



United Synagogue—ק"ק בני ישראל

BUSHEY & DISTRICT AFFILIATED SYNAGOGUE

NEWSLETTER

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CHANUKAH

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from the wardens' box

We are well aware of the community's obvious concern regarding the appointment of a Minister. We also accept that a long silence on this topic has only served to heighten this anxiety. However, there have been matters under consideration which could not, until now, be made public.

The Ministerial Selection Committee had, following the visits of Rev. Myers and Rev. Dr. Jacobs in June, instructed the Board to proceed with Rev. Dr. Jacobs' application. In line with this Rev. Dr. Jacobs' application was put before the United Synagogue's Ministerial Appointments Committee and Rev. Dr. Jacobs was invited back to Bushey to spend another Shabbos with us and also for an evening "Ask The Minister" meeting.

Following these further visits in September by Rev. Dr. Jacobs, and in the light of views expressed by the wider community, the Board felt that Rev. Dr. Jacobs might not after all be the right appointee.

The Board, having reconsidered Rev. Dr. Jacobs' application, called a further meeting of the Ministerial Selection Committee to recommend that Rev. Dr. Jacobs' candidature be discontinued. The Ministerial Selection Committee met on 20th November and confirmed the Board's recommendation.

As soon as this decision had been reached the Honorary Officers had discussions with the President of the United Synagogue about the problems we were having in finding a Minister. These consultations are continuing and whilst the search for a Minister is still uppermost in our minds the urgency is tempered by the absolute conviction that it is in the long term interest of the community to wait until the right man can be appointed rather than to allow ourselves to be pressured into a wrong decision.

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Another matter which has occupied our minds, and the thoughts of many of our members, for some time now is the development of the Synagogue buildings.

The previous Board had plans drawn up covering an extension of the present Shul building; and they also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of refurbishment prior to any possibl-

structural alterations. Whilst all this was going on we were able to acquire a number of items from the Great Synagogue.

Plans to move the furniture from the Great were hampered by the lack of storage space on our site and the difficulty in finding other available space.

It then came to the Board's attention that the United Synagogue were making considerable sums available to Belmont and Pinner to enable them to undertake major building projects.

We are holding discussions with the United Synagogue to establish the possibility of similar facilities being extended to this community since, were this to happen, it would make any plans for refurbishment or extension totally superfluous. Instead, Bushey would be able to embark upon a comprehensive rebuilding scheme.

Ronald Cole

Philip Skelker

Lionel Finkelstein



KINDLING THE CHANUCHAH LIGHTS

From a painting by Moritz Oppenheim

Social and personal

MATCH

Mazeltoy to Linda and Melvyn Teunenbaum on the birth of a son, Roby Phillip, a brother for Rayna.

BARMITZVAH

Mazeltoy to Geoffrey and Linda Silver on Russell's barmitzvah.

REFUSH SHELAYMON

We wish a speedy return to good health to Tony Oater, who has recently been in hospital.

YIZKOR

Our condolences are extended to Mr. Charles Bernitz, Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. Jackie Saunders and Mrs. Evelyn Tropp who have recently suffered bereavements.

BARUCH BABAH - WELCOME

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members and their families and hope their stay in Bushey will be a long and happy one:-

Anthony Alexander
Eric Ayrton
Michael Berman-Wald
Peter Bloom
Philip Cassman
Edith Cohen
Derek Cane
Simon Caplan
Lionel Flater
Adrian Harvey
Steven Jacobs
Uzi Kattan
Abraham Kerry
Henry Lee
Henry Shear
Andrew Silver
Alan Wise

GAN AVIV KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Invite past and present pupils and their families, together with all other members of the community, to a Kiddush on SHABBAT 15 JANUARY, 1979, to celebrate the Kindergarten's 5th Anniversary.

MR. & MRS. JEFFREY MATTEY INVITE THE CONGREGATION TO A KIDDUSH AFTER THE SERVICE ON SHABBAT 6 JANUARY, TO CELEBRATE THE BARMITZVAH OF THEIR SECOND SON, ALAN.

