

Bushey
& District
United
Synagogue

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Two years ago, in our issue Number 11, dated January 1974, we announced the opening of the Kindergarten. Now, with 'Gan Aviv' well-established and having built up an excellent reputation, we come to another Milestone in Bushey's history. The opening of our Sunday Classes. The Hebrew-orientated Talmud Torah, which opened its doors in January, has started off with one class of 5-year olds, under the eye of our Israeli Headmistress, Mrs. Kimchi. It is hoped that we will be starting a second class after Pesach. For further information, please get in touch with Brian Silverman (950-5486).

Some months ago we suggested that you might try coming to Shul, even if it was only once a month. It would seem that our invitation to you to "come along, don't be shy, we'll help you find the place" did not fall on deaf ears - at least with a couple of people. We hope that more of you might be persuaded to come along, especially now that the weather is getting better, and bring your children too - so that your Judaism really is the sort of family affair that it ought to be.

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Ronald Cole
950 3566

Colin Fink

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On Shabbat Hagadol - 'The Great Shabbat' - we will have the pleasure of welcoming a visiting speaker. Mr. John Sacks, a Lecturer in Philosophy at Jews' College, will give a sermon during the Morning Service and will also speak between Mincha and Ma'ariv. Saturday 10th. April.

LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:-

ISRAELI MINI-MARKET
to be held in the
Synagogue hall on
Sunday 28th March,
1976 between 3 & 6 p.m.

BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!!

All the family welcome.

FRUIT, VEGETABLES, GROCERIES,
JEWELLERY, ETC.

Refreshments and Falafel bar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to the following, who have recently joined the Community. We hope that their stay will be long, healthy & happy.

John & Sharyn Blank, and Rachel;
Mrs Marjorie Cole;
Roger & Judith Feldman;
Alfred & Fay Garbutta;
Moss & Beatrice Kaye;
Mrs Beatrice Levinson;
Jeffrey & Marganite Marlowe,
and Vanessa and Jessica;
Richard & Janette Nead,
and Caroline;
Harvey & Linda Rinkoff;
Philip & Anne Skelker,
and Jonathan and Benjamin.

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Birthday Greetings to the following children :-

Georgia Arnold	7th
Mark Astor	9th
Rachel Atkins	6th
Robin Bennett	1st
Jeremy Bush	2nd
Caroline Cohen	3rd
Rachel Cohen	6th
Michelle Cole	4th
Sarah Fields	1st
Daniel Finkelstein	1st
Richard Glass	1st
Lisa Gluckstein	3rd
Debra Harris	7th
Gemma Lampert	5th
Heloise Lampert	7th
Danielle Lehrer	9th
Rosahna Lehrer	11th
Gayle Leader-Cramer	7th
Nicola Leigh	1st
Julian Levene	4th
Vanessa Marlowe	4th
Alan Matthey	10th
Samantha Michaels	1st
Caroline Nead	2nd
David Pievsky	1st
Alison Woolfe	6th
Kate Woolfe	1st

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have you thought about placing an advertisement in the Newsletter?

we have a steadily growing number of readers - and rates are by no means excessive.

for further information, please contact Colin or Ronald (950 3566)

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We extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Eddie Sheridan on his recent bereavement; and we wish him "long life".

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we wish a very hearty Mazeltov to:-

Vicky and Archy Arenson, on the birth of their second granddaughter;

Norma and Howard Barbarash, on the birth of their son, Simon, a brother for Richard;

Ruth and Marcel Beller on the occasion of their son, Daniel's, barmitzvah;

Ruzena and Barry Conway, on the birth of their son, Lawrence;

Beatrice and Moss Kaye, on their son, Lawrence's, recent engagement;

Judith and Leon Kennedy, on the birth of their son, Jason;

Hilary and Steven Levene, on the birth of their son, Adam;

Linda and Harvey Rinkoff, on the birth of their son, Simon;

Robbie and John Sacks, on the birth of their daughter, Rachel, a sister for Deborah;

Hazel and Laurie Schenk, on the birth of their daughter, Katie.

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BARMITZVAH:

On Shabbat 6th March, our community shared in the celebration of its 8th barmitzvah, when Daniel Beller read the Sedra, Maftir and Haftara to the delight of a packed Shul.

