

United Synagogue— ק"ק סגמ ת"א

BUSHEY & DISTRICT AFFILIATED SYNAGOGUE

NEWSLETTER

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SHAVUOT

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from the wardens' box

At the AGM held on Monday 14 May, the members present voted unanimously to appoint Rev. Meir Salaanik as the full-time Minister to this Community. This culmination of our two-year search for a Minister is probably the most far-reaching decision that the members of this Synagogue have ever taken.

As those of us who have met them know, Rev. & Mrs. Salaanik are warm, friendly and approachable people, concerned about and committed to Judaism. It is up to all of us to make them welcome, to help them settle in, and to give them our fullest support.

The Board are currently looking into the possibility of having a 'custom built' Bimah to replace the one which was acquired from the Great Synagogue, this latter one having proved to be too 'solid' in its appearance, thereby dividing the Shul into four areas.

A new Mechitzah, which will blend in with the internal decor of the Shul, is also planned.

Once these items are installed, we will have completed Stage One of the development and beautification of the Synagogue. Stage Two, to which the Board will shortly be directing its attention, will offer as one of the alternatives a major building project involving a sizeable financial commitment. The Board, and specifically the Covenants Officer and the Functions Committee, will look to all members of the Shul for their complete support in the further development of the Synagogue site.

The tremendous success of the Youth Shabbat held on 4th/5th May, the development of the two Snei Akivah groups, and the starting up of a Youth Club have all contributed to the recent Board decision to divide the Youth & Education Committee into 'Youth' and 'Education'. Colin Fink will be the chairman of the Youth Committee whilst Ronald Levene will chair the Education Committee, John Blank - the former chairman of the Youth & Education Committee - having been elected to fill the vacated post of Warden. We wish every success to John, Colin and Ronald in their new roles.

Incidentally, one of the many excellent features of the Youth Shabbat was that we were freed from our weekly anxiety about securing a Minyan for the services on Friday evening and Shabbat afternoon. We would make a heartfelt appeal to our members to attend these services and the Sunday morning Minyan.

Ronald Cole
Philip Skelker
Lionel Finkelstein

The above was written before Ronald relinquished office. Whilst a fuller tribute is paid to Ronald elsewhere in this edition, we would like to express our warmest thanks and good wishes to our erstwhile colleague. Ronald has given the community five years of unfailing and constructive service. We are very much in his and Jenny's debt.

PS. LF.

social and personal

M A Z E L T O V

-to Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Abrahams on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Nigel Craig on the birth of a son.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Philip Goodmaker on the birth of a son.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Alan Graham on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lopez-Dias on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Colin Michaels on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. David Kurka on the birth of a son.
-to Mr. & Mrs. L. Trenton on the birth of a son.
-to Mr. & Mrs. I. Gold on the forthcoming barmitzvah of their son, Marc.
-to Mr. & Mrs. E. Kraines on the forthcoming barmitzvah of their son, Jonathan.
-to Mr. & Mrs. B. Nathan on the forthcoming barmitzvah of their son, Jeremy.
-Mrs. Evelyn Tropp on the forthcoming barmitzvah of her son, Paul.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Colin Mayover on the marriage of their son Boyd.
-Bushey United Football Team on its promotion to the First Division.

REFUOH SHELANMOH

We wish a speedy return to good health to Mr. A. Cohen, Mrs. H. Shulman and Mrs. M. Franklin, who have recently been in hospital.

BARUCH HABAH

A welcome is extended to the following and their families, who have recently joined the Synagogue.

Mervyn Baker; Cecil Burman; Ronald Channing; David Dinkle; Gary Gross; Michael Hajioff; Michael Kerr; Anthony Milton; Howard Sayles; Keith Segal.

Y I Z K O R

We condole with the following who have recently suffered sad losses:

Mrs. B. Harvey, Mr. E. Verry, Mrs. I. Stelzer.

DONATIONS

Thank you to the following who have made donations to the Synagogue:

Mr. & Mrs. M. Franklin	- Siddurim
Master R. Franklin	- "
Mr. & Mrs. H. Shulman	- Chumashim
The Ladies Guild	- Siddurim

MRS. & MRS. ELDRED
KRAINES INVITE THE
COMMUNITY TO A KIDDUSH
AFTER THE SERVICE ON
SHABBAT 7th JULY, TO
CELEBRATE THE BAR-
MITZVAH OF THEIR SON,
JONATHAN.

news & views

WARDEN-RONALD COLE

Five years in the life of such a young community such as ours is considered quite a long time so perhaps we shall be forgiven if we are unable to remember a time when Ronald Cole was not involved in Shul matters.

