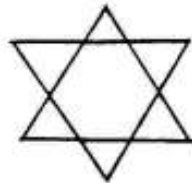


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**Bushey & District  
Affiliated Synagogue**

**NEWSLETTER**



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# From the Hon. Offs.

By the time this issue of the Newsletter appears, the Service of Consecration of the Synagogue and Induction into Office of Rev. Salasnik will have taken place. At the moment it is exercising our minds a good deal and as we review our plans, it is clear that their success depends on a great deal of hard work from many members of the community. It was only as a result of a similar generosity of time and effort that the High Holyday services proceeded as satisfactorily. Our first debt is to the officiants, Rev. Salasnik, Johnny Back, Norman Cass and Lionel Finkelstein, to whom our grateful thanks. We are also indebted to those who helped to plan the running of the services, to Colin Fink and Michael Franklin who organised the childrens' services and to all who shifted chairs in ever-varying and endlessly intriguing combinations in a variety of venues.

In fact to an observer from another planet, Judaism as practised in Bushey might appear to be a faith centred upon the cult of the chair. Our predecessor, Ronald Cole, was the first High Priest of Chair-Moving, but he has imparted his druidic knowledge to his young acolytes Lionel Finkelstein and Aron Sager to such effect that the occult combinations and elaborate conjurations associated with the Rite of the Chair live on. Still on the subject of the High Holydays, we are grateful to the community for responding so positively and good-naturedly to the regrettable need to divide our membership into two areas.

The need to hold the two services and the intricate arrangements for the great events on December 9th, underline one of the community's most pressing problems, that of accommodation. We are

accommodated comfortably most Shabbatot, but on the High Holydays and on weeks when Simchas are celebrated we are hard pressed to cope. Each week the pupils of the Talmud Torah have to be divided between the Synagogue and the Yakar Study Centre. Thanks to local schools, to the British Legion and the Scouts, and to Yakar, we have managed, but even as we set about consecrating our Shul we are forced to search vigorously for a new site on which to build a synagogue and community centre. The Board of Management has set up a Land Development Committee under the chairmanship of Henry Saunders to tackle the problem.

Sitting in Shul on a wintry Shabbat listening to the strains of Adon Olam sung to the Chanukah tune, any thought of change is rather sad. The Shul is at once cosy and decorous, and its fittings blend to create an atmosphere of mellowed repose. Since the last Newsletter, the 'bespoke' bimah has been finished, a new Mehitzah installed and a new Ark Curtain hung. Additionally, the Ladies Guild have kindly provided the attractive curtains which screen off the stage.

We are greatly indebted to all those involved in making our Shul more beautiful. We are especially to the Shulman family for the strikingly effective curtain they have given in memory of the late Mrs. Becky Shulman.

Rev. Salasnik has not only been inducted recently, but he and his family have moved into Bushey. They have moved into a suggestively named street, Woburn Close. Any thoughts Rev. Ssalasnik had of paying homage to the United Synagogue by calling his family home "Woburn House" have been pre-empted by an established resident of the Road. "Woburn Abbey" appears to the Honorary Officers to have the wrong associations. We wish the Salasnik family every happiness in their new home.

Philip Skelker Lionel Finkelstein  
John Blank

# social and personal

## BIRTHS

"There are three partners in the moulding of every human being, G-d, his father and his mother". (The Talmud).

Mr. & Mrs. L. Bernstein, a daughter.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Shephard, a daughter.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Oster, a grandson.

## BARMITZVAH

"The Torah is the Tree of Life for those who take hold of it".

17 November - Simon Ayrton  
5 January - Daniel Gotlieb  
16 February - Robert Trup

## ENGAGEMENT

"My beloved is mine and I am his".  
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. Peck.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

"O make these loved companions greatly to rejoice".

29 December - Mr. & Mrs. S. Sheinman.

## REFUAH SHELAYMOH

"Grant a perfect healing to all our wounds".

We hope the following have fully recovered from their recent illness.

Jacky Phillips, Aron Sager, Sandy Zane.

## BARUCH HABAH

Welcome to the following new members and their families:-

Alan Ashton; Aaron Botbol;  
Alan Byers; Caryl Freedman;  
Brian Glenville; Gary Jackson;  
Jeremy Kaye; Stuart Levene;  
Benjamin Levene; Michael Moss;  
Myrna Sterling; Eric Woddis.

## OBITUARY

We mourn the loss of Mr. Basil Fields, a founder member of the Synagogue, and we extend to Mrs. Fields, her sons and family, our sincere condolences.