*The Board of Management
invites
all members of the community
to a
Kiddush
on 3rd February 1979
in honour of
David and Jackie Shulman
to wish them
"n'siya tova" on their
Aliyah*

news & views

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Apologies are in order, as it would seem that thanks were not extended in our "Extra", to everyone who helped with the High Holyday Services arrangements in the Shul.

Thank you to Johnny Back and Dr. Lionel Finkelstein for conducting the services, Ronald Cole for blowing Shofar and Brian Silverman for calling out the "tekiot".

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Although fully reported elsewhere, congratulations are due to our football team who seem to be beating everybody decisively. Keep it up until the end of the season.

C.A.R.E.

The Board have agreed that the Shul should actively support the local "help" group C.A.R.E. This is not a fund raising organisation but gives all residents in the area the opportunity of helping people who are in need of lifts, visits, etc. Perhaps YOU would like to give some of your time - if so, contact any member of the Board.

COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIANS & JEWS

With the increase in the Jewish population in Bushey, a local committee of the Council for Christians and Jews is being formed.

The Reform Synagogue, the local churches and ourselves are actively involved and would welcome as many new members as possible.

Why not come forward, help cement Christian-Jewish relationships and try to stem anti Semitism and anti Zionism.

GAN-AVIV, 5 YEARS OLD

Congratulations to our Kindergarten, Gan-Aviv, which is celebrating its fifth birthday. See elsewhere for details of the special birthday Kiddush.

SUCCAH PRIZE

The Association for Jewish Youth (AJY), ran a "Best Decorated Succah" competition.

Our Synagogue's Succah, beautifully decorated by the children of the Talmud Torah, Gan-Aviv, members of Bnei Akivah and the Ladies Guild, won an award.

RECENT GIFTS TO THE SHUL

Thanks are extended to the following for their gifts to the Shul:-

Mr. & Mrs. A. Feldman	- A silver Yad.
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan	- A set of "Grace After Meals" books.
"S.H. Ulgoers"	- Bottles of whisky.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of November, the number of members was 278, including 25 ladies. We need more and there are many families in the area that do not belong to any congregation.

Our membership team can only call if they know WHERE to call. So, if a new family moves in near to you, please get in touch with the Secretary or Howard Goodman.

Prayers Explained. Functions Committee

THE SHEMA

The Shema contains the essence of our faith, so much so, that countless Jewish martyrs calmly and bravely faced death with the words of Shema on their lips. They did so because they knew what these words meant.

The Shema consists of three chapters, taken from the Bible.

The first chapter begins with the proclamation: "Hear, O Israel, G-d our G-d, G-d is One". It goes on to tell us that we must love G-d and dedicate our lives to the carrying out of His will. We can keep this faith alive only if we bring up our children in this belief. This section also contains the two mitzvot of Tefillin and Mezuzah which remind us that we are Jews.

The second chapter contains a promise that if we carry out G-d's commands we shall be a happy people in our land. If not, we will suffer exile and hardships in strange lands, so that by suffering and trouble we will learn the ways of G-d and return to Him. We are again reminded to teach our children our true faith, and the Tefillin and Mezuzah are again mentioned, being the symbols of practical observance of G-d's commands.

The third chapter contains the commandment of Mezuzah, the distinctive Jewish garment which is a constant reminder of all the precepts of the Torah. We are reminded also that G-d brought us out of Egypt and made us His people, and that we accepted Him as our G-d.

This, in short, is the theme of the Shema.

"As for me - my prayer"
by Nissan Sinder.

JUMBLE SALE

Thanks to all those of you who gave us Jumble - we made a total of £145.00.

A special thank you must go to the Ladies Guild, whose support made it possible for there to be so many helpers both on the Sunday prior to the sale and at the actual sale.

I must add that as Chairman of the Functions Committee, it was a delight to see two committees both working for the same cause, uniting their efforts. - IT SHOULD HAPPEN MORE OFTEN.