Ronald's individual style has guided the community over difficult patches and his impartiality has been paramount.

Although he and his family are the third in the community to go on Aliyah, there is no doubt they will be missed as much as the other two families and perhaps even more so.

We wish Ronald, Jenny and their 3 three children, Michelle, Jonathan and Simon, every good wish in their new life and we pray that the Almighty will grant them good health and good fortune.

YOUTH SHABBAT

Shabbat May 5th was the occasion for Bushey's first all-youth service. From Friday night until motsei Shabbat, the services were conducted by the youth of the community.

Congratulations and thanks are in order to all those youngsters who participated, to Lionel Finkelstein for all the hard work in organising everything, to everyone who helped in the preparation of the three meals and last but by no means least, to Jeffrey Blumenfeld, the Area Youth Officer, for his advice and co-ordinating expertise.

Let us hope this is repeated every year, at least.

SERVICES

With Shavuot so near, it is worthwhile recalling that regular Services were held over the Pesach period and on every occasion there was a minyan.

What a pity this cannot be said about some of our regular weekly services - Friday evening, Shabbat afternoon and Sunday morning.

If G-d forbid you have to say Kaddish and come along and there is no minyan, you will understand the problem. Don't wait until then, get used to coming once a month or a fortnight - it really doesn't hurt and you will have the satisfaction of performing yet another mitzvah.

1979 A.G.M.

The Shul's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 14th May. With a membership approaching 300 it was, to say the least, a disgrace that only 30 people attended. Is this apathy or is everyone happy with the way things are run? As usual the main critics over the next year will be those who have shown little or no interest in the community.

The main item was the ratification by the members, of the Resolution by the Board that Rev. Meir Slasnik be appointed as our full-time Minister. This was unanimously carried.

Tributes were paid to Ronald Cole for his devotion to the community over the past five years.

Laurence Brass and Colin Mayover were elected as Bushey Synagogue's representatives on the Board of Deputies - Anglo Jewry's "parliament".

REV. MEIR SALASNIK,
MINISTER, BUSHEY SYNAGOGUE.

Bushey Synagogue's first minister, Rev. Meir Salasnik takes up his duties in a couple of months time.

He was born in London 27 years ago and is married with a young son and daughter.

After graduating from Queen Mary College, University of London, with a B.A. in History, he studied at the Yeshivah Etz Chaim in London.

In 1970 he was appointed Minister at Notting Hill Synagogue, moving to Leytonstone and Wanstead in 1974 to take up the ministerial position there.

He has had considerable experience with children and young people in his capacities of Headmaster of the Wanstead and Woodford Hebrew Classes and Director of the Chief Rabbi's Torah Corps.

We wish Rev. Salasnik and his family a long and happy stay in Bushey.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

The attendance at the first meeting of the Bushey branch of the CCJ was particularly encouraging and shows the deep interest both sections within the area have in each other.

It is important for Jewish people to meet their Christian neighbours in order to dispel any pre-conceived ideas that the latter may have about us.

The next meeting of the CCJ is on September 13th, at a venue to be announced, when "Prayer" will be the subject discussed.

Come along - you will find it a rewarding evening.

SHAVUOT - a personal view

For some inexplicable reason Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost, is thought to be a dull and unimportant Festival. How wrong can people be.

Firstly, apart from the excitement of fresh cheesecake and blintzes seen on the dining table, the Shul is ablaze with flowers and plants. This signifies the beginning of summer and also serves to remind us of the Almighty's bounty which is replenished year after year; so, dull it is not.

Secondly, it is far from unimportant. If the anniversary of the Giving of the Law is unimportant then I would like to know what is. To be part of the people who received the code which has become the foundation stone of ALL civilisation's moral and ethical rules must be the most important thing ever experienced.

This Jewish contribution to the world whilst often remembered by the non jews, particularly theologians, seems to have been forgotten by many Jews. Shouldn't we feel proud yet humble that we were chosen and should we not give a thought on one or two days a year to this honour.

