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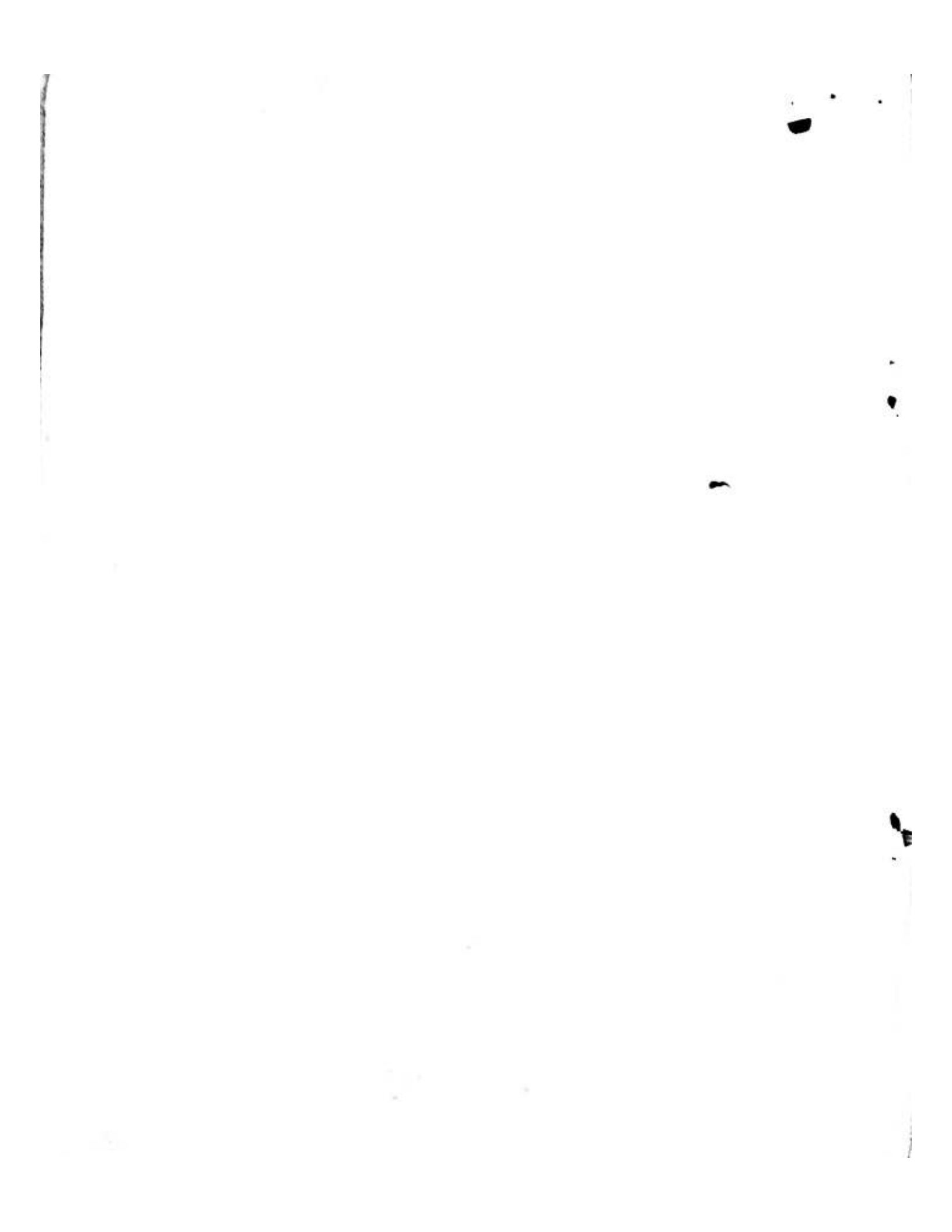
BUSHEY & DISTRICT AFFILIATED SYNAGOGUE

# **NEWSLETTER**

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**SUMMER**

**5738-1978**



# editorial

Visitors to our Shul congratulate us on the warmth of the service and the friendliness of the congregation. Other communities know us as one of the fastest-growing in the metropolis and of the youth of our members and leaders. Yet as a member and a regular congregant of four years, the proportion of our members who attend shul regularly is, I think, lower than elsewhere and those who involve themselves in various kinds of communal activity certainly does not compare favourably with neighbouring congregations of various affiliations.