Our regulars and the barmitzvah's family and friends were treated to an excellent Kiddush after the service - courtesy of Ruth and Marcel Beller.

The Community was privileged to be visited on Shabbat 17th January, 1976 by Rabbi Philip T. Greenberg. It was indeed a welcome change for the congregation to have the benefit of a Sniur C. Friday night as well as a sermon on Shabbat morning. It was also a new experience to have the company of a number of our ladies at a discussion after mincha on Shabbat and it is hoped that this may be the first of many such gatherings.

It was refreshing to see in Rabbi Greenberg the qualities of strict adherence to Jewish laws and customs and tolerance towards the less observant.

It was however regrettable that particularly on an occasion such as this, there were those who did not have the Derech Eretz not to openly flout the laws of Shabbat to the embarrassment of the community as a whole.

It is certainly to be hoped that this visit will have been the first of many not only by Rabbi Greenberg (to whom the Community is most grateful) but by many other visiting ministers.

ART COMPETITION
FOR CHILDREN

ENTER A PICTURE IN PAINTS OR
CRAYONS DEPICTING A PESACH
SCENE.

AGE GROUPS:- 1) Up to 7
2) 7 to 13

Prizes for the best entry in each group to be presented by the Ladies Guild at the Israeli Mini-Market on Sunday 28th March, 1976.

Entries to be sent to Mrs. B. Segalov, 1 The Lake, Bushey Heath, NOT LATER THAN 21st MARCH, 1976.

T I M E - T A B L E

FRIDAY	SHABBAT BEGINS	SERVICE BEGINS	SATURDAY	SERVICE BEGINS	AFTERNOON SERVICE	SHABBAT ENDS
MARCH			MARCH			
12th	5.45 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	13th	10.00 a.m.	6.15 p.m.	6.45 p.m.
19th	5.45 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	20th	10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.	6.57 p.m.
26th	7.00 p.m.	7.15 p.m.	27th	10.00 a.m.	7.30 p.m.	8.09 p.m.
APRIL			APRIL			
2nd	7.15 p.m.	7.30 p.m.	3rd	10.00 a.m.	7.45 p.m.	8.22 p.m.
9th	7.30 p.m.	7.45 p.m.	10th	10.00 a.m.	8.00 p.m.	8.35 p.m.
16th	7.30 p.m.	7.45 p.m.	17th	10.00 a.m.	8.15 p.m.	8.48 p.m.
23rd	7.45 p.m.	8.00 p.m.	24th	10.00 a.m.	8.30 p.m.	9.02 p.m.

D I A R Y D A T E S

Sunday,	14th March	Children's Purim Party in Shul Hall at 3.30 p.m.
Monday,	15th March	Evening Service and Reading of Megillath Esther, starting at 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday,	16th March	Morning Service and Reading of Megillath Esther, starting at 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday,	17th March	Ladies' Guild 'Purim Neshef' at 17 Merryhill Mount, Bushey, at 8.15 p.m. for 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday,	24th March	Ladies' Guild Meeting in Shul Hall at 8.30 p.m. to discuss arrangements for:-
Sunday,	28th March	Ladies' Guild 'Israeli Mini-Market' in Shul Hall from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Saturday,	10th April	Shabbat Hagadol. Visiting Speaker: Mr. John Sacks, Lecturer in Philosophy at Jews' College.
Tuesday,	13th April	Search for Chometz in the evening.
Wednesday,	14th April	Fast of the First Born. Chometz may not be eaten after 10.05 a.m.; any leaven remaining in the house must be sold or given to a non-Jew, or destroyed. Festival of Passover starts at 7.30 p.m.; Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m. First Seder Night.
Thursday,	15th April	First Day Passover. Morning Service at 10.00 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m. Second Seder Night. The Counting of the Omer begins.

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LADIES GUILD

Letter from the Chairman.

It was inspiring to see so many members of the Ladies Guild at the first meeting of the new session last November and at subsequent meetings to welcome many new members. I look forward to a challenging and exciting year and trust that the ambitious programme planned will appeal to all members and friends in the Community.