## CONDOLENCES

"The memory of the righteous shall be as for a blessing".

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the following who have recently suffered bereavements.

Mrs. Frances Ayrton - Mother  
Mrs. Myers - Husband  
Mrs. Joanne Oster - Mother  
Mr. Sidney Pollard - Brother

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## S T O P P R E S S

Chanukah Party in the Shul Hall on SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th from 3 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Children between 3 - 10 years welcome.

## ENTRANCE BY TICKET ONLY.

So, HURRY, HURRY, HURRY, and apply to:-

Sandra 950 1984  
Sue 954 0857  
Helen 950 7111

for your tickets.

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## S T O P P R E S S

At the recent Biennial General Meeting of the Ladies Guild, the following were elected:-

Co-Chairmen: Susan Bennett  
Sandra Caplan

Joint Secretaries: Sharyn Blank  
Sylvia Fink

Treasurer: Hazel Schenk  
Cultural: Ann Skelker  
Sheila Trup

Catering: Elis. Finkelstein  
Louise Sager

Membership: Betty Segalov  
Shirley Epstein

# news & views

## BRIT MILAH - A WARNING

The Beth Din have asked us to draw the attention of our members to the fact that non-registered Mohelim are performing circumcisions. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that surgical competence, although vital, must be accompanied by strict observance of the Mitzvot.

To avoid any doubt as to the Halachic validity of the circumcision, it is essential to use only the services of a Mohel registered with the Initiation Society. The Synagogue Secretary will give full details.

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## RECENT DONATIONS

We are grateful to the following who have made donations to the Synagogue.

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| Mr. Harry Shulman<br>and family. | Ark Curtain.                      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Colin<br>Kink.        | Silver Havdalah<br>Candle Holder. |

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## SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE.....

and help at local hospitals over the Christmas period. Colin Mayover would like to hear from anyone who is prepared to do anything so that as many Christian nurses, doctors, auxiliaries, etc., can enjoy THEIR holiday and not have to work.

It is not our holiday and we can show that we are prepared to cement Jewish-Christian relationships.

Contact Colin, 428 5058, if you would like to help and please do it NOW.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What promises to be two very interesting evenings have been planned for you and your guests at THE SYNAGOGUE.

<u>When?</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Subject:</u>
Monday 21st January	8.30pm	Dr. William Stern will speak on "The Fascination of Jewish surnames".
Sunday 16th March	8.00pm	A debate on the Retention of the West Bank.

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## HAVE A BIT OF RESPECT, PLEASE

We are rapidly trying the patience of our neighbours in School Lane and surrounding roads. Thoughtless people park badly, rev. their engines, engage in discussion in the streets late at night and generally behave in a manner that if it was done outside their houses, would result in letters and 'phone calls to all manner of authorities.

All that AJEA, the Council of Christians and Jews, CAJE, etc., try to do in fostering good relationships between Jews and non-Jews will be lost if even one Jew behaves in an inconsiderate manner.

So parents of children delivering to and collecting from the Talmud Torah, B'nei Akiva, Youth Group, Kindergarten, etc., etc., don't block School Lane, even for a few seconds as it is narrow enough as it is. Also, please teach your children to respect others by not shouting and screaming in the street and in the Synagogue yard. The latter is particularly bad on Shabbat afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Remember, it does not take much to create anti-semitism.

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## GOLDEN GREETING

As our Shul grows in age and stature, we at times experience fresh events. Newsletters include Births, Engagements, Weddings, etc.

We are, therefore, happy to announce a forthcoming Golden Wedding, a first, as far as this Shul is concerned.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Sheinman are giving us the pleasure of celebrating with them their 50th Wedding Anniversary on SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER, 1979, and they would like members to join them in a Kiddush after the Shabbat service.

Having delved into their 50 years of marriage, we find they were married on the 29th December, 1929 at the Great Synagogue, Commercial Road, and that Mr. Sheinman's Grandfather was a founder member of that Synagogue.

Apart from being at one time, a member of the Board of Management of the Hornsey and Wood Green Synagogue, and a representative for Tottenham JNF some years back, Mr. Sheinman also served as co-Treasurer on the Executive of the Association of Jewish Friendship Clubs at Woburn House. He is also known to have written several short stories!

Mrs. E. Sheinman we find, has done Child Welfare work in London and was on the Welfare Board Committee in Glasgow, when living in Scotland.

The Board of Management and members of Bushey and District Affiliated Synagogue wish Mr. & Mrs. Sheinman many more happy years together in good health with our community, their daughter, son and their respective families.