I suppose the nearness of Pesach and the thought that Rosh Hashanah is only four months away deters people. Perhaps it is because the symbols are absent - matzo and seder on Pesach, lulav, esrog and Succah on Succot, menorah on Chanukah - that gets Shavuot forgotten.

As this year it falls on Friday and Shabbat, June 1st and 2nd during the half-term school holiday, perhaps we shall have the pleasure of your company. Looking forward to seeing you.

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE (DR. LIONEL FINKELSTEIN)
PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS AT THE AGM ON 14th MAY, 1979

During the last two years the synagogue's income has remained virtually unchanged. The fees were £59 for 1977/78 and £63 for 1978/79. The £4 increase over this period has been for the Funeral Expenses Scheme (£1.50) Additional Education Levy (£1.50) and Area Youth Scheme (£1.00) none of which is retained by the Synagogue.

The fees were raised to £59 in 1977 to cover the cost of a part time minister which, in the event, we did not appoint. Thus while a surplus was achieved in 1977/78 and put into a Ministerial Reserve Fund, this money had to be used in 1978/79 to cope with inflation.

Hopefully, the A.G.M. will approve the appointment of Bushey's first Minister, who will be employed by the community on a full time basis. This inevitably must mean that we have to increase our fees in order to pay our Minister. Clearly, taking on inflation rate of 10% a year our fees of £59 in 1977/78 would now have to be increased to £70.50, and this would only pay for a part time Minister.

The estimates presented to the A.G.M. have been prepared on a basis of a fee of £69.50. The breakdown of this fee and our present fees, are given below (starred items are fixed by the U.S. and we have no control over them).

<u>Fees Structure</u>	<u>1978/79</u>	<u>1979/80</u>	(estimate)
Membership	£30.00	£33.00	
Religious Education Rate	4.30	5.00	
*Funeral Expenses Scheme	8.50	8.50	
*Additional Education Levy	5.50	5.50	
Building Fund	13.70	6.00	
Area Youth Officer Scheme	1.00	1.50	
Salary Surcharge	-	10.00	
	<u>£63.00</u>	<u>£69.50</u>	

Since the estimates were worked out, it has become clear that, due to salary scale changes, etc, it will cost the Synagogue at least £865 more in 1979, than provided for in the estimates, to maintain a Minister and on present figures, double that in 1980. In order to raise this amount in a full year, the fees would now have to be increased by a further £8.50 to £78.00, and this makes no allowance for inflation in 1980.

The Board of Management clearly wishes to avoid a £15 increase and investigations are at present being carried out into our cash flow position, to see if we can utilise part of last year's surplus to offset the increase for the coming year.

Further, it may well be that it will be useful to the Synagogue to alter the start of it's fee year from Rosh Hashanah to Pesach. This might mean that the fees will be raised to a level greater than £69.50, with each member getting a rebate of about £6 for the first year.

To summarise, it is clear that the fees must be raised to at least £69.50 from Rosh Hashanah, and possibly will be raised further at Pesach. The fee year may also be changed to commence at Pesach. It is hoped that a final decision will be made by the Board of Management, by the end of July, to be announced in the August newsletter.

education

TALMUD TORAH

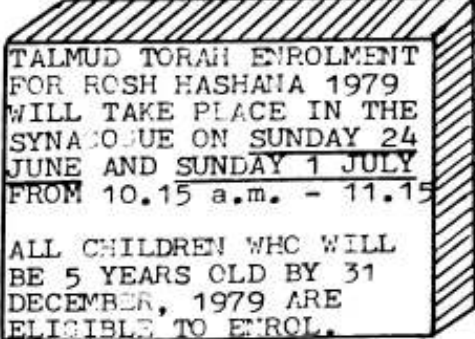
"What are we trying to do at the Synagogue Classes?" This is a question that I constantly ask myself - Are we merely trying to teach basic reading together with elementary knowledge of Ivrit (Modern Hebrew) with a few stores of the "Chumash" (Pentateuch) thrown in for good measure? That itself is a daunting task when squeezed into 140 hours per year (the equivalent of half a school term per year).