The Ladies Guild appreciate that it is difficult to cater to the varied tastes but trust that everyone will do their utmost to support the Guild in their endeavours. All proceeds from the fund-raising activities go towards Synagogue projects, Synagogue social functions and home charities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in joining us, making new friends and helping in our various activities and becoming an important link in the Community.

Yours most sincerely,
BETTY SEGALOV
Chairman.

Ladies Guild Report

Past events: The last few months have seen several well attended meetings at the homes of Guild members (to whom we extend a vote of thanks for their kind hospitality).

Several new members were welcomed at a social evening at the home of Jenny Cole.

All the children, Parents and Grand-parents enjoyed a most successful Chanukah party in the Synagogue Hall, which, after a sing-song and the kindling of the candles in the menorah by John Sack and family, continued with tea and entertainment. The children went home amply rewarded with chocolates and sweets very kindly donated by Mr. Geoffrey Bush.

Lionel Finkelstein and Philip Skelker gave a most entertaining and informative talk on "Education and the Jewish Child".

Finally, before the end of the school holidays, mums and children enjoyed an outing to the Pantomime "Dick Whittington" at the Palace Theatre, Watford.

LADIES GUILD DIARY:

MARCH

Wednesday 17th - Purim Neshef at the home of Mrs. J. Snulman, 17 Merry Hill Mount, Bushey. 8.15 for 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday 24th - Meeting at Shul Hall at 8.30 p.m. PLEASE ATTEND to discuss arrangements for Mini-market.

Sunday 28th March, 1976

- *Israeli Mini-market in Synagogue Hall
- *Time - 3 to 6 p.m.
- *Bargains!!Bargains!!Bargains!!
- *All the family welcome
- *Fruit, Vegetables, Groceries
- *Jewellery, etc
- *Refreshments and Falafel bar

APRIL

Thursday 1st - Visit to Palace of Westminster leaving Kirby's office at 9 a.m. Cost £1.50 for return journey plus 50p for visit and tour.

Wednesday 28th - Israeli Mini-Market to be held in the Shul Hall, 3 - 6 p.m. All helpers asked to attend from 1.15 p.m. onwards.

For any further information on Ladies Guild events, please contact:-

Chairman: B. Segalov 950 3485
Secretary: S. Fink

P U R I M

1. Purpose: Purim is celebrated in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews in Persia from the hands of Haman, the king's officer, who plotted their death.
2. Date: The 14th. of Adar. The 15th. of Adar is known as Snushan Purim since in the capital, Snushan, the Jews had to defend themselves against their enemies on the 14th. and celebrated the festival a day later.
3. Name: It is called Purim from the word "pur" which means "lot" and refers to the evil machinations of Haman who cast lots to determine on which day he should arrange for the slaughter of the Jews of Persia.
4. Observance:
 - a) In the Synagogue: On the eve of Purim and on Purim morning, the book of Esther, Megillas Esther, is chanted to a special melody. At the mention of Haman, the children stamp their feet or turn the "graggers" (sort of rattles) in derision of the name of the arch enemy.
 - b) In the Home: Purim being a joyful festival, it is the occasion for parties and celebrations. A festive meal is the occasion for a happy family gathering. Charity is distributed and there is an interchange of gifts, particularly food gifts, between friends and neighbours.

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We are told that everyone, both man and woman, ought to hear the reading of Megillath Esther both in the evening and in the morning. Bernard Chaitowitz has once again kindly agreed to read the Megillath. Services will be at 7 p.m. on Monday 15th March and at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday 16th March.

LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:-

CHILDRENS PURIM PARTY
to be held in the
Synagogue hall on
Sunday 14th. March,
1976 at 2.30 p.m.

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RECIPE : "NO EGG" CHOCOLATE CAKE

Ingredients :

5 ozs self-raising flour
1 oz cocoa
2 ozs tomore
2 ozs sugar (gran. or caster)
1 tablespoon syrup
½ teaspoon baking soda
small cup of milk

Method :

Melt the tomore and the syrup. Sift the flour, cocoa and a pinch of salt into a bowl. Mix the sugar and the baking soda into the milk.

Add the melted tomore mixture and the milk mixture to the flour mixture and beat well together.

Put in a 7" tin and bake in a moderate oven for 20-30 mins.

SYLVIA FINK

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

7, Upton Lodge Close,
Sparrows Herne,
Bushey Heath, Herts.

