



**Bushey and District
United Synagogue**

NEWSLETTER

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from the wardens' box

We are pleased to say that the Childrens' Shabbat morning service, first held some two months ago, seems to be about to rival the grown-ups service in attendance. Judging by the enthusiasm of the young congregants, it has certainly been a great success. The service, followed by the Shul's weekly kiddush, is certainly something to which most of the children seem to look forward.

Our thanks go to John Blank for his hard work in taking the service each week.

Remember children that the service starts at approximately 10.45 a.m. and if you want you can bring your parents along as well; they will be well looked after in the grown-ups' service.

The Dinner and Ball, organised by the Functions Committee, on Saturday 29th January, was a huge success, not just from the financial point of view but also as a social occasion. It was most satisfying to see so many of our members there and obviously enjoying themselves.

Please remember that the Synagogue holds several "functions" each week at no charge whatsoever; it would be nice to see a few more of our members coming along to those as well. The venue is the Synagogue and the "main function" starts at 9.30 a.m. every Saturday!

?ask the board?

QUESTION:

Why are covenants so important?

ANSWER:

The mechanics of covenants are quite simple; the Synagogue reclaims from the Inland Revenue - through the U.S. - the tax (at the basic rate) paid or payable by the covenanting member on the money paid to the Synagogue by way of membership fees.

In basic financial terms; on our present fee structure, were each member to sign an up-to-date covenant then our income from covenants would be in excess of £3,500.

If we consider the work that went into arranging the recent Dinner and Ball - which raised about £1,700, predominantly from the pockets of members - then it is amazing to think of the comparative ease with which the Shul's income could be boosted by twice that amount; and at no additional cost to the members.

Those members without covenants are asked to contact either Allan Conway, (950 6602) or Leon Mitchell (950 5496) in order to complete the necessary form. Thereafter they will be asked to sign a Certificate of Deduction of Income Tax (Form R185) each year, and also a form to up-date the covenant each time the Synagogue's membership fees are changed.

As the costs of running the Synagogue increase - in line with the general cost of living - and as we plan our finances to afford a Minister, so the extra income from covenants becomes even more important.

QUESTION:

Now that a Buildings Development Committee has been formed, what will it be doing? Has it any priorities?

ANSWER:

The Buildings Development Committee has two roles to play; to see to the internal equipping and beautification of the two buildings, and to plan the long-term development of the Synagogue site.

The Committee is in the process of drawing up a list of items which are needed; small and large, ornamental and functional, movable and fixed. Some of these items may then be purchased by the Shul or acquired through the U.S; others may be the subject of donations by members - possibly in memory of a late parent or to celebrate the birth or marriage of a child.

If, for example, a member wishes to donate say £25 to the Shul and would rather that this went towards something specific rather than into the general funds, that member would be able to contact an Honorary Officer, the Secretary, or the Chairman of the Buildings Development Committee in order to choose, from the list of requisites, an item in the appropriate price bracket.

As far as the development of the site is concerned, the Committee will be looking at such possibilities as the building of a Ladies' Gallery, joining the two buildings together, erecting a permanent Succah, a larger and purpose-built Ark, etc.

On the subject of the Buildings Development Committee, any member with ideas on this subject is invited to get in touch with one of the Honorary Officers or the Committee's chairman.

Purim

Fast of Esther - Thursday 3 March
Festival of Purim - Friday 4 March

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 deaths.

It is so called from the word **לול** 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.

It is observed in the Synagogue by the chanting of the Book of Esther **ליל פורים** to a special melody. At the mention of the name of Haman, the children stamp their feet or turn their "groggers" (rattles) in derision of the name of the arch enemy.

At home, being a joyful festival, Purim is the occasion for parties and celebrations. A festive meal is the occasion for a happy family gathering. Charity is distributed and gifts exchanged.

REMINDER - One month after Purim is Pesach!