Why is this so? Are we getting the backlash from our parents generation who were always on committees, everyone a chairman, everyone a "macher"? I think not, for this would mean that in most of the younger Jewish households on most evenings Mr.

& Mrs. would be in and this is definitely not the case. In fact it's mostly the au pair, nanny or grandparents who answer the 'phone or the door.

So where is everyone? - not in shul not at a committee meeting - most probably "enjoying" themselves. "And don't we deserve it?" they say. I would not like to answer but just wait until one of them has domestic problems or their children appear not to be learning enough at Cheder, following occasional Sunday morning visits. Who bears the brunt? The Board, or teachers or the organisers.

Waiting for someone else is easy because you can abdicate responsibility but in the long run you are the losers. Think about it.

Colin Link.

## from the wardens' box

### MINISTER

The search for a Minister continues. The Ministerial Selection Committee has met recently, following the visits to Bushey of Rev. Myers and Rev. Dr. Jacobs, and now discussions are in hand with the United Synagogue.

Members will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

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### YOMIM NORAIM

With the Yomim Noraim approaching, the Board of Management have given consideration to the accommodation problem and have instructed the Services Committee to look for a venue for a second Service. Two Services will be held on both mornings of Kosh Hashanah and all day Yom Kippur. As soon as arrangements have been finalised, we shall be writing to all members.

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Ronald Cole

### B'NEI AKIVAH

Some weeks ago, a B'nei Akivah group was started in Bushey for children aged 7 to 13.

Thanks to the support of the children and the tremendous efforts and enthusiasm of the 9 Madrichim, the group is going from strength to strength.

For the last weekend before a short summer break, the Madrichim were hosts to visiting madrichim from Edgware-Hendon-Golders Green on Shabbat. There was a communal meal for the hosts and their guests on Friday night in Shul, and the four visiting young men all played a part in our Shabbat Services.

On Sunday (30th July), there was an outing to Knebworth for the children. Despite the weather, a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The children and the Madrichim now look forward to getting together early in September and would welcome all newcomers.

Philip Skelker

# news & views

## BUSHEY CHILDREN DO WELL AGAIN

Once more bushey pupils at Stanmore Cheder have shown their excellence.

Jeanine Kaye, Yolande Silverstone, Stuart Fink and Russell Silver all received prizes at the recent prizegiving ceremony.

They also participated in the various class presentations of songs, sketches and stories.

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## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

The proceeds from the collection plates prior to the megillah reading on Purim evening amounted to £16.06 and £61.00 was contributed by various members of the community to the Jewish Welfare Board's Passover Appeal.

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## YAD VASHEM

Accompanying your kosh Hashanah edition of the Newsletter will be a leaflet drawing your attention to the necessity for ensuring that all names of those who perished during the Holocaust are perpetuated in the Hall of Names at the Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. It is, therefore, important that those who had relatives and friends who were victims of the Holocaust should register such names with as little delay as possible.

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## ENCLOSURES

Delivered with this edition you will find three leaflets. Please read them carefully - DO NOT DESTROY THEM - in fact make sure all your family, friends and neighbours read them.

One explains the work the Board of Deputies does for us and the other two are important publications provided by the Defence & Group Relations Committee.

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## THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS

The response from you was, to say the least, disappointing. It is most important that we in bushey are on good and understanding terms with our Christian neighbours.

With the increase in fascist activities in this area, it is all the more important so please come forward and offer a little of your time.

Contact Colin Fink, Brian Silverman, or Philip Skelker.