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## MULTIPLE BIRTH!!

Liz and Lionel Finkelstein have experienced a population explosion at home recently. Shelley, their 'pure bred' mongrel presented them with seven pups. Mother and babies are doing just fine and Liz and Lionel are just beginning to get over their sleepless nights!

Anyone interested in giving a pup a good home, please contact Liz or Lionel, 950 1988.

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## **EDUCATION**

### GAN-AVIV KINDERGARTEN

At the recent Firework Party held by Gan Aviv Kindergarten Parent's Association on the 4th November, we raised £460. A proportion of this money will go towards buying new equipment needed by Jenny Birch for the Kindergarten.

On Monday, 17th December, the children will be having their annual Chanukah Party entertained by Naughty Uncle Wally and Auntie Wendy.

WATCH OUT FOR THIS COLUMN IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING OUR NEXT FUNCTION IN THE SPRING!

Brian Soames

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### TODDLERS GROUP

We meet every THURSDAY morning in the Shul Hall from 10 - 11.30 a.m. for fun, games and refreshments.

Toddlers (and even those who can't toddle yet) - bring your Mums and join us!

For more details, 'phone:-

Sue 954 0857  
Hilary 950 4648

# youth

*12+ Group*

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**W I N T E R   P R O G R A M M E**  
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*12+ Group*

<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>2</u>	Visit to the Lazerium. Meet at Stanmore Station at 6 p.m. Bring £1.50 with you for fares and entrance.
<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>16</u>	Tournament Evening. Compete against your friends at Snooker, Table Tennis, Backgammon, Draughts, Table Soccer, etc., etc. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Only 20p entrance.
<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>30</u>	"END OF YEAR DISCO" - keep in touch for more details. Entrance 99p. 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
<u>JANUARY</u> <u>13</u>	"Panel Games" Evening. Pit your wits. 7 p.m. Entrance 20p.
<u>JANUARY</u> <u>27</u>	ICE SKATING. Visit to Queens Ice Rink. Meet Stanmore Station at 1.15 p.m. Bring £2.00 with you.
<u>FEBRUARY</u> <u>10</u>	"FILM NIGHT". Full length colour feature film - Woody Allen in "Take The Money and Run". 7 p.m. Entrance 65p.
<u>FEBRUARY</u> <u>24</u>	Improvised Drama Evening. More details nearer the time but it looks very much like YOUR opportunity to become the Bushey actor or actress of the year. 7 p.m. Entrance 20 p.

All events at BUSHEY SYNAGOGUE unless otherwise stated.

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CONTACT:	Jonathan Beller	950 3905
	Stuart Fink	
	David Kafetz	950 2826
	Emma Messias	950 3187
	Andrea Seymour	950 5522
	Tracey Silverman	950 5486
	Daniel Trup	950 3960

BUSHEY B'NEI AKIVA

My first term as the new Kosh Sviva for Bushey BA has been both hectic and enjoyable. Hectic, because of the extra work that the Kosh has to do; and also I have had to follow in the footsteps of Richard Segalov, the previous Kosh Sviva, and follow his high standards. Enjoyable, for several reasons: Firstly, I have had the chance to meet more people who are involved in BA not just from London, but from all over England. Secondly, because it's been a very satisfying few months watching an activity being successful.

Back on October, 10th. there was a Succot party in Edgware. For my first trip to another

out was rather low. A week later it was Simchat Torah where all the bushey madrachim, with several from Edgware, joined together to create a tremendous ruach in the Shul.

On October 21st. we had a film show in Watford and the number of bushey chaverim increased greatly. Then two weeks later on November 4th. we had a firework display, courtesy of Gan Aviv, followed by a shirim session with tomato soup and baked potatoes. Almost 50 people came along, 26 from bushey, the rest from Watford and Edgware, for a most enjoyable evening.

Finally, I would like to thank Richard and all the other madrachim for being so helpful and guiding me through my first few months of being the new Kosh Sviva.

B'nei Akiva meets from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. every Shabbat. Age 7 upward.

For more details about B'nei Akiva, please ring:-

Steven Marcus 950 4367  
Richard Segalov 950 3485

Steven Marcus  
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BROWNIES AND CUBS.

BROWNIES

We are starting a new Brownie Group in JANUARY 1980. If you have a daughter between the ages of 7½ - 10, would SHE like to join?