As it is incumbent on every Jew and Jewess to hear the Megillah it will be read at the Synagogue by Mr. Bernard Chaitowitz on THURSDAY EVENING 3rd March at 6.30 p.m. and FRIDAY MORNING 4th March at 6.30 a.m.

youth and education

Brian Silverman has temporarily relinquished the post of Chairman and John Blank has taken over for the time being.

TALMUD TORAH

The Bushey Talmud Torah has now been running for one year and has a roll of 39 pupils, all under 8 years old, in 3 classes.

The first prize-giving was held on Sunday December 19th, 1976.

The Chairman, Brian Silverman, paid tribute to the efforts of the headmistress, Mrs. Tikva Kimchi, who has coped admirably with the problems of establishing our unique classes based on a scheme of Ivrit-orientated teaching which has never been tried before in this country.

Mrs. Kimchi presented the following prizes:-

Elaine & Lawrence Shaw Prize for progress:	Paul Green, Anthony Trenton.
Anna Cowen Memorial Prize (presented by Sylvia Fink in memory of her Mother).	Suzanne Coleman.
Fuchsman Memorial Prize (presented by Sylvia Fink in memory of her Grandparents).	Rachel Atkins.
Harvey Burton Prize for Endeavour.	Michelle Cole, Tracey Bernitz.
Headmistress's Prize donated by Mrs. Kimchi.	Heloise Lampert, Gerald Seymour, Deborah Levine.

Further prizes were donated by the Ladies Guild, the Synagogue and the Chairman and every child in the Talmud Torah was given a prize to mark the first prize-giving.

VOLUNTARY EDUCATION LEVY

Funds are urgently needed to purchase equipment for the Talmud Torah, and all parents have been asked to contribute £5.00 per child per annum towards the costs of running the Talmud Torah.

If you have not already done so, please send your cheque as soon as possible to Mrs. Sperber, at the Synagogue Office.

ADULT EDUCATION

The first course of Adult Education lectures were held in the Beth Hamidrash on 15th and 29th November and 13th December, 1976.

The speaker was Rabbi Abraham Levy, Minister of the Lauderdale, Road Sephardi Synagogue and the subject was "Prayer".

After an introductory talk dealing with the meaning of prayer in general, Rabbi Levy spoke on Shabbat prayers in the Synagogue and at home, enlivening his subject with comparisons of differing Sephardi and Ashkenazi customs, and illustrating various points from his collection of antique prayerbooks.

The lectures were both informative and entertaining, and were extremely well received by those who attended, but it

seems a pity that a speaker of such wide appeal was only heard by a very small proportion of the synagogue membership.

Rabbi Levy was recently tipped by the "Jewish Chronicle" as a likely successor to the present Haham (the Sephardic chief rabbi) who is shortly to retire.

INTER-SYNAGOGUE QUIZ

This year is the 10th annual Inter-Synagogue Quiz and for the first time Bushey has entered a team and is competing against 19 other teams representing United Synagogues in the London Area.

The first round comprised two legs, home and away, against Watford and Bushey won this round with a total score of 167 points to Watford's 142.

The team, Allan Conway, Louis Jacobs, Hazel Jacobs and Richard Segalov, led from behind by their non-playing captain John Blank, built up a commanding lead of 31 points at the end of the first leg, played at Bushey on January 5th when the score at the half-way stage was 94-63.

Tension mounted during the second leg, at Watford on January 12, as Watford quickly made up the deficit and at the end of the third round of questions the teams were level on aggregate at 106 points each. Bushey recovered their composure and came through the second leg losing by 73 points to 79, thus going through to the second round by a comfortable margin of 25 points on aggregate.

Bushey then went through to a pool of 3 teams in the second round and faced two experienced opponents in the shape of Kenton, at Bushey on January 26th, and at Stanmore, on February 9th.

Owing to the approaching G.C.E. 'A' levels, Richard Segalov withdrew from the team and his place in the second round was taken by John Blank.

