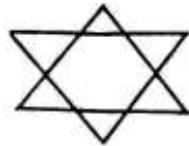


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NEWSLETTER



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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. A. Gershinson - a daughter.

Mr. & Mrs. U. Kattan - a son.

Mr. & Mrs. I. Rosenthal - a son.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Vogel - a daughter.

BARMITZVAH

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

14 June - Steven Rosenbaum.

28 June - Marc Wilson.

5 July - Alexander Collis.

26 July - Paul Freedman.

MARRIAGES

Mr. Bernard Redmond.

Gaby Peck, daughter of Fay & Lionel Peck, to Brian Baderman.

REFUOH SHELAYMOH

We wish a speedy recovery to good health to the following who have recently been in hospital:-

Mrs. Ruth Beller.

Mrs. Sylvia Fink.

Mrs. Ericka Krimholz.

Mrs. Susan Woddiss.

BARUCH HABAH

Welcome to the following new members and their families:-

Stephen Fields; Robert Engel;

Zigmund Rosenberg; Paul Fishman;

David Brass; Andrew Pater;

Stephen Rhodes; Michael Zuck;

David Shemuel; Kenneth Levenson;

Brian Baderman; Samuel Lyons.

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.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Aarons; Mr. S. Bolsom;

Mr. A. Cohen; Mrs. H. Collis;

Mr. A. Garbutta; Mr. S. Herman;

Mrs. D. Marks; Mrs. I. Walters.

Don't
forget

- **IVRIT CLASSES** - Beginner and Intermediate Classes. New pupils welcome. Contact Ronald Levene, 950 1405.
- **THEATRE GROUP** - Meets every WEDNESDAY at 8.30 p.m. Contact Shirley Epstein, 950 5217 or Cyril Trup, 950 3960.
- **BROWNIES** - MONDAY EVENINGS. Contact Nadia Glenville, 950 5130.
- **12-16 YOUTH GROUP** - Activities every other Sunday. Contact Colin Fink, 950 5308.
- **BNEI AKIVAH** - Shabbat afternoons, 3-5 p.m.
- **FRIENDSHIP CLUB** - Meets THURSDAYS. For further details contact, Mark Marks, 9501332, Syd Sheinman, 950 3130, or Shirley Epstein, 950 5217.

news & views

CHILDREN IN SHUL

SHAVUOT

Perhaps unbeknown to some people, Shavuot was celebrated in Bushey on 21 and 22 May together with Jews throughout the world.

Why is this festival such a "cinderella"? Is it because apart from cheese cake and cheese blintzes, there are no outward signs? Yet this is the season of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the whole basis of Judaism.

As Rev. Salasnik said, prior to the festival, to-day, in this and many other countries, where annual holidays are in the region of 4 weeks, it is surely not a problem to organise it so that some of one's holiday is allocated to OUR festivals, particularly as many of them fall at weekends or public holidays.

And what of the children? Why are they sent to school? I say "sent" because it is known that many children are forced to go when they know they should not. How can we hope to maintain our traditions when this is the attitude of parents? The children must be hopelessly confused when their Hebrew teachers are telling them what is right and their parents are forcing them to ignore it.

In ten or fifteen years time when these children have left Judaism and married out, the parents will say "I gave them a good Jewish upbringing, why have they turned away"? The answer is obvious.

Everyone loves to see children in Shul, knowing that it is an important part of their education in familiarising them with the songs and prayers, but they can get restless very quickly. So please don't stop coming to Shul but if YOUR children get a bit bored and start to cry or make a noise, take them outside for a while, thus allowing the other worshippers to pray in dignity and with devotion.

The announcement that children's services were about to commence was a little premature. Preparations are in hand for Shabbat morning services for the youngsters but it is something that needs careful thought and planning in view of the ages and variety of abilities of the children.

ADULTS IN SHUL

It is unfair to criticise the children for their behaviour when around them, during the most holy parts of the service, the adults are talking. In particular I refer to the habit some people have of talking during the Kedusha. Please respect those around you who want to pray, by refraining from speaking. There are many other opportunities for chatting.

NOT PREPARED TO BE PREPARED

The complete lack of response to the appeal for helpers and potential Cubs was, to say the least, disappointing. Yet the main reason for advertising in the Newsletter and for a few parents getting together with the local Scout official was purely because it had been made known that there was interest.

