelle Gottlieb	6th
Alexander Hignman	5th
Nicole Kraines	6th
Gregory Leader-Cramer	4th
Jonathan Levene	3rd
Alexander Lynn	5th
Deborah Offenbach	4th
Suzanne Offenbach	2nd
Granam Shaw	2nd
Robin Shulman	3rd
Paul Waissman	4th
Alexis Winterman	3rd
Simon Woolfson	2nd
Michael Zatman	6th
Stephen Zatman	4th

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EDITORS

3rd November, 1975

Dear Sirs,

As Chairman of the functions Committee, I would like, through your columns, to thank the community for their outstanding response to our efforts to sell tickets for the dinner and ball on the 13th December. Of the 240 tickets available, 214 have been paid for as at the date of this letter, and the rest are accounted for. This demand for tickets has been a most gratifying reward for the hard work put in to date by the functions Committee.

However, although the social success of the dinner and ball is more or less assured, I regret that the same cannot yet be said of its financial success. The response to requests for support for the brochure and tombola has been relatively poor and it does seem a pity that, in the knowledge that every brochure advertisement and tombola gift represents pure profit, we still risk the possibility that we will not raise even half the amount achieved at the last dinner and ball.

I would, therefore, be grateful if, with your next newsletter, you would kindly send a brochure advertisement form to each member and I would ask that each family in the community ensures that it obtains at least one advertisement before the 21st. November, which is the last date before printing, and that every effort be made by all of us to collect as many tombola gifts as possible. Our target for tombola gifts is 1,000 - and we have a long way to go to reach even half that figure.

Our ambitions are modest. We do not ask a lot of any individuals; but our collective effort is capable of achieving an unprecedented financial success if we only have the will.

Yours sincerely,
HARVEY BURTON.

Dear Sirs,

The author of the comments in the last newsletter in which the Saul football club was criticised for not participating in the functions Committee's sponsored walk appears to be somewhat short of facts.

The community as a whole and especially the Functions Committee were almost in the same sentence applauded for entering the clubs car rally and attending the disco in the evening.

Just for the record the true picture will now be presented.

Four members of the Club participated in the walk, plus one member's father, mother and sister; plus one member's wife, daughter and son; plus one member's dog. This represents more than 33% of the total number of walkers. In addition every member of the Club sponsored the majority of those walking. Even more members of the Club would have walked had they been asked by the functions Committee but they did not even know about it until too late. A passive reference to the event in the newsletter invariably receives a negative response as is not generally unknown.

The car rally was entered by a total of 24 cars of which merely two were from the community and unconnected with the Club. This represents less than 8% of all those that came.

The Disco was attended by 84 people of which only 4 were members of the community and again not associated with the Club. This represents less than 5% of all those that came.

In summary the sponsored walk was quite well supported by the Club and would have been even better supported had communications not been lacking. The success of the Car rally and Disco was solely due to the efforts of members of the Club in getting their friends and other non-shul members to come. Despite much effort in endeavouring to get the support of the community the response was virtually nil and was met with the usual apathy.

It was also somewhat noticeable that not one member of the Functions Committee and unconnected with the Club attended the Disco.

BUSHEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

P.S. Always looking for new member especially from the Functions Committee!

GUIDE TO CHANUKAH

The miracle of Chanukah is one that should be publicly proclaimed, hence

(i) the lights should be kindled by the head of the household in the presence of all the members of the family, who fulfil the mitzvah by replying 'Amen' after each blessing, (ii) the lights should be placed in such a position that they can be seen from the street.

The lights may not be moved once they have been lit, and they should not be held whilst being lit.

Chanukah lights should be kindled as soon as possible after nightfall - and on Friday night they should be lit before the Shabbat lights.

On the first night recite three blessings: "...asher kidessonu bemitzvosov vetzivonu lehadlik ner snel Chanukah", "...she'osah nissim la'avoseinu...", and "Shenecheyonu". On the other nights "Shenecheyonu" is not recited. Each night, after lighting the first light say "haneros halolu".

On the first night the rightmost light of the menorah is lit, on subsequent nights light the necessary number of lights placing the lights from right to left in the menorah but lighting them from left to right i.e. always lighting the leftmost lamp (the one that has been added for that evening) first.

As it is forbidden to use the Chanukah lights for any purpose at all, even studying Toran, it is customary to light an extra light (the Shamos) and to use this for lighting the other lights.

The lights should burn for at least half an hour, and during that time no work should be done.

It is advisable to encourage children to light their own menorah in order to familiarize them with the precept of lighting the Chanukah lights.

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with regret that we are still unable to announce a date for opening our own cheder. The matter is unfortunately in the hands of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education who, despite strenuous efforts from this committee to have all preliminaries completed quickly, are dealing with the matter in their own time.