After a disappointing start in the match against Kenton, Bushey never really looked like upsetting the form book, but faced with tougher questions and very sharp opposition, the Bushey team gave a good account of themselves before losing by 95 points to 139.

John Blank

HOW WOULD YOU DO?

Here are some questions from last year's Inter-Synagogue Quiz. How many can you answer? The answers are elsewhere in the Newsletter.

1. What was recited before the Shema in the Temple?
2. Which book of the Bible is the source of the Kaddish?
3. Which duty had been likened to the obligation of honouring G-d?
4. What is the name of the first benediction of the Amidah?
5. What is the meaning of the term "Haphtarah"?
6. Which types of forbidden work on Shabbat are explicitly mentioned in Scripture?
7. Which king of Israel had a festive meal on Kosh Chodesh?
8. What is the name of the special Shabbat on the first or second Shabbat after Purim?
9. What other name is given to the Seder night?
10. On which day of Iyar is Lag Ba'Omer?

news & views

SPECIAL KIDDUSHIM

Worshippers on Shabbat mornings recently have had the pleasure of being invited to special Kiddushim.

The first by Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Shindler on the marriage of their daughter, the second by Lionel and Elisabeth Finkelstein on the birth of their second child, the third by the Ladies Guild on the occasion of the presentation of a clock to the Synagogue in loving memory of the late Mrs. Florrie Shorrnick and finally by Mr. & Mrs. Stein on the Shabbat when the marble prayer plaques were formally presented.

DINNER AND BALL

The culmination of twelve months hard work by the Functions Committee resulted in both a financial and social success.

The Bushey Dinner and Ball is fast becoming the social event of the year and it won't be long before Tatler and Country Life send their reporters to spot the "in crowd".

Joking apart, congratulations to Henry Saunders and all his committee. We look forward to the next one.

LETTER FROM ISRAEL

Frances and Harvey Burton have written to members of the community conveying their best wishes. They are enjoying the life immensely, as visitors to them tell me, and have now moved. Their new address is: 7/6, Rehov Hanegev, Natanya, Israel.

I await their comments on the speeches made at the Dinner and Ball, which were recorded for them.

INTER SYNAGOGUE QUIZ

With John Blank's captaincy and the enthusiasm of his team, Bushey proved worthy winners over Watford in the first round. What a pity the community found it so difficult to give a little more support.

OFF TO THE PHILLIPPINES

Best wishes to Leslie Solomons and his family who are going to the Phillippines for a couple of years. We hope they will continue to keep in touch.

Rabbi Fink selected

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Really!!!

"EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES"

With this the title and opening number, the Stanmore Theatre Group, whose producer and designer is our own Shirley Epstein, provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening when I saw it at the end of the year.

So called 'professional' productions could learn a lot from the slickness, colour and movement and with Paul Epstein, Alison Epstein, Joanne Oster, Marilyn Shone and Angela Sheridan (and Shirley of course) in the cast, it was almost exclusively Bushey. A pity more 'Busheyites' did not support it.

RECENTLY RECEIVED

The Synagogue was recently presented with a silver salver, for use with the Kiddush cup, by Sylvia and Colin Fink and Stuart.

social and personal

FAKELTOV

to Elisabeth and Lionel Finkelstein on the birth of a daughter, Deborah Claire, a sister for Daniel.

to Jenny and Allan Graham on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Louise.

to Marilyn and Robert Harris on the birth of a daughter, Claire Nicole.

to Mr. & Mrs. David Mandel on the birth of a grandson.

to Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Shindler on the birth of a granddaughter.

to one of our Talmud Torah teachers, Mrs. Esta Davide on the birth of a daughter.

BARUCH HABA - Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to the following who have recently joined the community:-

Mrs. Hannah Alexander.
Craig Buckwald.
Harvey Edison.
Robert and Marilyn Harris and Claire.
Stephen and Yvette Herman, Simon, Rachel and Ruth.
Harvey and Laraine Lawrence.
Jeffrey and Elizabeth Norman.
Eric and Barbara Salamon, Joanna and Nicola.