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## KASHRUS DIRECTORY

A new directory itemising various food products that are permitted or not is available from the Kashrus Commission (25p or 35p including postage).

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## SECURITY AT SHUL

If there is an emergency whilst you are shul, don't push and rush, just leave by one of the exits, in an orderly fashion and obey the instructions of a steward, committee member, etc.

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## GOING TO ISRAEL

If you are considering a trip to Israel this autumn, winter or next spring, you may like to know there is a greatly increased programme of Charter and Scheduled flights by all the leading airline and tour operators.

The editor has copies of a chart which shows all the flights and conditions.

If you are considering going with a small party, you might consider increasing the numbers slightly, and subject to a few conditions, get a FREE HOLIDAY. Full details from the Chairman of the Zionist rederation.

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.....and finally,

Yes, they are almost upon us, the high holydays. So to save time, the cost of cards, the postage and the possible eventuality of causing a "broigus" by not sending a card, place an announcement in our next edition.

Fill in the form enclosed, attach your donation of £1.50 and you have no more worries.

You will also help the Shul.

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## ISRAEL SOCIETY

recognizing that this is a special year in Israel's history - the 50th Anniversary of the State - it is of vital importance to build a bridge between the Jewish community here and in Israel.

With this concept in mind, the Zionist Federation hopes that every Synagogue, irrespective of its affiliation, will form an "Israel Society".

The aim of such a society is to create a feeling of identity with the State of Israel, by promoting an understanding of life in Israel to-day.

The Zionist federation is concerned and involved with the promotion of the State of Israel in all its aspects, namely: Public Relations, Israel Produce Promotion, Tours and Aliyah.

By creating an Israel Society, affiliated to the Zionist rederation, the rederation would be able to service such groups with specialist speakers on the above subjects, as well as topical films on Israel.

Such a society would NOT be yet another fund-raising group but would concentrate rather on bringing Israel to the many, who, hitherto, have not identified with an existing Zionist group.

A Synagogue "Israel Society" would not only bring a new and exciting dimension to local communal activities but would benefit Israel.

If you are interested in joining, contact The Editor or any board member.

# SOVIET JEWRY

Those of us who, by chance, were born here and not in Russia must be especially thankful at this time. Now we see clearly what it can mean in Russia to be Jewish, to care about Judaism and to strive for rights which we in Britain take for granted.

Three weeks ago Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and Iosif Begun were sentenced to terms of internal exile ranging from 3 to 5 years; the first two for demonstrations about not being allowed to leave the Soviet Union and the last on some trumped up residency charge after serving a term for parasitism because being a Hebrew teacher is not a recognised job.

Anatoly Sharansky was sentenced last week to 13 years - 3 in prison and 10 hard labour. These four are the leaders of the Jewish community in Moscow; they have been refuseniks for several years. Vladimir Slepak and his wife Maria who has still to be sentenced for her demonstration have been waiting 8 years for a visa to live in Israel. Their son, Leonid, was barmitzvah as a refusenik and now is afraid of conscription which would prevent him leaving for a minimum of 5 years after 3 years in the Forces. Their other son Alexander was allowed to leave earlier this year.

These are the Jews who stand up and say they are Jewish. How brave Sharansky has been through 18 months of solitary confinement and interrogation and when he stood up in Court to explain what he had been doing for the Helsinki Monitoring Committee. Let us hope he can continue to be brave and strong to withstand all the horrors and rigours of life in Prison.

Transport into exile for Ida Nudel, Slepak and Begun will undoubtedly place a considerable strain on their already poor health.

Why has this been done? Why has the Soviet Union so deliberately incurred the disapproval of the West? Will the names of Orlov, Ginsburg and Sharansky have disappeared into obscurity by the 1980 Olympics? Where will all the dissidents and refuseniks be? Will everything in the state be neat and tidy on the surface by then?