If so - please contact:-

MRS. NADIA GLENVILLE - 950 5130

CUBS

Because of the enthusiasm shown with regard to the new Brownie Pack, we have now decided that a Cub Pack is needed.

I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who has a son between the ages of 8 - 11, who would like to become a Cub.

Please contact:-

MRS. SHEILA TRUP - 950 3960

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<b>EWBANK</b>
or other carpet sweeper that is surplus to your requirements would be gratefully received by the parents who clear up after Sunday morning classes.
CONTACT:- RONALD LEVENE 950 1405



Hi Folks !!  
Sheila & Cyril Trup  
have pleasure in inviting  
the Congregation to Kiddush on  
Shabbat Shekalim, 16th February  
to celebrate the Barmitzva  
of their younger son  
Robert

# Chanukah

Rev. E.M. Salasnik.

Two miracles are recalled by the celebration of Chanukah. One miracle is military and political. The Jews rebelled against the might of the Graeco-Syrian Empire which had sought to obliterate the Jewish religion. Although the Jewish guerrilla fighters were untrained in arms and few in numbers, they were victorious against larger and better-trained forces. They proceeded to establish an independent Jewish state ruled by the descendants of Mattityahu.

The original intention of Mattityahu, in raising the standard of revolt, was to obtain freedom for Jews to practise the Jewish religion. Political independence was not his goal, but as a result of the Hasmonean Wars, Judea regained her independence and the oppressive Graeco-Syrian Empire was so weakened that it crumbled into insignificance, leaving a power vacuum to be filled by the emerging might of Rome.

Ironically, the Hasmonean victory against one oppressive regime, facilitated the emergence of the very empire which was to destroy the same Temple that the Maccabeans had fought for.

The second miracle commemorated on Chanukah is the miracle of the oil. When the Hasmoneans regained the Temple, they could find only one jar of oil for the everlasting light - one jar that was sufficient to burn for only one day. It would take eight days until they received fresh pure oil, but, by a miracle, the jar of oil lasted for not one, but for the full eight days.

In lighting the Chanukah lights, it is the miracle of the oil, and the miracle of the oil alone, that we celebrate. We make only verbal mention of the military victory and ignore completely the political independence of the Hasmonean kingdom, a factor that was of far more importance to the Jews of that time than was the mere prolongation of the burning power of one jar of oil.

Nevertheless, our concentration on the miracle of the oil to the virtual exclusion of all other aspects of the history of Chanukah is, by no means, disproportionate. The political sovereignty of Judea meant much to the Jews of 165 B.C.E.

The military success of the Hasmonean priest-kings provided them with reason for celebration. They could view their future with optimism. However, with the destruction of the Jewish state in the year 70 C.E. (a little over 200 years later) the reason for such celebration had ceased. The inhabitants of Judea were scattered throughout the world. The sovereign Jewish state was no more and was not to be renewed until almost 1900 years later.

Had Chanukah been only a political and military celebration, its observance would have lapsed there and then. But, it had a religious significance as well. The miracle of the oil retained its relevance for us. We might be subjugated to all the peoples of the world, a non-nation dispersed among nation States. Yet, we continued to observe our religion - a religion that would have also lapsed, but for the stand of the zealot Hasmoneans. So long as Jews adhere to Judaism, the cause of Mattityahu and the lights of the Temple remain permanently relevant.

We, the smallest of religions, the weakest of people, the most vulnerable of nations, who in all probability should have ceased to exist centuries ago, miraculously survive from millenia to millenia - like the oil which, in all probability, should have been extinguished after one day, yet stayed alight for eight.



# Soviet Jewry

Every year at Chanukah time we compare the struggle of the Maccabees with that of present day Soviet Jewry. As we remember how bravely the Jews in Israel resisted the pressure to convert we must try to imagine from the freedom of our comfortable homes, how the refuseniks in Russia struggle to keep their Jewish identity despite the lack of Synagogues, education, books and people to carry out religious practices.

Even a Jew who cares nothing for his people has Jew stamped on his identity card as his nationality but many, many Jews are attempting to teach their children what it really means to be a Jew. The fulfilment of this is impossible in the Soviet Union because these Jews apply to leave, to get away from anti-semitism and to live more fully a Jewish life. There have been many more Jews allowed to leave this year but this merely reflects the increase in the number of applications to leave. There are still many who are refused for no reason and the number who have been waiting for many years has not diminished greatly. The way in which the Soviet authorities arbitrarily decide who can go and who cannot is their method of increasing the uncertainty and fear which these families endure.