DINNER & BALL

As I am sure most of you are aware, our Annual Dinner and Ball will be held on the 3rd March 1979 at the King David Suite. Dancing to Johnny Howard's Singers and Swingers. The tickets are now available at £15.00 per head, inclusive of wines.

The item that makes the most money at any Dinner & Ball is the Brochure. It would be a real boost for Bushey Synagogue if we could come up with a bumper Brochure, so please if you know of anyone who will advertise, please contact them or call us to contact them.

So please, if you have any request regarding our Dinner & Ball, please contact:-

Tickets:	Lionel	950 1988
Raffle:	Melvyn	950 4237
Brochure:	Lawrence	260 3133
Childrens	Frances	950 5662.
Names:		

Thank you in advance for YOUR support.

Henry Saunders



youth activities



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

How many of these activities did YOU support?

- Simchat Torah Youth March to the Russian Embassy.
- Guy Fawkes Party at Willesden Bayit.
- 13+ Disco.
- 17+ Drama Evening.
- Drama/Choir/Arts & Craft Meetings, every Sunday with Edgware B.A.
- Bnei Akivah Winter Camps.

NEW YOUTH GROUP:

For the past 3 to 4 months, a new Jewish Social Group has been meeting. The majority of people in this group come from Bushey, although we are hoping to obtain more members from other North London suburbs. There are already 6 members from Stanmore, Mill Hill and Hendon. The group is open to people 17 OR OVER, (but not too far over!)

Our first event was a "Drama Evening" held on November 7, when we heard Clive Laughton, a drama teacher from J.F.S. We were most grateful to him for this entertaining evening.

The group's next event will take place on THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER, when we are holding a "Falaffel Evening" with Israeli folk dancing. It will be held in the Synagogue, and everybody who comes along will be guaranteed an enjoyable evening in a pleasant atmosphere.

Steven Marcus

BNEI AKIVAH PROGRAMME:

DECEMBER

- Sunday 17th - Film Show, 8+ with Edgware & Stanmore.
- Sunday 24th - Chanukah Party, under 8's, Shul Hall.
- Shabbat 30th - Chanukah Party, 8's - 12's.
- Wednesday 27th - Winter Machanot until Thursday 9+ (£39.) 4th January.
- Thursday 28th - Hadracha Course, until Wednesday 16/17's - Manchester. 3rd January.

JANUARY

- Thursday 4th until Sunday 7th - National Conference, 18+ at Yakar, Stanmore.
- Tuesday 9th - 10th Tevet Remembrance Mifkad, 11+ Golders Green.
- Sunday 14th - Hadracha/Social Meeting, Kingston.
- Monday 15th - London Va'ad to Bushey.
- Shabbat 20th - Bushey Bnei Akivah restarts.

More information:

B'nei Akivah

Richard Segalov
950 3485
Murray Epstein
950 5217
Yvonne & Janet Goide
950 3269

17+ Youth Group

Steven Marcus
950 4367
Richard Segalov
950 3485

football

HAS BUSHEY UNITED FOUND AN ANSWER TO LIVERPOOL AND NOTTINGHAM FOREST???

Our team, after its good start to the season, has continued in its winning ways and is now firmly entrenched at the top of the Maccabi League Division 2.

Their record reads: 17 points from 10 games having scored 53 goals and conceded only 17 and they are well clear of their rivals in the promotion race.

- The situation is made even more remarkable in view of the recent long term injuries to such stalwarts as Ralph Caplan, Barry Paydon and David Hornick.

Fortunately the return to form and subsequently the team, of John Nash, last season's top goal scorer, has eased matters a little for Manager, Ralph Epstein, who says, "after 2 years consolidating ourselves in the League, we now have our strongest ever squad and we feel that this is going to be our season. We are certainly going all out for promotion and the Championship. Another milestone was passed with our latest victory when by beating Athletico Neasden 5 - 2, we reached the third round of the Maccabi League Cup for the first time in our history."