By all accounts recent events have not crushed the human rights or the Jewish emigration movements. There are still fighters in both. There are still Jews who, despite harassment and abuse at work, home and school (for their children) stand up and say they are Jewish and want to live in Israel. Michael Sherbourne recently spoke to us of his many and frequent telephone conversations to Russia and said that he did not think he would be brave enough to be a refusenik. To suffer the indignities of applying to the authorities for all the papers for a visa and then to be left in uncertainty for months as to the outcome of the application on top of losing one's job because one has applied means that the faint-hearted do not apply.

We demonstrated in Bushey recently in solidarity with women in Moscow some of whom were beaten up and others interrogated for asking why they had not been given exit visas. We salute their bravery and hope that very soon they and their families and all prisoners of conscience will be set free.

Now more than ever, refusenik families need a life line of hope with the West.

Do send a postcard, all it need say is: "Support and greetings from Bushey to the Chernobilsky family".

Their address is written like this, on the envelope or postcard:

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RSFSR  
Moscow 107/207,  
Uralskaya 6/3 Apt. 25,  
CHERNOBILSKY Boris

The other thing you can do to show your disapproval of the recent trials is to write a letter to Mr. Owen, your MP and the Russian Embassy. Dr. Owen's personal feelings will not be enough to make him say or do anything to the Soviet Union; the weight of public opinion as measured by the number of letters received on a particular subject is what get things done and changed.

P L E A S E W R I T E.

Sharyn Blank 17th July, 1978

#### STOP PRESS

Please come to a meeting on MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER at 10.00 a.m. at the home of Sharyn Blank, 4 Koh-i-Noor Avenue, Bushey.

Children welcome.



## **ladies guild**

Since I wrote in the Shavuot edition, we held our Barn Dance in the Shul Hall and visited the Tower of London to see Gilbert & Sullivan's "Yeoman of the Guard".

The former was a lively, enjoyable evening with many sampling the delights of square dancing for the first time, some renewing the acquaintance and a few indulging in nostalgia! With a lively band and caller and plentiful tasty food, the evening certainly went with a swing, as well as raising over £100 for our funds.

The visit to the Tower was delightful. With Tommy Steele as "Peter Point", the backdrop of the Tower as the stage setting and the glorious music and lyrics of Gilbert & Sullivan, it was a night to remember. Even the sharp breeze did not prevent us from thoroughly enjoying it.

A "Home Produce" stall at the Hemel Hempstead old-age home raised £27 towards the total proceeds from the annual Garden Fete. A few more helpers on various occasions in support of this Jewish Welfare Board home would be welcome and a "mitzvah".

£257 was collected by the Guild towards Jewish Womens Week, thanks to our gallant band of collectors.

Forthcoming events include:-

- A talk and demonstration on "Dishes for Rosh Hashanah" given by the Jewish Marriage Education Council. In the Shul Hall in September.
- A talk on "Crime & Punishment" in October.
- A talk with tapes & records on "Jewish Music" in November.
- Chanukah party in December.

Final dates will be announced soon, but please contact me or any other committee member for further details.

# social and personal

## REFUAH SHELAYMOH - GET WELL

We wish a speedy recovery and a return to good health to Johnny Back who has recently been in hospital.

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## BARUCH HABAH - WELCOME

On behalf of the synagogue, a warm welcome is extended to the following new members and their families who have recently joined our community.

John Singer  
Richard Galloway  
Moss Kimmelman

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## Y I Z K O R

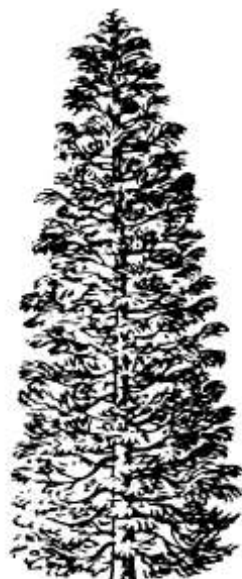
As Mr. A. Feldman has recently suffered a bereavement, we wish him and his family long life and freedom from further sorrow.