There are also statistics to show how many people do not go to Israel and this reflects the very negative way Israel is presented in the Soviet Union. It is portrayed as a very backward country. Further, it cannot be ruled out that some "emigrants" are not genuine. Some applicants get visas the first time they apply yet others, the most committed often, are told their cases will not be considered for years.

These people then are dismissed from their jobs and ostracised by the others who live in their blocks of flats. They are

frequently harrassed by the KGB and still they learn Ivrit together and teach their children about the Festivals in the hope that Next Year they may be in Israel.

Next year is 1980 and the Olympics are to be held in Moscow. There is a very great fear that activists in Moscow will be 'removed' from the city while the games are in progress. The Air (emigration) offices will be overworked with applications to visit the country and no doubt they will cut back on exit visa work. For refuseniks who have not been given visas by that date, life will be very difficult and one can only hope that our family, the Chernobilskys, will be among the lucky ones allowed to leave before then.

We must not forget at this time either the Prisoners of Conscience languishing in prison camps and in exile.

Reports say that Anatoly Sharansky has lost about 3 stone in weight and he suffers from headaches and bad eyesight. He is unable to do the work given to him, sewing mail bags, because of this and as a punishment the visit by his Mother for Feb. 1980, has been cancelled.

Ida Nudel is in exile in Tomsk and despite having undergone tests in hospital which show she is ill, she has been returned to her place of exile.

It is depressing for us to hear of these things. How much worse to be experiencing them or to know these people well and be unable to do anything for them!

As we light our Chanukah candles with our children, let us hope that the Jews in Russia will be able to do so for themselves and let us also pray that next year they will do so in Israel.

Sharyn Blank

**FROM YOUR FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE**

(Yes - yet another appeal for your money)

On deciding to write for this issue of the Newsletter, I realised that the only time that I write to members is when I am asking them for money, so I thought that this time, in addition, I would mention some details of the major ways in which the Synagogue raises money and ask you to support them if you can.

Perhaps the best known fund raising activities in the community are those of the Synagogue's Functions Committee which raises several thousand pounds each year. They do this by means of several small functions and an annual Dinner and Ball. I know that by now most of you will have been approached for raffle tickets, brochure, or tickets for the Dinner and Ball and I am sure you will give the committee the support they really need.

Possibly less well known, but certainly as important, is our covenants committee. This too raises several thousand pounds each year by courtesy of Her Majesty's Government. Providing you are a taxpayer, the signing of one or two forms a year will mean that the inland revenue will pay the Shul nearly £30 per year for each member with a covenant. Once again, may I appeal to those members who do not have a covenant to contact our covenants officer and sign one.

The other main source of Shul income is, of course, the shul fees that all members have to pay and it is in relation to these that members' support is often lacking. By the time December arrives and we are preparing reminders, we usually find that only a quarter of our members have paid. The sending of reminders is a costly and time-consuming affair for the Shul and I would appeal to members to co-operate and pay their accounts on time. Some members consistently

pay their Shul bills just before the next one is due and I would ask them to consider if they would treat any "non-Jewish" organisation in this way.

This year, all members will be receiving another bill at Pesach for a whole year's fees and will then find they are owing a substantial sum to the Shul. I know times are hard for many members, but that also applies to the Shul. We now have a Minister to support and - cain eyin horah - have to organise two services for the High Holydays. All this is very expensive and unless we receive your payments in time, we are likely to run into problems.

Fellow members - I rest my case. I leave the rest to you, hopefully confident that I can count on your support.

Lionel Finkelstein

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## show group

Yes.....we're now 'on the road' preparing for opening night in May, 1980. The piano has arrived and rehearsals take place every Wednesday evening at the Shul.

There's still time to join in.... so if you are interested just come along - you'll forget your problems and have a great deal of fun. Don't worry about experience..Ve Haf Veys of making you.....just ask any member of the group.

As well as performers, we need help for back-stage costumes and scenery - so yes do call us or better still come to a Rehearsal..

More details in next Newsletter...

There's no Show Group like Bushey Show Group.

Shirley Epstein                      Cyril Trup

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# Ladies Guild

## Biennial General Meeting

It gives us great pleasure to present this report, which marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Bushey Synagogue Ladies Guild.

Looking back over the last two years, we can justly feel proud of all that the Guild has achieved. In addition to our usual highly successful Chanukah and Purim parties, supported by an evergrowing number of children, we have arranged various functions. You will recall the two Barn Dances Pesach Cookery Demonstration, Beigel & Games Evening and a super Fashion Show, as well as a Flower Demonstration and Social Evening for new members.