- Although the effort has been as always a "team one", we must single out Steve Guzzan, who has 21 goals to his credit and also Jeffrey Epstein and Philip Goodmaker, who are both having an excellent season.

Larry Roxon has settled down well as this season's Captain, and sets a good example to the rest of the team, which by its efforts, is doing its bit to put OUR Shul on the Greater London Community map.

The final word must go to Mr. Ralph Epstein, who contrary to rumour, has not been approached to manage Sunderland!

He says, "although the team is doing well, we are always looking for new members and would welcome anyone to our mid-week indoor training sessions at Bushey Hall School - Thursdays at 8 p.m."

This season's squad consists of the above-mentioned players plus Tony Marks, Jeff Doctors, Brian Binstock, Robert Kessler, Boyd Mayover, Warren Green and Mel Shone.

David Hornick

ladies guild

A very enjoyable evening was had by all those attending a most interesting talk on "Jewish Music" given by Rev. Shisler, chazan of Kenton Synagogue, which was held in November.

The Guild were pleased to join forces with the Bushey Synagogue Functions Committee in a Jumble Sale at the Synagogue hall on December 4th, where the ladies of the Guild ran a stall selling bric-a-brac. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Please note the following in your Diaries NOW.....

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER, 1978

A very unusual Chanukah Cookery Demonstration is being given by Gita Freud of the Jewish Marriage Education Council in the Synagogue hall. Tickets are available from Sandra Caplan, 950 1984.

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER, 1978

Don't forget our annual childrens' Chanukah Party at 3 p.m. for 3 year olds and over.

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY, 1979

All ladies are invited and urged to join us in Shul for the Annual Ladies Guild Shabbat.

Morning service will be followed by a special Kiddush provided entirely by the Synagogue. Please come and join us.

For information of all future meetings and activities, please telephone 950 1236 or 950 3780. New members will be warmly welcomed.

Raena Frankel-Pollen

SOVIET JEWRY

As we celebrate Chanukah and remember the bravery of Judah Hamaccabee, we think of the bravery of Jews in our time - the Jews of Israel and the Jews in Russia.

Also this month was the 30th anniversary of the declaration of Human Rights. What hope was enshrined in that document and how much more is still to be achieved if we want to celebrate this anniversary to the full.

At the beginning of 1979 the Chernobilsky family will have been waiting for 3 years to receive an exit visa. Three years of torment, of uncertainty and of waste, especially for their two young daughters. Let us hope that they will not have to celebrate such an anniversary. Let us hope that before the official visa offices, OVID, become too "busy" with foreign applications to the Olympic Games, that Boris and Yelena will be able to take Anne and Genya to live a full and free Jewish life in Israel.

We must salute their moral courage and try to understand a little of what they have gone through.

When one applies to leave the USSR it is customary to have to face all one's work colleagues to explain why one is a "traitor" by wanting to leave Russia. Often then one loses one's job and it then becomes very difficult to get another suitable for one's qualifications.

The head teacher at a child's school will be informed of any application and then the unfortunate child may be victimised by staff and pupils. That same child may well experience a KGB search of the home and even his parents might be held at a police station on some trumped up charges.

This then is the courage we are saluting - and we must also remember the Exiles - Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and Iosif Begun, living in the coldest parts of Russia in unspeakable conditions, and those prisoners on intolerably unhealthy diets, for especially them to be able to do the physical work that is required of them.

As you light your Chanukah candles, please remember to tell your children about these people. Send a card from your family to OUR family so that they know we are thinking of them.

Sharvyn Blank

Talmud Torah

The Annual Prize Distribution was held on SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER, 1978.

The following children were presented with Certificates, as a result of having passed the Preparatory Grade Examination of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education:-

Rachel Atkins; Tracey Bernitz; Suzanne Coleman; Paul Green; Simon Herman; Nicola Kraines; Deborah Levine; James Liebert; Heloise Lampert; Gerald Seymour; Mark Silverman; Anthony Trenton.

The following children were awarded Talmud Torah Prizes:-

Class 7

Gerald Seymour; Nicola Kraines; Mark Silverman.