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## M A Z E L T O V

- .....to Mr. & Mrs. David Coffer on the birth of a son, Adam Scott, a brother for Lisa and Daniel.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Doctors on the birth of a son, Paul, a brother for Melanie.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hockley on the birth of a daughter, Elise Adrienne.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Leon Kennedy on the birth of a son, Justin Lee, a brother for Jason.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Sandler, on the birth of a grandson.

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Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves.....and they said.....now make us a King to judge us like all the nations.

I Samuel 8 4-5



## functions committee

I have the pleasure once again of being Chairman of your Synagogue functions committee and would like to welcome back all the old members and offer a special welcome to the new members - Francis Press and Yvette Herman.

We are looking forward to an even greater success this year in raising funds for YOUR Shul.

May I remind you that we are the ONLY fund raising committee attached to Bushey Synagogue.

Our programme for the next few months is quite varied and quite different from previous years.

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 1978

A Quiz Supper will be held in the Shul Hall. Tickets at £3.50 each are available from Laurence Trenton, 260 3133 and other members of the committee. This will definitely be an evening to remember.

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER, 1978

We have been able to secure seats for the latest Agatha Christie film "Death on the Nile" starring David Niven, Peter Ustinov, Maggie Smith, Mia Farrow, Bette Davis, and a host of other well known stars.

Tickets at £3.50 each are available from Barbara Kaye, 950 2450.

SATURDAY 3 MARCH, 1979

Our grand Dinner and Ball will be held at the King David Suite. Dancing to the fabulous Johnny Howard Singers and Swingers.

Tickets at £15.00 each, inclusive of wines, are available from Barbara Kaye, 950 2450 and Jackie Saunders, 950 4290.

Following last year's enormous success, we are once again holding a grand Raffle. Books of tickets are available NOW.

1st PRIZE IS A MICROWAVE OVEN!

To increase your chances of winning, buy as many tickets as you possibly can and to help the Shul's finances, sell as many as you can to your families and friends.

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# youth and education

## TALMUD TORAH

The Talmud Torah will resume on Sunday 10th September at 10.00 a.m.

Enrolment of children who are aged 5, or are approaching 5, will take place on SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER in the Synagogue between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

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## LECTURE SERIES

On Monday 3 July an audience of over 30 heard an excellent talk by Rabbi Dr. Nachum Rabinowitz, Principal of Jews College, on "The Jewish Approach to Contemporary Social Problems".

The last lecturer in the present series of Adult Education Lectures will be Dayan Kaplan, a distinguished member of the London Beth Din.

The lecture will be held on Monday 25 September. The topic will be announced later.

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## MODERN HEBREW

It is hoped to start an adult class in Ivrit for beginners in the Autumn. For further details please contact John Blank.

Anyone who already has some knowledge of Ivrit would be welcome to join the existing class. For further details please contact John Blank or Marcel Beller.

John Blank

## B'NEI AKIVAH

Jeffrey Blumenfeld, the Area Youth Officer wishes to thank the following madrichim:-

Daniel Beller, Murray Epstein, Richard Galloway, Yvonne and Janet Goide, Julian Koptick, Steven Marcus, Richard and Rebecca Segalov and Suzanne Seymour,

and numerous parents who have supported the Bushey B'nei Akivah in its inaugural session.

The new season starts in September and old and new members will be most welcome.

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# do you know....

## THE SIDUR

The Siddur is our traditional prayerbook, containing the three daily prayers; also the prayers for Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh and the festivals. "Siddur" means "order" for in the Siddur we find our prayers in their proper and fixed order. Sometimes, for the sake of convenience, the Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh prayers may be printed in a separate volume. The prayers for Kosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are usually printed in separate volumes called "machzor" (cycle). Sometimes the prayers for the Three Festivals (Shalosh Regalim) - Pesach, Shavuoth and Succoth - are also printed in separate volumes.