We ran our usual stall at the Open Day of the Jewish Welfare Board's Home at Hemel Hempstead and although each year it is very successful, we could achieve more for the Home if Guild members gave increased practical help, thereby enabling us to have an even larger stall. We also ran a stall for the first time at the J.W.B. Annual Bazaar at the Cumberland Hotel. The theme was "Papermania" and proved highly successful. (We shall be repeating this next March so all offers of d'oyleys, serviettes, kitchen rolls, etc. or anything paper-based will be gratefully received!).

On the cultural side (of which we wish there could have been more) our Guest Speakers included Dr. Peter Bennett - "How Children Communicate"; Mr. Richardson of the Jewish Institute - "Crime & Punishment" and Rev. Shisler from Kenton - "Jewish Music". Various outings were suggested but the only one to materialise was to see "The Yeomen of the Guard" at the Tower of London.

As we are members of the Association of United Synagogue Ladies Guilds, we participated in their Quiz Evenings, Seminars and Annual Dinners.

We were instrumental in helping to form the Toddlers Group with the support of the Board of Management. This has proved a very welcome venture, thus enabling the young Mums of the community to get to know one another (and hopefully the children as well!).

On the practical side, the Guild was responsible for financing the curtains which, together with a soon-to-be-added pelmet, will beautify the rear of the Shool. We were also responsible for the decoration of the Succah, which each year seems to reach new heights in artistic merit! Thanks are due here to the children of the Gan Aviv Kindergarten and Talmud Torah classes whose paintings are always a most welcome addition to the walls. We also undertook the cleaning of the silver appurtenances in Shool, repairing the siddurim where necessary, purchasing a second urn (which has proved invaluable) and 24 siddurim in memory of the late Mrs. Betty Jacobs.

We had various donations including knives and chopping-boards and material by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Trup to make much-needed tablecloths.

A special "Thank you" to Mr. & Mrs. David Hornick for their more than generous help with fruit and vegetables whenever asked and again to Mr. & Mrs. Trup for providing the film shows at the Chanukah and Purim parties; to Mr. Geoffrey Bush for his gifts of chocolates for the children and to Mrs. Pat Silverman for sewing the material given for tablecloths, which will prove a considerable saving on our laundry bills!

Still on the "Thank you" theme, we would like to thank all the ladies who acted as Collectors on Alexandra Rose Day and helped to collect a record sum for Bushey! We would especially like to put on record our appreciation of the help given by the younger ladies in preparing the Kiddush each Shabbat (their help is really most welcome!) and not forgetting those marvellous men - the husbands - who have come and helped shlap the furniture for our various functions!

In conclusion, we would like to thank all the members of the Guild for the support they have given us over the past two years and as we are not standing for re-election, would like to wish the new Chairmen every success for the future.

Shirley Epstein )  
Betty Segalov ) Co-Chairmen

**STUDY GROUP** - A STEPPING STONE FOR THE FUTURE.

The major question or response that one gets when asking someone to try out Jewish Youth Study Groups (J.Y.S.G.) is that of someone saying, 'but what do we study? I don't want to do that!' A very fair response if one looks at it. Who really wants to study after a week at school? Not many people I should think.

The case is, of course, that at Study Group we don't sit round a table 'shockling', waving our hands and knocking someone out while discussing a Talmudic point. No, the essence of Study Group as far as study is concerned, is group discussion.

Study Groupers are not an unusual bunch of squares who enjoy long periods of studying large volumes of Mishnah and Gemorah without having to regenerate their eyeballs, so enthused are they with the Volumes. In fact the majority of Study Groupers are young men and women (I must not say boys and girls) who come from homes where religious activity does not predominate their everyday lives and who are often not very well versed in many aspects of Judaism and other important features of modern Jewish living. Many are just introduced to the movement, in fact about 90% are, by other friends (let's face it, the name is not very inviting) and stay in the movement long enough to go out into the world being able to stick up for themselves and often proud of their Jewishness.

A lot of studygroupers (being an intelligent form of Homo Sapien) tend to go onto institutions of further education where they will come across a great deal of anti-semitism and anti-Zionism, a problem which a lot of Young Jews to-day cannot cope with or don't wish to have anything to do with.

Study Group prepares young men and women not to feel as the former or adopt the attitude of the latter.

All the time at school I get asked awkward questions on religious matters which are really quite simple but which a lot of young Jews to-day would not be able to answer.