***** REFUAH SHELAYMOH

We wish a speedy return to good health to Angela Doctors, Lyn Freyd and Yvonne Waissman, who have recently been in hospital.

***** YIZKOR

We wish long life and freedom from further sorrow to Mrs. A. Arenson and Mrs. J. Phillips, who have recently suffered bereavements.

***** useful 'phone numbers

SYNAGOGUE - 950 7340
(Office open Sunday 10a.m.-1p.m.)

Secretary: Mrs. Susan Sperber.

WARDENS

Ronald Cole - 950 3566
David Shulman - 950 6060

FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE

Lionel Finkelstein - 950 1988

COVENANTS OFFICERS

Allan Conway - 950 6602
Leon Mitchell - 950 5496

MEMBERSHIP

Paul Epstein - 950 5217

BUILDINGS - MAINTENANCE

Godfrey Kaye

BUILDINGS - DEVELOPMENT

Johnny Back

- 950 1327

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FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

Henry Saunders

- 950 4290

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Brian Silverman

LADIES GUILD

Betty Segalov

- 950 3485

activities

functions committee

The Committee would like to thank all those people who attended our Dinner and Ball, gave us brochure space, tombola gifts and raffle prizes. Thank you all very much for helping make the evening both a social and financial success.

During 1977 the Committee is due to be very active putting on many enjoyable evenings, some of which will be most unusual.

Take the evening we shall put on in the Shul on Sunday 17th April. It will be a mixture of FROG RACING and BINGO - Jam Jars are not permitted on this evening. Everyone will be welcome and tickets will be sold in advance.

During the month of May we will be holding our SPONSORED WALK, and in June we hope to have another most enjoyable RIVERBOAT SHUFFLE - This year our theme will be the Silver Jubilee.

In addition, our committee is on top of the list for the film "Voyage of the Damned" and we will also be getting tickets for "The Eagle has Landed" and the new James Bond film being made at the moment.

The lucky date in the Diary Draw was 14th January. £60 was won by Caroline Louise Graham.

As you can see, we have a lot on and we trust you will support us and in so doing support your Shul.

We also are in need of new members for our committee - as chairman I can assure you you will not be bored, in fact you will be most surprised at the satisfaction one gets from organising a successful function.

If you are interested or would like to have a chat with me, please telephone me on 950 4290

Henry Saunders

football

So far this season, no fewer than 17 players have represented the Club in the League and Cup with only Larry Roxon and David Hornick having appeared in all 13 matches.

Jeffrey Epstein is still top scorer with 13 goals and with 12 games left to play, Jeff says he hopes to catch up with Malcolm McDonald!

John Nash has resumed playing after missing 5 games through injury and with his return adding strength to the forwards, "we hope our bad spell will have ended" says manager, Ralph Epstein.

Bushey United's hopes of finishing top in the Maccabi League, Division 3, have met with some setback by way of 4 defeats and a couple of postponed games due to bad weather. Nevertheless, the team is still lying joint 3rd. and with their games in hand, are still aiming to finish runners-up and so gain promotion.

The team was also knocked out of the cup but earned a lot of praise from their performance in only being narrowly beaten by the team currently leading Division 2.

Finally, congratulations to Larry Roach on twice gaining representative honours having been chosen for the Maccabi Southern Football League Under 19's, and to Craig Buckwald who also gained representative honours.

Anyone wishing to join the Club should contact:-

Ralph Epstein	428 7271
David Hornick	92 43898
Warren Green	950 3187

David Hornick

S T O P P R E S S

Having taken 3 points out of a possible 4 in the last two weeks, Bushey now return to a commanding second place in the league.

LADIES GUILD
presents

A PURIM PARTY

on Sunday 6th
March, 1977 at
3.00 p.m.

in the Synagogue
Hall.