The oldest Siddur that has come down to us is the Siddur of Rav Amram Gaon, Head of the Yeshiva of Sura, in Babylon, about 1100 years ago. He had prepared it at the request of the Jews of Barcelona, Spain. It contains the arrangements of the prayers for the entire year, including also some laws concerning prayer and customs. It was copied and used not only by the Jews of Spain but also by the Jews of France and Germany, and was in fact the standard prayer-book for all Jewish communities.

Seder Rav Amram Gaon remained in handwritten form for about 1000 years, until it was printed for the first time in Warsaw in 1865.

Rav Saadia Gaon, who was head of the Sura Yeshiva less than 100 years after Rav Amram Gaon, arranged a Siddur for the Jews in Arab countries, with explanations and instructions in Arabic. The Rambam (Rabbi Mosheh ben Maimon, also known as Maimonides), in his famous Code of Jewish Law, also prepared the

order of the prayers for the whole year (including the Haggadah of Pesach), following the section dealing with the Laws of Prayer. One more of the old Siddurim to be mentioned is the Machzor Vitri, composed by Rabbi Simcha Vitri, a disciple of the great Rashi, and completed in the year 1208.

"As for me - My Prayer"  
by Nissan Mindel.

## LAW WE LIVE BY

### ELUL:

1. During the month of Elul the Shofar is sounded in the synagogue every morning after the morning service (except on Saturdays and on the day before Rosh-Hashono).
2. As from Rosh-chodesh Elul, Psalm 27 is said twice daily, at the end of the morning and afternoon services (in some congregations at the evening and morning services). This is said until Shemini Atzereth.
3. On the Sunday preceding Rosh-Hashono, we begin to say "Selichoth." The "first Selichoth" customarily are said after midnight of Saturday night, while the other Selichoth are said in the morning before the service. If there are less than 4 days between Shabbos and Rosh-Hashono, Selichoth are commenced on the Sunday, or rather Saturday night, of the previous week.
4. An effort should be made to learn to understand the meaning and translation of the prayers in the siddur and machzor.
5. The month of Elul has been set aside as a period of preparation for the Divine judgment which takes place on Rosh-Hashono and Yom-Kippur. This time should be used for self examination and determination to improve oneself in the observance of the religious duties. This is the time for "teshuvo" (repentance), for earnest prayer, regular and frequent reciting of psalms, and more than the usual generosity and charity.

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PLAYGROUP

Would any parents interested in sending their children to a pre-kindergarten playgroup at the Synagogue premises please contact immediately Bonny Nash 950 6376 or Susan Bennett 954 0857. It is intended that the playgroup will commence in September, 1978.

# timetable

FRIDAY/SHABBAT	SIDRA	SHABBAT COMMENCES	FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AT	SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE AT	SHABBAT ENDS
18/19 AUGUST	Va'ethchanan	7.30	7.30	8.00	9.05
25/26 AUGUST	Ekev	7.30	7.30	7.45	8.48
1/2 SEPTEMBER	Re'eh	7.30	7.30	7.30	8.32
8/9 SEPTEMBER	Shofetim	7.18	7.30	7.15	8.15
15/16 SEPTEMBER	Ki Thetze	7.02	7.15	7.00	7.58
22/23 SEPTEMBER	Ki Thavo	6.45	7.00	6.45	7.41
29/30 SEPTEMBER	Nitzavim	6.29	6.45	6.30	7.25
SHABBAT MORNINGS		9.30	SUNDAY MORNINGS		8.30
SHABBAT CHILDREN'S SERVICE 10.45 APPROX.					

ROSH CHODESH - MORNING SERVICES AS ABOVE

Ellul

Shabbat/Sunday

2/3 September

HIGH HOLYDAYS 5739/1978

Rosh Hashanah	1st day	MONDAY 2 OCTOBER
Rosh Hashanah	2nd day	TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER
Yom Kippur		WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER
Succot	1st day	MONDAY 16 OCTOBER
Succot	2nd day	TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER
Hoshanah Kabbah		SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER
Shemini Atzeret		MONDAY 23 OCTOBER
Simchat Torah		TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER

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