Study Group gave me specimen answers to many questions that non-Jews might ask. These answers are both simple and acceptable to the non-Jew and in that way one manages to gain respect from one's contemporaries. Luckily, I am in an environment where anti-semitism is nil and both intelligence and understanding are high. This is not the case for many young Jews of to-day and when they are asked a question on a sensitive subject such as Israel and peace then they are unable to answer. The person who has asked this question will then ask someone who has a rather anti-semitic nature and who has an answer, which although twisted, is both acceptable and simple to the person who can be swayed either way. The result - this person tells his friends the answer and eventually racial prejudice evolves.

We all sit very happily in our nice little homes with our nice little cars in our nice little roads without giving a care in the world. The Anti-Nazi League, although not as bad as the National Front, are not that keen on the Jews either so that's why Y.J.A.R. (Young Jews Against Racism) was set up. Don't say that that will only cause trouble and that I'm only just saying that. The truth is that reliable sources were planted in the Anti-Nazi League and found out what they were really up to concerning the Jews.

We have to learn how to protect ourselves - no-one else will.

Study Group helps a Jew to do this and at the same time have a lot of fun.

I was introduced to going on marches for Soviet Jewry on a regular basis through Study Group (although I had been on them before) - Here though, I was identifying with my people and also with a group. When people say they can't be bothered it makes me see red and when they give excuses like 'what good will it do?' I reply by saying it's better than doing nothing. When you consider there are about two hundred and eighty thousand Jews in London, three or four hundred people on a march (if we're lucky) is chronic and just shows a lack of caring. How would you feel if it was YOU in Russia??

That's the main aim of Study Group but as well as that you get the chance to meet boys and girls from all over the country and also to experience the fabulous 'ruach' (atmosphere) at national functions and summer and winter holiday schools.

There, the activities range from lectures/discussions in the morning to, for example, tennis in the afternoon to a Habbikurim concert in the evening. And, the highlight of these schools? It has to be Shabbat - the beautiful 'ruach' that is created and the feeling of friendship and the slowing down of the pace is something that sticks in my mind. There is no mad rush for football results after Shabbat has gone out but merely a casual walk back to our dorms to get ready for the evening function. There is Shacharit in the morning (which would probably be a physical impossibility for most of the people round here) and Minchah and Ma'ariv in the evening all of which are taken by the Youth. It really is an experience you can never forget.

And what is more, Study Group does not ram ideals down your throat and have political backing (probably one of the reasons we are so poor), but one is approached in an easy-going manner that will stick in my mind to the end of my days.

Le'hitra'ot.

Daniel Beller.

## functions

Our very successful Jumble Sale raised approximately £250.00 and I would like to thank everyone who helped us out.

The Annual Dinner & Ball is only a matter of weeks away, and to those of you who have not yet paid for your tickets, it would help us tremendously if you could do so as soon as possible. There are still a few tickets available, for those who would like to come... and bring your friends.

Raffle tickets, too, must be handed in, otherwise they will not take part in the draw (together with money please).

We have set our targets high for this year, but no amount of effort on the Committee's part will offset an apathetic attitude within the Community.

This year could become the springboard for the future - the ultimate goal being a new Shul. So, however small or limited your effort, be assured that it is welcomed as part of the whole.

Bobbie Coffey

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# letter



Dear Hon. Officers,

From the bottom of my feet, I must thank you for organising the BUSHEY HEATH CHAPTER divisional services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It was foot (heart) warming in having our normal shlep cut in half, in particular the mountain ascent from the police station to Sparrows Herne. We did (my feet and I) miss the fish and chip aroma from the second shop.....we never found the first.....

Congratulations are also in order for arranging the services so fairly by ensuring that we had a spoonful of Rev. Salasnik for Rosh Hashana first day and Yom Kippur afternoon and Neilah. You also managed to divide yourselves between the Shul and the B.H.C. D.S. thereby avoiding cries of favouritism or nepotism or such like.

The services were very well conducted with a warm response from the congregation. The hall at the Rutts was so comfortable that I wondered whether there ought to be a takeover bid.....I think the children might approve, especially if the library came too... On the other hand the Scout Hut was quite different. It was disconcerting to have to look up on occasions to see the stern features of Baden-Powell glaring at the array of Tallit-covered over-age cubs and scouts - not even in shorts!! I'm not surprised he looked stern - he must have just used the loo there... or maybe he was the last to..... Still, one must not complain - the accommodation was needed.