We have to face the fact that the most difficult aspect is to introduce the pupils to the practices and customs of our people. We live in a society that no longer accepts that religion is the purpose of our life. Society is guided by what is generally accepted - Judaism teaches that the Torah (the totality of Jewish teaching) was divinely given to our antecedents on Mount Sinai and that G-d continues to inspire our people. Is not the re-birth of Israel a sign of that Divine Inspiration? Our ancestors (the Talmud informs us) guaranteed future generations for the furtherance of Jewish observance. Are we willing to give the same guarantee? Judaism is partially emotive. Do we dare bottle up this feeling and create a contradiction within the minds of the young?

I recently sent out a circular requesting parents to purchase "Tzizit" for their children. I am happy to say that many parents were extremely co-operative. As expected, I was also asked, "Why do we need to wear these in to-day's modern age?". By wearing "Tzizit" we are encompassing ourselves in a constant reminder of our Jewish heritage. In every direction we turn, our minds are attached and affected by secular influence. We can counterbalance this by having a garment (peculiar to the Jew) which at every corner has a "tassel" to remind us of our own individual existence.

Thus the aim of the Synagogue Classes is not merely to reach a certain standard. If we manage to inspire our children to want to find out, to seek the real truth for why we are in existence at all - then perhaps we have succeeded.

Clive A. Fierstone
(Headmaster)



TALMUD TORAH ENROLMENT
FOR ROSH HASHANA 1979
WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
SYNAGOGUE ON SUNDAY 24
JUNE AND SUNDAY 7 JULY
FROM 10.15 a.m. - 11.15

ALL CHILDREN WHO WILL
BE 5 YEARS OLD BY 31
DECEMBER, 1979 ARE
ELIGIBLE TO ENROL.

NEWS FROM GAN AVIV

The Kindergarten gained three Certificates of Merit in the recent Jewish Child's Day Art Exhibition.

An Open Evening was held on 14th March which was a great success. During the evening, a presentation was made to Ruth Bannen upon her departure from the Kindergarten.

A mock Seder was held on the last day of term.

Tickets for our forthcoming revue are selling very well - in fact there are only a few remaining. If anyone has not yet purchased tickets, they can be obtained from Trina Soames (950 5011). Cost £2.00 per ticket including refreshments. Hurry, before they all go.....

Bobbie Coffey



youth activities



BUSHEY D'NEI AKIVAH - FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

יום הולדת שנה

(Yom Huledet Sameach)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - BOTH TO ISRAEL AND TO B.B.A.

Only one year ago, Bushey had no religious youth groups, no youth leaders and no chaverim. Also there seemed little prospect of such things appearing with any immediate success. However, not to be put off, with minimal persuasion, a small group of 'older' Bushey Youth, in typical sabra-fashion, took on the challenge, and threw themselves into the work. There was no thought of failure; just the knowledge that in building from nothing, there was all to gain. By working as a team, and with a certain air of idealism (verging on thoughtlessness), in May, 1978 B.B.A was founded.

Gradually she took root, and over the months grew and flourished. New Bushey is established, with her own individual character, alongside the other eighteen svivot making up the London region of the world-wide organisation of Bnei Akivah. The Shabbat afternoon meetings have continued almost without break since the start, with its hard core of regular chanichim and with new joinings every week, BBA has become a part of the pleasure of Shabbat for many Bushey chaverim.

And we did not stop at this; as numbers and demand grew, a wider range of activities were undertaken, each more adventurous than the former. For example, a matzo ramble around Amersham; a BBA soccer team to play in a local derby against Stanmore BA and a residential BA Shabbat as guests of one of the more central groups (to which went some 15 Bushey chanichim). Also a

growing number of BBA'nicks are taking advantage of the facilities and entertainments provided for them by the London Va'ad, forwarding the opportunity to mix with chaverim their own age and interests outside Bushey.

One fact that must be mentioned is that all BA tochniot, whether or not on Shabbat, and whether or not taking place in Bushey - if Bushey chaverim are involved they have been made successful by a handful of madrichim.

The same group who opened BBA a year ago, have made every effort to broaden her outlook, and have not shirked the added responsibility. Praise must lie with the pioneering madrichim who laid the foundations and then continued on to build Bushey's longest running youth group.

In appreciation of the work done and to help promote other youth activities, the Shul designated the Shabbat of Achary Mot/kedoshim - a "Youth Shabbat". To help celebrate, three communal meals were provided to which all those who had helped with the year's programme were invited. There were also special visitors in the persons of:-

Rabbi David Kass - the student counsellor to London University.