Class 6

Gavin Geminder; Ivan Rogove; Georgia Arnold.

Class 5

Rachel Herman; Alex Highman; Julia Selby.

Class 4

Melanie Bernitz; Vanessa Green; Natalie Goldstein.

Class 3

Joanne Salamon; Robin Shulman; Jonathan Skelker.

Class 2

James Selby; Robert Paydon; Andrea Harvey.

A full report on the Prize Distribution will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

John Blank

education

MOTHER AND TODDLER CLUB

We opened on 1st November, 1978 with a great response from Mums and Toddlers.

Grateful thanks to everyone for all the super toys donated - we've still room for more!

Everyone is enjoying themselves and we feel sure this will continue.

We meet at the Shul every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m., and refreshments are provided.

The term has just ended and we will re-open on Wednesday 10th January, 1978.

Anyone interested, please contact:

Bonny Nash - 950 6376
Laurel Levy - 950 4182
Susan Bennet - 954 0857

or just come along.

GAN AVIV KINDERGARTEN

Our much discussed Rock 'n' Roll dance was held on Sunday 17th September at the Grosvenor Rooms. The 190 "first few" were fortunate in obtaining their tickets since in no way did we anticipate the demand that ensued.

The evening was hosted by Radio 1 disc jockey, Kid Jensen, who stayed for over two hours, during which time he gave away many free gifts.

A raffle was also held during the evening and a sum of just under £450.00 was raised.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us, especially those who entered into the spirit of things by dressing in "50's" style. (By the way, who was that fellow in the gold lame suit...?)

Bobbie Coffer

LAWS WE LIVE BY

HUMAN RELATIONS

- "Love thy neighbour as thyself" is one of the fundamental commandments of our Torah. "Do not hate thy brother in thy heart" is another commandment in our Torah.
- What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour
- Stealing is forbidden even with the intention to return the stolen thing to the owner later. Do not take anything not belonging to you without permission.
- To slander (injure one's reputation) is a grave sin. This is called *lashon-horo* (evil tongue).
- Do not repeat malicious rumours about someone.
- If you refuse your friend a favour because he had once refused you, you commit the sin of *Nekomo*—vengeance. You must always deal kindly with anyone in need of your help.
- Neither must you remind him that he had once refused you in similar circumstances though you do not refuse him now. This is called *netiro*—bearing a grudge. You must always do a favour with all your heart.

timetable

FRIDAY/SHABBAT	SIDRA	SHABBAT COMMENCES	FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AT	SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE AT	SHABBAT ENDS
22/23 DECEMBER	Vayeshev	3.39	3.45	3.45	4.45
29/30 DECEMBER	Miketz	3.44	3.45	3.45	4.50
5/6 JANUARY	Vayigash	3.51	4.00	4.00	4.57
12/13 JANUARY	Vayechl	4.00	4.00	4.15	5.06
19/20 JANUARY	Shemot	4.11	4.15	4.15	5.16
26/27 JANUARY	Vaera	4.23	4.30	4.30	5.27
2/3 FEBRUARY	Bo	4.36	4.45	4.30	5.38
9/10 FEBRUARY	Beshallach	4.48	5.00	4.45	5.50
16/17 FEBRUARY	Yithro	5.01	5.15	5.00	6.02
23/24 FEBRUARY	Mishpatim	5.14	5.15	5.15	6.14
2/3 MARCH	Terumah	5.27	5.30	5.30	6.26
9/10 MARCH	Tetzaveh	5.39	5.45	5.30	6.38
SHABBAT MORNINGS		9.30		SUNDAY MORNINGS	8.30

SHABBAT CHILDREN'S SERVICE 10.45 approx.

RUSH CHODESH

Tevet Shabbat 30 December + Sunday 31st December.
 Shevat Monday 29 January.
 Adar Tuesday 27 February + Wednesday 28 February.

PURIM

Tuesday 13 March.

PESACH

1st Seder Wednesday evening 11 April.

useful 'phone numbers

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LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN  
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