I know some people complained about being in an 'overflow' (not just the Scout Hut Loo) but this was not an overflow....this was a service organised on a fair geographical basis....the line did seem to be a bit wavy depending, I suppose, on which map was used....but generally the division was sensible. This was emphasised by the efforts in splitting the Hon. Officers and Rev. Salasnik as I mentioned earlier. Anyway, there was no class distinction with numbered seats like most other Synagogues.

So, thank you again for your hard work and I hope you didn't get too many complaints.

Yours no longer footsore,  
Cyril Trup and his feet.

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Women be stimulated!

How? By coming to our meetings.

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We are a young group of women who meet regularly. We are running an educational programme with excellent speakers on topics relating to Israel and Jewish problems. The meetings take the form of coffee evenings or mornings.

Our next meeting will be held on 16 JANUARY, 1980 and will include a film on PLO activities with a guest speaker who will enlarge on the topic.

Do come along - there you would have an opportunity to meet a very friendly crowd. Why don't you try us once and see if we are right.

For further information telephone:-

Jeanette Marx 950 3496.

Jeanette Marx

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# For the children

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.....

To all of you who celebrate in December, January and February.

### DECEMBER

Adam Sheridan; Beth Myers; Simon Gitlin; Deborah Finkelstein;  
 Lisa Saunders; Gary Hirst; Robin Shulan; Michelle Flater;  
 Alexander Highman; Simon Rinkoff; Nicola Leigh; Juliet Greene;  
 Samuel Kattan; Claire Harris; Alexander Lynn; Simon Barbarash;  
 Alexis Winterman; Sasha Horne; Gabrielle Moss; Danielle Marx;  
 Jamie Gross; Michelle Gotleib; Lisa Coffey; Vanessa Marlowe;  
 Robert Paydon; Suzanne Hajioff; Suzanna Offenbach; Amy Helleman;  
 Gayle Davidson.

### JANUARY

Joanna Nead; Daniel Lee; Mark Astor; Robin Bennett; Jennifer  
 Winterman; Marc Silver; Hayley Arfin; Melanie Abrahams;  
 Caroline Graham; Samantha Michaels; Adam Goodman; Lisa Gluckstein;  
 Melanie Bernitz; Toby Bennett; Richard Glass; Rachel Atkins.

### FEBRUARY

Kate Woolfe; Adam Levene; Nicola Grunthal; Robert Trup;  
 Michelle Cole; Gayle Leader-Cramer; Danielle Lehrer; Oliver  
 Martin; Justine Messias; Richard Binstock; Rachel Cohen;  
 Elliot Berman-Wald; Jeremy Bush; Gary Ashton; Allison Woolfe;  
 Elaine Bloom; Sarah Fields; Clifford Abrahams; Darren Caplan;  
 Katie Schenk.

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 This is the solution to the  
 childrens' Crossword Competition  
 in our Kosh Hashannah edition.

The winner is Samantha Wilson,  
 aged 7.

### PURIM COMPETITION

Win a prize with one of your  
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# timetable

<u>SHABBAT:</u>	<u>SIDRA:</u>	<u>LIGHT CANDLES BY:</u>	<u>FRIDAY EVE SERVICE:</u>	<u>SATURDAY EVE SERVICE:</u>	<u>SHABBAT ENDS:</u>
21/22 DECEMBER	MIKKEITZ	3.38*	3.45	3.45	4.44
28/29 DECEMBER	VAYIGGASH	3.42	3.45	3.45	4.49
4/5 JANUARY	VAYECHI	3.49	4.00	3.45	4.56
11/12 JANUARY	SHEMOTH	3.58	4.00	4.00	5.04
18/19 JANUARY	VA'ERA	4.09	4.15	4.00	5.14
25/26 JANUARY	BO	4.21	4.30	4.15	5.25
1/2 FEBRUARY	BESHALACH	4.33	4.45	4.30	5.36
8/9 FEBRUARY	YITHRO	4.46	5.00	5.45	5.48
15/16 FEBRUARY	MISHPATIM	4.59	5.00	5.00	6.00
22/23 FEBRUARY	TERUMAH	5.12	5.15	5.00	6.12
29 FEB/1 MARCH	TETSAVEH	5.24	5.30	5.15	6.24
7/8 MARCH	KI THISSA	5.37	5.45	5.30	6.36

\*Light Chanukah Candles First.

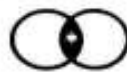
## ROSH CHODESH

TEVETH	THURSDAY/FRIDAY	20th and 21st December.
SHEVAT	SHABBAT	19 January
ADAR	SUNDAY/MONDAY	17th and 18th February.

## PURIM

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

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