Jeffrey Blumenfeld - the United Synagogue Area Youth Organizer.

Naomi from the Bnei Akivah London Va'ad and Rivka from the ever growing Bushey Talmud Torah.

They, along with some twenty others, supported the youth service in the morning, helped with the BA peulot during the afternoon, ate the food, and over all, enhanced a unique Shabbat ruach, which all those present could feel.

Once again, it was the same core of madrichim at the centre of events. But this time we were helped by some of the up-and-coming

17+

"older" youth, whom I am certain will soon be taking over; and will strengthen and rejuvenate the now established Jewish Youth activities in Bushey.

Finally, I would to thank the Shul management, parents and other adults who have supported and encouraged wherever possible. Also to thank Bnei Akivah and especially Amos for his guidance; and to thank the Youth Office and Jeffrey Blumenfeld for his help. But most of all the Bushey madrichim and chaverim without whose dedication so much could not have been achieved.

Richard Segalov Iyar 5739
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The North-West area 17+ group has been fairly busy in the last few months after a short period of stagnation.

Early on in the year we visited The Criterion Theatre to see the hilarious comedy, "Gloo Joo". Everyone who came along said that the evening was a great success.

In April, a small group drove up to the local sports centre for a table tennis session. In the afternoon we spent there, everybody had become proficient at the game.

On 5th May we had our "Bushey Youth Shabbat". It turned out to be a tremendous day after a long Friday night and the 17+ group would like to thank everyone who made the weekend possible.

Steven Marcus.

Bushey Youth Group for the 13-16's

JUNE

- 10th. "We're going Swimming" - Come and join us.
Meet at Bushey Synagogue at 1.30 p.m.
- 24th. "Krypton Factor". 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
at Bushey Synagogue.

JULY

- 1st. "DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE
ELECTION CAMPAIGN!"
Come and listen to the Parties, then
vote for your favourite. 7.00 - 9 p.m.
at Bushey Synagogue.
- 8th. "WEST END SURPRISE!"
- 15th. TALENT SHOW - Show off your talents at
Bushey Synagogue. 6.30 - 9.00 p.m.

For further details of Bushey Youth Group	
Jonathan	950 3905
David	950 2826
Stuart	950 5308

football

BUSHEY UNITED, THE SYNAGOGUE FOOTBALL TEAM HAS GAINED PROMOTION TO THE FIRST DIVISION OF THE MACCABI SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

After their most successful season so far, the team has had its efforts justly rewarded with promotion.

Their record speaks for itself:-

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
22	16	2	4	99	27	34

It has been a long hard season, starting way back on the 3rd September, 1978 and not finishing until 6th May, 1979. Including cup games, the team has completed no less than 26 competitive matches.

To single out individual players would be wrong, as everyone in the team has played his part.

However, 4 players must get a mention for services to the team "beyond the call of duty"! They are, Ralph Caplan, for playing half the season with a broken bone in his foot; Tony Marks for keeping goal with a dislocated shoulder; Philip Goodmaker for playing in almost every position on the field and Barry Paydon for even being able to play at his age!

Behind the team has been the Manager, Ralph Epstein, whose untiring efforts and good sense have made everything possible.

Now the season is over, Ralph would like to thank all the players and everyone else, connected with the team for their support and through these columns, Ralph would like to give a special thank-you to all the wives who have had to put up with husbandless Sundays and dirty kit to wash.

The standard of football produced by the team this season has been, on occasions, a joy to watch and is a great improvement on that which was being played some 3 years ago when we first entered League

Football and a far cry from the days, five years ago, when Ron Cole and Johnny Back started the team.

Looking forward to next season, Ralph Epstein says, "the success of this season is now behind us and we must knuckle down to some hard work in order to prepare ourselves for the higher grade of football which we will now be up against".

Asked how he thinks the team will fare, Ralph said he thought that although the present squad is a good one and should be able to hold its own in the First Division, he is looking to strengthen the team in one or two positions and the search is on as always for new players, especially as a few of the present team are getting on in years and if we are to consolidate our position, the accent must be on youth.

SO - COME ON ANY YOUNG BUSHEY FOOTBALLERS IN LATE TEENS OR EARLY TWENTIES - Please contact Ralph Epstein - or just turn up for our weekly training matches held throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 p.m. at the King George V Recreation Ground.