In the past this committee has become aware of complaints by our members regarding the Stanmore Cheder being treated less seriously as they come from non-members of Stanmore; in fact, we know that ill feeling among the members of Stanmore Cheder parents association runs high believing that Bushey parents take all but give nothing. In order to attempt to solve this problem, we have arranged to hold meetings with the Chairman of Stanmore Education Committee so that all grievances may be aired. Should any parent have a complaint or comment to make about Stanmore Cheder, please contact Brian Silverman who is Chairman of the Bushey Synagogue Youth & Education Committee. Although the above arrangements deal specifically with Stanmore, the chairman will take up officially any grievance a parent may have with any other Cheder to which he sends his child.

FOOTBALL

The Bushey Synagogue Football Team made it 6 out of 6 this season with a fine win over Garage XI on Sunday 2nd. November. Jeffrey Epstein has twice scored a hatrick. The team is playing extremely well this season and has scored 27 goals and only conceded 10. This tremendous start is deserving of more support - so please come and give the lads a cheer! The next match is on Sunday 16th November at Callowland, Watford, against Hampstead Atletico.

For information about this and future fixtures, ring Ralph Epstein 428 7271 or David Hornick 92 43893.

LADIES GUILD REPORT

At the recent A.G.M. I was very proud to be able to report that the Guild had had such a successful couple of years. In relinquishing the chairmanship, I was proud to be associated with a small band of enthusiastic ladies who had raised a considerable amount of money. We had sent donations to the Brodie Institute, the Kosher Meals on Wheels Service, the Country Holiday Fund for underprivileged children, amongst others, and helped in the purchase of new equipment for the Gan Aviv Nursery.

As well as our fund raising activities, the social side had not been forgotten, for we had organised outings to Waddesdon Manor, Royal Ascot, Stratford-upon-Avon, Spalding, and a visit to see the Daily Telegraph being printed. There had been a fashion show, demonstration of hairdressing and make-up, and talks on Child Psychology, Care of Teeth, Pregnancy, and Anita Shaps on her life as an actor's wife.

As you can see, it has been an extremely full period of office and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members for their loyal support.

The new office holders, elected at the A.G.M. are:-

Hon. President -	Shirley Epstein. Tel: 01 950 5217
Chairman -	Betty Segalov. Tel: 01 950 3485
Secretary -	Sylvia Fink.
Treasurer -	Pat Silverman.

I know you will give them your continued support in all their endeavours.

BARBARA KAYE.

LADIES GUILD DIARY:

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Monday 1st. Dec - Meeting at the home of Mrs. K. Cole, 32, Elstree Road, Bushey. Social Evening - bring a friend, and increase our membership.

Wednesday 17th. Dec - Meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Fink. Talk by Dr. Lionel Finkelstein Ph.D., M.Sc., A.R.C.S. and Philip Skelker, B.A., on the subject "Education and the Jewish Child".

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Monday 12th. January - Meeting at the home of Mrs. L. Arden, 12, The Four Tubs, Bushey.

Thursday 29th January - A Guest Speaker from Rochford's Nurseries will speak on "Indoor and Outdoor Plants". Donation 50p to include refreshments and raffle. (For tickets ring Betty Segalov 950 3485 or Sylvia Fink)

BUSHEY SOCIAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Wednesday 26th November @ 8.30 p.m.

Film - "Morning of the 2nd. Day"
and

Talk - "Zionism - Right or Wrong."

45p - NO APPEAL - REFRESHMENTS

CHANUKAH QUIZ (answers on last page).

1. How many days does Chanukah last?
2. What is the hebrew date of the first day?
3. How many candles does one need for the whole festival?
4. May a woman light the candles?
5. When should the candles be lit?
6. What is the minimum period that the candles should burn?
7. When are the Chanukah candles lit on Friday night?
8. Who led the revolt against the Syrian/Greek enemy which resulted in the re-dedication of the desecrated Temple?
9. Does one say full or half Hallel on Chanukah?
10. Where and when will the Chanukah party be held, which is being organised by the Bushey Ladies Guild?

LETTERS

The editors wish to apologise most sincerely to Tracey Silverman for omitting her name from the list of young people who completed the 10 mile course on the sponsored walk, on August 10th last. Well done, Tracey!

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It was a memorable Succot in Bushey this year, for not only were there at least eight Succans, but there were also two circumcisions in the same week. Truly, Bushey record-breakers!

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The first stage on the alterations to the 2 houses adjoining the Shul has been completed and we were able to hold services for the children there on Nosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur. Building has begun on the 2nd. stage which will eventually house our kindergarten, cheder and Beth Hamedrish.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

(Please pass on the information if you know anyone who may be interested).

JEWISH INSTITUTE AND JEWISH FREE READING ROOM
Adler House, Adler Street, London, E.1.

Sunday, 14th December

Mr. A. N. Stencil

"JEWISH LIFE IN WHITECHAPEL IN THE THIRTIES"

Sunday, 11th January

Miss Edith Ramsay, M.B.E.

"LIFE IN STEPNEY 1920-1930"

Lectures commence at 3.00 p.m.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews which carries out its duties regarding the defence and maintenance of Jewish rights in the U.K., has drawn our attention to the fact that for only £2.00 per annum, a contributor can help counteract the Arab sponsored anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda in Britain.

Why not pay this small sum with your next Shul bill and help this campaign of combatting the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union, Arab states, etc.