There will be a
Fancy Hat Parade.

Entertainment Tea.

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ladies guild

At a recent "Good-as-New" sale held in the Communal Hall, over £100.00 was raised. Thanks are due to all those (including some husbands) who helped, both in getting the Sale ready and actually selling on the night.

The Guild were pleased to welcome to a recent meeting, the Honorary Officers (Messrs. Cole, Shulman and Finkelstein), who put themselves up as 'targets' for questions 'fired' by members of the Guild on a 'range' of subjects. All who attended enjoyed an interesting and entertaining meeting.

The Chanukah party was well attended and from the many compliments received, was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Special thanks are due to the sub-committee formed to arrange the party and to those who helped on the day itself.

The "Teach-Ins" held on Monday evenings at 8.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ann Skelker, 13 Rudolph Road, Bushey, have been enhanced recently by the attendance of Mrs. Esther Pearlman who is giving friendly learning sessions in an informal and interesting way. Attendance generally is small and it is hoped that more ladies will come along.

Members are reminded that their annual subscription is now due. Please contact Pat Silverman.

Sylvia Fink

timetable

DATE:	SHABBAT STARTS:	MINCHA/ MAARIV:	SHABBAT ENDS:
Friday, 18 February	5.06	5.15	
Saturday, 19 February		5.30	6.07
Friday, 25 February	5.19	5.30	
Saturday, 26 February		5.30	6.19
Friday, 4 March	5.31	5.45	
Saturday, 5 March		5.45	6.31
Friday, 11 March	5.43	5.45	
Saturday, 12 March		6.00	6.43
Friday, 18 March	5.55	6.00	
Saturday, 19 March		6.15	6.55
Friday, 25 March	7.07	7.15	
Saturday, 26 March		7.30	8.08
Friday, 1 April	7.19	7.30	
Saturday, 2 April		7.30	8.20
Friday, 8 April	7.31	7.45	
Saturday, 9 April		7.45	8.33
Friday, 15 April	7.42	7.45	
Saturday, 16 April		8.00	8.46
Friday, 22 April	7.54	8.00	
Saturday, 23 April		8.15	8.59
Friday, 29 April	8.00	8.00	
Saturday, 30 April		8.30	9.12

SHABBAT MORNINGS	9.30 a.m.	SUNDAY MORNINGS	8.30 a.m.
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Rosh Chodesh Adar: Friday, 18 February 1977
Morning Service 7.10 a.m.

Rosh Chodesh Nisan: Sunday, 20 March 1977
Morning Service 8.30 a.m.

philip's phorum

In this issue's barbarously entitled 'Philip's Phorum', I want to discuss aspects of an arresting piece of writing, Frederick Raphael's series of television plays "The Glittering Prizes". Let me say at once that in examining the Jewishness of the plays' central character, Adam Morris, I am not indulging in Jewry's favourite pastime of discovering Jews or a Jewish connection in all kinds of irrelevant ways. For it seems to me that the feeling of not belonging is the source and most distinctive feature of Raphael's scathing vision of the progress of his contemporaries, and the source of this feeling, and of the clever and disturbing detachment of view it gives rise to, is in its turn, if we are right to identify Adam Morris with his creator, his Jewishness.

Adam Morris is sent away to a Public School where daily chapel is compulsory and where the significance of his father's veneration for Friday night with its Kiddush, which the family is expected to attend dutifully, must have seemed very obscure. (I shall not forget quickly the boy who asked me at the end of the second lesson I gave to the Jewish Class at Eton College whether his parents were wrong to send him to a school whose organisation meant that fidelity to Jewish observance was impossible). We recognise in the presentation of Morris's family on a Friday evening that here entertainingly and tellingly is what passes for Jewish life in so many families. Adam's parents believe rightly that the