REMEMBER - YOUR SYNAGOGUE FOOTBALL TEAM NEEDS YOU.

Contact: Ralph Epstein
428 7271

David Hornick.

LAWS CONCERNING YOM-TOV

It is forbidden to strike a match on Yom Tov or turn on the electricity.

It is forbidden to put out a light on Yom-Tov.

It is forbidden to handle money on Yom-Tov, (either coins or notes).

It is forbidden to ride on Yom-Tov on any vehicle, such as train, bus, bicycle, etc.

SHOVUOTH

Shovuoth takes place on the sixth and seventh of Sivan.

On each of the two nights of Shovuoth the blessing "Sheheyanu" is made in Kiddush.

On the first night of Shovuoth it is customary to say Tikkun-lel-shovuoth."

The day following Shovuoth is called "Isru-Chag" - the day attached to the festival, (which is marked by special meals, omission of Tachnun, etc.).

BUSHEY THEATRE GROUP

SO - YOU WANT TO BE A STAR!

We are planning to start a Theatre/Revue Group in the near future and would be interested to hear from anyone in the SLIGHTEST bit interested, not only in performing but also in helping backstage with scenery, make-up, etc.

Don't worry if you've NEVER been on a stage before or even if you're shy - chorus work can be a lot of fun and if you forget your words or steps, the others (hopefully) will know them!

For those with performing aspirations, we can make from you a star! Although we can't promise instant stardom for EVERYONE, we can promise that it will be a lot of fun as well as helping to raise much-needed funds but YOU, the people, are needed to help get the group "off the ground".

INTERESTED?- THEN CONTACT
Shirley Epstein
950 5217 (after 6p.m.)
Cyril Trup
950 3960

NEWS-LETTER COPY DATES

Summer Edition by July 14th.

New Year Edition August 26th.

COPY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THESE DATES.

If you want your Newsletter on time and you want your articles or activities mentioned, spare a thought for all the work that has to go into the preparation and MEET THE COPY DATES.

SHAVUOT RECIPES

Cheesecake

- 1 lb cooking cheese
- 4 eggs (separated)
- 6 digestive biscuits
- 6 oz pot double cream
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 tbsp self raising flour
- juice of half a lemon

Beat egg yolks with sugar - add cheese, cream and lemon juice.

Fold in stiffly whipped egg whites and stir in flour.

Put crushed biscuits in bottom of greased baking tin and pour on cheese mixture.

Bake for 1 hour approximately at Gas no. 3 - (300°)

Turn off oven and leave cake for a further hour.

When cold, refrigerate, (take out of fridge an hour before serving).

Parve Ice-Cream

- 6 oz. carton imitation cream
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup castor sugar
- 4 tbsp. lemon juice or 2 tsp. vanilla essence (other flavours can be made too.)

Whip cream. add 4 egg yolks, then sugar. Fold in stiffly whipped egg whites. Put into plastic container and freeze.

LADIES GUILD

The guild are holding a LATE SUMMER BARN DANCE on SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 1979 at the Elstree & Borehamwood Synagogue Hall, Croxdale Road, Borehamwood. Tickets £9.50 a couple. For further details ring:-

Sharyn Blank	950 3780
Raena Frankel-Pollen	950 1236
Helen Paydon	950 7111

The Hemel Hempstead Fete will be held on Sunday 1st July. As usual the Guild will have a stall - this year we want tins. SO PLEASE LET AS HAVE AS MANY TINS AS YOU CAN SPARE. Contact Shirley Epstein 950 5217

LETTER

Dear Colin,

I noticed with interest the 'Stop Press' announcement in your last edition regarding the annual dinner and ball. May I be the first, through your columns, to congratulate Henry and his hard working committee for giving us yet another highly enjoyable evening, an undoubted social success.

It is the financial aspect, however, of our functions that causes me alarm and for this I crave your readers indulgence whilst I expound. Nine years or so ago when this community numbered about 50 families our first function was hurriedly arranged. This was a supper dance at the Royal Majestic Rooms, Willesden. If my memory serves me correctly, that evening raised £1,250 for the building fund. This year with a membership that has increased some fivefold, we raised £3,000 which if you consider inflation in the past nine years has the approximate purchasing power of *£1,100 in 1970. Hardly progress! A further example of this community's inability to raise money was to be found in a report in the Jewish Chronicle a couple of months ago that Pinner Synagogue had raised £6,000 at a similar function to our Annual Dinner and Ball and at the same venue.