The Editors,
"The Newsletter",
c/o, K. Cole Esq.,
32, Elstree Road,
BUSHBY HEATH, Herts.

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Functions Committee, I would like to refer to the letter from the Bushey United Football Club published in your issue No. 21 of November, 1975. That letter was obviously prompted by an editorial comment in your previous newsletter. The editorial comment may indeed itself have been prompted by a casual remark by me and perhaps other members of the Functions Committee to one or both of you. Had the Functions Committee felt at all strongly about the matter, appropriate representations would have been made by the Functions Committee directly to the Bushey United Football Club. No such representation was made. Certainly, no letter would have been written to you for publication in the newsletter for the obvious reason that it is not conducive to the maintenance of harmony in the community for differences of the nature in question to be aired in publications which are received by persons who are neither members of, nor support, either the Functions Committee or the Bushey United Football Club.

The Functions Committee therefore regard it as a tactless lack of editorial discretion for the editorial comment to have been published in the first place, and, further, for the Bushey United Football Club's letter to have been published without first giving the Functions Committee an opportunity to consider its subject matter.

It is, of course, accepted and appreciated that the Bushey United Football Club had no option but to reply by the letter published in the newsletter. The Functions Committee has no quarrel to pick with the Bushey United Football Club. It is right that the support for the Sponsored Walk was very poor, notwithstanding that £425.27 was raised as a result of the walk. It is not right, however, that the Bushey United Football Club should be singled out for adverse comment by you. If you felt that any adverse comment was called for, in the view of the Functions Committee, and allowing for the fact that the idea of a Sponsored Walk does not appeal to everybody, this should have extended to the community in general.

In conclusion I should like to refer to the Bushey United Football Club's comment that "a passive reference to the event in the newsletter invariably receives a negative response as is not generally unknown". There is, alas, some degree of justification for this comment, if not total justification. The experience of the Functions Committee has been that, with the exception of the sale of tickets for the Dinner and Ball in December, 1975, the response of the community to announcements and requests for help and support in the newsletter has been almost negligible. The success or otherwise of the various activities of the Functions Committee since I became its Chairman in May 1974 has been as a result of numerous telephone calls and personal approaches by members of the Functions Committee thereby resulting in a waste of their own personal time and money and that of the Synagogue. Indeed, some members of the community have strongly protested to members of the Functions Committee that there were no tickets available for the Dinner and Ball after they

were all sold out and completely paid for over a month before the event, despite the fact that it was pointed out to the various complainants that very early and repeated notice of the availability of tickets was published in the Newsletter. This experience clearly calls into question the effect and appeal of the Newsletter in the community, and this if I may respectfully suggest, is a more relevant topic upon which your editorial minds should be more usefully and urgently exercised.

Yours faithfully,
HARVEY BURTON
Chairman - Functions Committee.

* Editorial Comment - No comment.

RACHEL'S MAN

starring

Rita Tushingham

Mickey Rooney

tickets available - £3

Sunday, 28th March

contact Godfrey Kaye

FOOTBALL

Our own BUSHEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB continue on their way to stardom - albeit somewhat erratically!

Recent results have not been quite as good as at the start of the season but the Team Manager is working hard in an effort to stop the rot.....

The team plays most Sundays - and would always welcome supporters.

Any loud voices, or new players, are asked to ring either Ralph Epstein (428 7271) or David Hornick (92 43898)

Record of results to-date :

Played : 21

Won : 13, Drawn : 1, Lost : 7

Goals For : 72, Goals Against : 72

make a note in your diary!

ANNUAL DINNER & BALL

Saturday, 29th January 1977.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS ???

if anybody is interested in playing tennis during the spring and summer, they are invited to telephone BRIAN SOAMES (92 20570).

if there is enough response, then Brian will try to book a court or courts for the season.

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Sunday, 4th April at 8.30 p.m.

" KNOW YOUR KNOTES "
a grand musical quiz

at Knox Conservatoire
4 Prowse Avenue, Bushey Heath.

Sunday, 20th June at 8.00 p.m.

SUMMER BARBECUE

at Heydon Ridge,
Merryhill Road
Bushey

(please note that the B.I.F. is not under the auspices of the Board of Management)