The Faculty for the Training of Teachers requires Primary and Infant teachers, Specialist teachers of Jewish Studies for Secondary Schools, General Subjects teachers in Secondary schools and Non certificate teachers.

Contact Woburn House, 387 2681.

MONTHLY CASH DRAW WINNERS

Monthly Cash Draw winners

- 1st. Prize: £25
 - 2nd. Prize: £15
 - 3rd. Prize: £10
- July:
- 1st. - K. Greenfield, Esq., 7, Charlton Road, Wembley.
 - 2nd. - L. Gold, Esq., 25, Woodfield Rise, Bushey Heath.
 - 3rd. - Mrs. S. Lass, 43, Linden Lea, W.2.
- Sept:
- 1st. - Mrs. F.K. Roberts, 34, Malcolm House, Regan Way, W.1.
 - 2nd. - L. Burke, Esq., 1, Brompton Court, Aran Drive, Stanmore.
 - 3rd. - D. Periera-Mendoza, Esq, 30, Woodstock Road, Bushey Heath.
- Oct:
- 1st. - K. Gordon, Esq., 14, Downalong, Bushey Heath.
 - 2nd. - Mrs. I. Johnstone, 28, Alexander Avenue, N.W.10.
 - 3rd. - R. Goldberg, Esq., 19, Bournhall Avenue, Bushey.
- Nov:
- 1st. - R. Goldberg, Esq., 19, Bournhall Avenue, Bushey.
 - 2nd. - C.H. Grimes, Esq., 35, Claybury, Bushey.
 - 3rd. - G. Craig, 9, Grosvenor Gardens, N.W.1.

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THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU

(If you want it!)

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument? Would you like to use your talents to swell the ranks of a friendly, lively group that meets to put on shows to raise funds for charity? Alternatively, are you what we are REALLY looking for - people to join the chorus (back or front row, depending on your degree of chuspah!). We can always find a place for you - you don't need to worry if you think you're untalented; come and join us, we'll MAKE you talented!

The group meets every Tuesday evening, at Stanmore Shul, in the Freeman Sussman Hall, with the aim of putting on an annual musical show which is taken not only "on tour" for different organisations but also to various old people's homes, where we try to bring a little colour and variety into their sometimes rather monotonous lives. Since it's beginning, some twelve years ago, we have helped to raise over £12,000 - a very creditable achievement I'm sure you'll agree! So why not come and join us and become not only part of this worthwhile effort, but a member of a group of friends?

We are hoping to start work on the next mind-bending extravaganza (in January. Hope to see you one Tuesday night soon. Come along even if you're not too sure, you find you'll enjoy it.

Interested? Contact:-
Shirley Epstein,
7, Goldharbour Lane
BUSHEY. 950 5217 0
Evelyn Shine,
27, Kerry Court,
STANMORE. 954 3584

BUSHEY ISRAEL FUND

The Committee of the Bushey Israel Fund would like to announce that they have arranged for the following functions:-

29th. Nov, 1975 - "Chanukah Spiel 'N' Noan" at Knox Cottage, at 8.05 p.m.

8th Feb, 1976 - "Apres Ski" at Chalet Knox.

4th. Apr, 1976 - "Beethoven meets Garfunkel", a musical quiz.

20th. June, 1976 - "Bar-B-Que"

5th. Sept, 1976 - "A Night Down Mexico Way".

Make a note in your Diary - NOW

STANLEY BRITH DANIEL COURT SOCIAL CLUB

which is open from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and is situated at North Acre, Grahame Park, Hendon, NW9 5UU, offers a varied programme of social and educational interest.

The club caters mainly for the retired and semi-retired of 55 and over but welcomes all. For only 50p per annum, you can play cards, meet socially, read (there are many periodicals and other reading matter available), or participate in many of the planned programmes, such as bingo, music, health and beauty exercise.

Why not apply to the secretary now, or 'phone Nigel Wilson. 204 6905.

T I M E - T A B L E

DAY	SHABBAT COMMENCES:	EVENING SERVICE COMMENCES:	SATURDAY	MORNING SERVICE COMMENCES:	AFTERNOON SERVICE COMMENCES:	SHABBAT ENDS:
	3.45 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	NOV	10.00 a.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.59 p.m.
	3.45 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	15	10.00 a.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.51 p.m.
	*3.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	22	10.00 a.m.	+3.30 p.m.	4.46 p.m.
	3.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	29			
	3.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	6	10.00 a.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.43 p.m.
	3.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	13	10.00 a.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.42 p.m.
	3.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	20	10.00 a.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.43 p.m.
	3.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	27	10.00 a.m.	+4.00 p.m.	4.47 p.m.

First night of Chanukah - light Chanukah candles before Shabbat candles. A Snelosh Seudah will be held between Minchan and Maariv.

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ANSWERS TO CHANUKAH Q&A

1. 8
2. 25 Kislev
3. 44
4. Yes
5. At nightfall
6. 1/2 hour
7. before the Shabbat candles.
8. Mattathias
9. Full
10. Sunday 30th November in the Snui Hall

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