Having made my criticism may I now end with what I hope are constructive comments for the future. The amounts raised by sale of tickets and activities on the night, are limited by the size of the ball. To go somewhere where more people could be accommodation would undoubtedly adversely affect the presently highly successful social side of the function. Therefore, any additional fund raising must come from sources not directly connected with the numbers attending the function. At present this relates only to the brochure and the raffle. I know from personal experience that many people live and work in an

environment that makes selling of brochure space very difficult but, even so, I am sure that much more could be done by individual members in increasing the space sold.

However, it is with regard to sales of raffle tickets before the function that I feel most could be done. Surely, it would not be unreasonable to expect most of the members of this community who are not attending the function for whatever reason, to support us actively by buying themselves and/or selling to friends, relatives and colleagues, more tickets than in the past. As a target for future sales might I suggest that in future every member of this community who is not directly supporting us by coming to our main function should try to raise, personally by sales of raffle tickets, etc., at least the basic cost of attending.

Yours sincerely,
Brian Silverman.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

PIANO

not too expensive

for use by Bushey
Theatre Group, etc.

Contact: Shirley
Epstein
950 5217

* My figures are based upon the retail price index for January, 1970 and January, 1979.

Happy Birthday Children.

We wish a happy birthday to all those of you who have birthdays in June and July.

JUNE

2 Nicole Lehrer
 2 Andrew Davidson
 4 Andrew Levy
 6 Sarah Silverstone
 7 Adam Coffer
 7 Hayley Davis
 8 Gary Waissman
 8 Paul Tropp
 9 Marc Gold
 9 Natalie Atkins
 9 Alexander Verry
 11 Melanie Press
 11 Anthony Trenton
 12 Daniel Goldstein
 13 Jeremy Silverstone
 14 Simon Astor
 16 Steven Rosenbaum
 19 Shelley Fligg
 19 Melanie Fligg
 19 Michelle Astor
 19 Sara Gluckstein
 19 Jeremy Conway
 20 Jonathan Kraines
 21 Simon Wolmark
 22 Nicholas Kerr
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3 Adam Soames
 5 Simon Horne
 7 Joanne Gotleib
 7 Joanna Carson
 9 Jane Arnold
 14 Richard Sager
 14 Rayna Tenenbaum
 14 Simon Marx
 14 Justin Kennedy
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 17 Mark Wilson
 19 Melanie Doctors
 19 Elise Hockley
 20 Adam Gitlin
 23 Matthew Verry
 23 Jeremy Carson
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 27 Debra Cohen
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 28 **Nicole Arons**
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Dear Children,
 Prizes for the best stories poems and other items.
 Send them to me by July 1st

Colin Fink.

timetable

SHAVUOT

Festival begins Thursday Evening May 31st, 8.52 p.m. when candles should be lit.

Leil Limud (Night of Study) 12 midnight - Refreshments provided.

1st Day Friday June 1st, Morning Service at 9.30 a.m.
Afternoon/Evening Service at
7.30 p.m. when candles can be lit.

2nd Day Shabbat June 2nd, Morning Service at 9.30 a.m. (YIZKOR)
Afternoon/Evening Service at 9 p.m.

Festival Ends at 10.09 p.m.

SHABBAT

Throughout the Summer Friday Evening Services will commence at 7.30 p.m.

Morning Service at 9.30 a.m.

Afternoon/Evening Service approximately one hour before the termination of Shabbat. The exact time will be announced at the morning service.

For the time of the termination of Shabbat refer to the Jewish Chronicle. It will be announced at the Morning Service.

There will be a Shalosh Seudah on 23rd June and 21st July.

ROSH CHODESH

TAMMUZ	MONDAY & TUESDAY 25 & 26 JUNE
AV	WEDNESDAY 25 JULY
ELLUL	THURSDAY & FRIDAY 23 & 24 AUGUST.

FASTS

17 Tammuz - 12 July 9 Av - 2 August.

ROSH HASHANAH

Shabbat and Sunday 22 and 23 September.

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