Jewish family has a value all of its own, but they divorce the values of Jewish family life from that which created it, Jewish teaching and Jewish observance. For a few years, perhaps a generation, the memory of Jewish observance sustains the loyalty of the Jew and then, inevitably, the structure collapses, children drift away, for unattached sentiment cannot be transmitted easily. Contradictions like those inherent in Adam's father's decision to send his child away to school whilst expecting him to remain loyal to Jewry on a social level are all around us. The Anglo-Jewish community busies itself with leading a comfortable and respectable life, laying claim complacently and emptily, to the possession of "a Jewish heart" or identification with Israel. All around us the Mr. & Mrs. Morris of our own community are offering their children exhausted sentiment, (or in some cases nothing at all), in place of genuine Jewish experience and expecting them to keep within the Jewish fold. It is fitting that by the end of the first play Adam has broken free of the trammels of sentiment and of a few relics of ritual, which are only meaningful when supported by commitment and knowledge. The first play leaves him in the loving arms of a warm and sympathetic girl; she is not Jewish, but, unlike the kind of Judaism he was offered, she is alive. Adam Morris does not "marry out"; he has left too little behind for that expression to mean anything.

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Perhaps a "nicer" boy, one in whom the instinct to be mindful of his parents' feelings had been cultivated to a greater extent, would not have married a Gentile, perhaps a boy who was not placed in the woman-starved world of a Cambridge college would not have married a Gentile, perhaps there really was something of value in his father's respect for his roots, though it was a sadly limited respect. No matter, the fact is unaltered. Yet in the subsequent plays Adam Morris is still haunted by his Jewishness. There is the memory of his struggle to free himself from his father's expectations of his Jewishness, but more important by far is the place the murder of six million Jews has in his consciousness. In the last play, Adam reveals that he carries with him always a photograph of a Jewish boy, an inmate of a concentration camp. In the first play he had responded with such rage to the bland and hurtful anti-semitism he encountered in an aristocratic Anglo-Catholic family because of their insensitivity to the death so very recently of so many Jews. In fact Morris's encounter with this family is very important for it confirms for him that in the eyes of other people he will always be a Jew and that the horror of six million dead has not eradicated that supercilious contempt the "Jew" embodied in the writings of men like John Buchan, G.K. Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc. Morris knows that social acceptance will never be his. I do not think he would want it; it would be, after all, a betrayal of his Jewishness.

It is arguable that the memory of the concentration camps, of the terrible evil that wiped out millions of our people, will fade even from the minds of many Jews, let alone from Gentile minds. I am sure that it is less vivid for me than it is for Frederick Raphael who was a boy when the first newsreels of Belsen, Auschwitz and Dachau were released. I do not want my mind or my children's to be dominated by it, and it seems that, unassisted by any other form of identification, as it is in Adam Morris's case, consciousness of the concentration camps is a transient and unsatisfying form of Jewishness.

Whilst I was viewing "The Glittering Prizes" I read J.P. Stern's study of the bond between Hitler and the German people, "Hitler: the Fuhrer and the People". J.P. Stern, Professor of German at the State University of New York, explains how Germany was ready for Hitler, how he consolidated his power, how Germany acquiesced in the slaughter of the Jews. He analyses Hitler's programme and his speeches brilliantly, but, for me, among the most interesting paragraphs were those which described the cruel irony that whilst of all European minorities the German Jewish community had achieved the greatest measure of identification with the language and culture of their host community, they suffered the most complete betrayal. The betrayal they experienced was as deep as their suffering. Stern describes the fervour with which German Jewry accepted the terms of an emancipation brought about by

the German Enlightenment, "they (the Jews) renounced, often within the time-span of a single generation, all that had previously characterised them; a ritual and a community, a language and a culture. But as they did so these things ceased to exist, or, at least, ceased to be available to them". The relationship between German Jewry and German culture became "uniquely close" because it left the Jew no alternative; it was "a journey of no return". On the altar of the Enlightenment "their ancient faith was sacrificed and their traditional ways became a matter of embarrassment to them and to their friends". (Incidentally, Stern believes it was this that left the Jews without defence at their hour of need). Adam Morris identifies himself as a Jew because of the death of six million Jews; the betrayal they suffered keeps his Jewishness flickering, but there is no reason to believe he will pass it on to his children so that it is worth very much to anyone but himself. Adam Morris, ignorant of his past, but, paradoxically, estranged from his present because of that past, takes refuge in a lively cynicism which ultimately signifies little or nothing.

German Jewry embraced a culture which was not their own, and, in their hour of need, found only the boundless horror of complete betrayal. Adam Morris embraces their memory; they cannot betray him, but, because he knows nothing of what they relinquished for German culture, his loyalty is of no lasting consequence. "The Glittering Prizes" attracted a lot of Jewish viewers; it is hard not to take its presentation of Jewishness to heart.

Philip Skelker

'kashrus'

You don't have to have
 mishigus,
 To keep kashrus,
 but before you eat, just
 keep in mind,
 From the Torah the laws
 that we find.

Milk with meat,
 You must not eat,
 And to eat any creatures,
 They must have the right
 features.

Scales and fins is a must
 for fish,
 And when they have them, you
 can serve up your dish,
 So take care not to eat any
 crabs or eels,
 Or lobsters in any of your
 meals.

In the case of poultry they
 must not be birds of prey,
 Because that is what the
 Torahs say,
 So you can't eat Owl, Eagle
 or Kook,
 But Chicken or Turkey,
 you're allowed to cook.

In order to eat an animal
 its cud it must chew,
 And have a cloven hoof,
 then you can turn it into
 a stew,
 So Sheep and Cows are in,
 But to eat Pig, it is a
 sin.

I hope to the above rules you
 will abide,
 Not just for me, but for
 your pride.

David Matthey (Age 13½)

do you know....

...the laws and customs for Hagbahah (lifting the Sefer Torah) and Gelilah (rolling the Sefer Torah)?

After the reading of Maftir, the names are called of those who will be honoured with Hagbahah and Gelilah. They should ascend to the scroll and after the appropriate Mi Sheberach by the reader he who is to lift the Sefer Torah opens it so that three columns of the script are visible. He holds it aloft and shows it to the congregation at his left, right, front and rear - it is the duty of everyone to see the script. He sits.

The "Gelilah" rolls it up so that the sewing is in the centre and the handle attached to Bereshit (Genesis) is above the other handle. One should avoid touching the parchment with one's hands.

The binder is tied around and the mantle (cover) placed over the whole. Next the breastplate is put on followed by the yad (pointer) and the Kimonim (bells).

The "Hagbahah" holds the Sefer Torah on his right shoulder until the reader takes it from him for the reading of the prayers for the Queen and Israel.

.... that the first night of Pesach is Saturday April 2nd?

.... that 'Copy' date for the next edition of the Newsletter is Sunday March 13th?

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letters

Dear Sir,

Through the columns of your Newsletter, I would like to launch an appeal for donations towards providing lighting for the Synagogue.

As many of you will have noticed, the bare bulbs do nothing to enhance the appearance of the building. This is particularly more noticeable when we have guests.

I am directing this appeal to all the Ladies of the Community in order that they can identify themselves with this worthwhile project of beautification.

All donations, no matter how small, will be gratefully received and applied.

Please send all donations (cheques and postal orders made payable to Bushey Synagogue Ladies Guild), to me at 6, California Lane, Bushey Heath.

It would be all the more encouraging if we could complete this project by Pesach.

Yours sincerely,

BETTY JACOBS.

Dear Colin,

May I take this opportunity of thanking Johnny Back, the Honorary Officers and members of the Board of Management for their visits and expressions of sympathy following our recent sad bereavement.

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank our many friends in the community for their comfort at this sad and difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

SHEILA JOSEPH

SOVIET JEWRY

I should like, through this newsletter, to introduce you to a family whom I hope will become very well known and who will by the nature of their unfortunately not unique situation come to occupy a special place in our thoughts.

Vladimir, or Ze'ev, Prestin, his wife Elena and their 12 year old son Nisha live in Moscow and are 'refuseniks'. This coined word 'refusenik' which is now known internationally refers to a Soviet Jew who having been consistently denied permission to emigrate to Israel is harassed by the KGB, normally dismissed from his or her place of work and lives in fear of arrest and trumped-up charges resulting in imprisonment.

Ze'ev first applied for a visa in February 1969 and was refused on the grounds that his work in a research centre was secret. He had to leave this 'secret' work shortly after having made his application and since then he has had various other jobs, none really using his professional skills as an electrical engineer.

The family has applied several times since and although they were at one time promised a visa for April, 1972, they are still in Moscow.

Ze'ev has become very involved in educating fellow Jews about their cultural heritage and teaching them Hebrew. Most recently the Prestins were involved in the organisation of the Symposium on Jewish culture which was originally allowed and then suddenly stopped by the Soviet authorities.

because of this active involvement Ze'ev Prestin has been imprisoned for spurious reasons, his home has been searched by the KGB, the telephone has been cut off and some letters to him disappear 'en route'.

But he is known in the West and according to the activists in Russia it is pressure and concern from Jews in other parts of the world which prevent such people from disappearing in Russia.

If many, many letters are sent then some must get through. Please, if you have a moment, do write a short, chatty letter or postcard, (with nothing provocative) to the Prestins and let them know they are not forgotten. Their address is:-

U.S.S.R.
R.S.F.S.R.,
MOSCOW,
URALSKAYA 6/4,
APT. 11,
PRESTIN VLADIMIR.

It is hoped that we can start a 35's group in Bushey incorporating Watford who have 'adopted' the Prestins and there is to be a meeting with slides of a recent visit to Russia on 20th MARCH, 1977 at the home of Sylvia & Colin Pink, 25, Ivingshoe Road, Bushey Heath, Herts, at 8.30 p.m. DO NOT A NOTE OF THIS PLEASE.

If you are interested in forming a group, please contact me, Sharyn Blank, on 950 3780 and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sharyn Blank

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1. The Ten Commandments.
2. Ezekiel.
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4. Avot.
5. Conclusion.
6. i) Kindling fire;
ii) buying;
iii) Selling;
iv) General business;
v) Carrying;
vi) Going long distances.
7. King Saul.
8. Parah.
9. Leil Shimurim (Night of Watching).
10. 18th.

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MARCH 20th.....

A Slide show and talk about a recent visit to RUSSIA

at

Time: 8.30 p.m.

MARCH 20th.....

BUSHEY & DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE LADIES GUILD

February, 1977

Dear Parents,

PURIM PARTY - SUNDAY 6th MARCH, 1977: 3 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

In order to ensure the success of the Purim Party, and so that we may make the necessary catering arrangements, we need to know in advance, the number of children and parents who will be present.

There will be a Purim bonnet parade at 3.15 p.m. and it would be nice if you could send your child in a fancy hat.

In view of the restricted facilities, we would suggest that, where possible, you do not bring children under 3 years of age.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form below, as soon as possible and return it, within the next few days and not later than 21st February, 1977, to one of the following:-

- Mrs. B. Nash, 59 Little Bushey Lane, Bushey Heath: 950 7341
- Mrs. J. Hornick, 21 Sherwoods Road, Watford Heath: 92 43898
- Mrs. J. Graham, 9 The Birches, Bushey Heath: 950 6505

We only have limited funds available to spend on the party and it is after all a Childrens party; would you therefore please note that it is intended not to serve refreshments to the adults.

Yours truly,

Sylvia Fink

SYLVIA M. FINK:
Secretary.

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Number of Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	No. of Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>
Names of Children (in Full)

Name of Parent		