Is this laziness on the parents part or simply another example of expecting someone else to do the work whilst we get the kids off our hands for another couple of hours a week??

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS

It seems that Christians support CCJ activities in far greater numbers than Jews do, even when the meetings are on Synagogue premises.

With Jews forming such a large proportion of the Bushey population it is vital that we behave better than others and also show interest in organisations such as this.

In May there was a meeting at which four representatives from the Methodists, Church of England, Reform and Orthodox Synagogues each chose a particular prayer and explained its history, development and place in worship.

The next meeting is on 2 JULY at St. Peters Church Hall when the subject for the evening is "UNFAIR TO WOMEN?"

YOUTH SHABBAT

As reported in the JC, Bushey's annual Youth Shabbat was held on 26 April. All the statutory services and the Reading of the Law were conducted by the youth of the community.

After the morning service there was a lunch for 45 teenagers. Songs and talks accompanied the meal and whilst it was so pleasing to see so many young guests from Stanmore and Edgware, it would have been even nicer if more of our own boys and girls had been present.

After lunch there were talks and walks.

ELECTION RESULTS

At the AGM on 12 May at which less than 10% of the membership attended, the following were elected to office for the next term (i.e. until May, 1982).

Wardens

John Blank; Colin Fink.

Financial Representative

Lionel Finkelstein.

Board of Management

Peter Bennett, Paul Epstein; Stephen Herman, Ronald Levene, Leon Mitchell, Aron Sager, Henry Saunders, Cyril Trup.

Affiliated Synagogue Rep.

Colin Fink, Leon Mitchell.

L.B.J.R.E. Rep.

Ronald Levene.

In his report, Philip Skelker, Chairman of the meeting, thanked everyone who had contributed in some way to the activities of the Synagogue over the past year. Whilst it was a healthy sign that there was such a varied programme, it was a pity that the vast majority of families failed to participate in anything.

He also announced that the Board were actively searching for land for use as a Community Centre. He asked everyone to use their discretion in connection with this matter as a word in the wrong direction could jeopardise negotiations.

CHAIRMEN OF SUB COMMITTEES PLEASE NOTE

1. Before confirming a date for a meeting or function or event, consult the diary in the Shul Kitchen and thus avoid clashing, then advise the secretary, who will write it in.
2. Don't wait for the Newsletter Editor to approach you for a report. Send it in unsolicited. Remember, the Newsletter is published only 4 or 5 times a year and is thus not always a convenient medium for advertising your forthcoming events.

ACTIVITIES

BUSHEY SHOW GROUP

"A Taurus Line"

Following a successful provincial preview at Morton House, Hemel Hempstead on Sunday 1st June, the first presentation of the Bushey Show Group opened to a packed house on Sunday 8th June, at the Freeman-Sussman Hall, (OFF Stanmore BROADWAY)

The enthusiasm of the cast helped the audience to enjoy the confident and charming song and dance routines. Their hard work showed through, and it was difficult to realise that many of the group had never appeared on the stage before.

The storyline was interesting even though at times a little bitter, and one could sense some self-identification in the audience. This was made up by the musical numbers and dances directed and choreographed so well by Shirley Epstein.

To those who missed it, I suggest they find out when the next presentation takes place.....the group are making the show available for charity committees to use as a fund raising function.....so if you're interested phone Shirley Epstein on 950-5217 or Cyril Trup on 950-3960.

Well done!! the performers, backstage staff, front of house helpers and the joint producers deserve our thanks for an enjoyable evening.....in addition the Shul has benefited from the proceeds.

The Newsletter (Unbiased) Theatre Critic

' I could not get enough tickets !!!'

Stan Fl*sh*m*n

'Brilliant Production'

The Evening Epstein

ISRAEL IN BUSHEY

On Monday 28th April, Bushey welcomed Yoel Biran, the Minister Plenipotentiary to the Israeli Embassy. The occasion was the launching of our own Bushey Joint Israel Appeal Committee.

Responding to invitations sent to the whole community, in excess of seventy people gathered at the home of Archy Aarensen to be welcomed by Rev. Salasnik, president of the Bushey JIA Committee. Chairman, Wally Arnold then introduced the film "Renewal" which I know opened many eyes on the subject of urban deprivation that to-day dominates too much of the Israeli city-dwellers' life. In spite of crushing economic burdens, the work of re-housing, re-educating and renewing the lives of many poverty-stricken Jews is carried on ceaselessly by those with the selfless vision for the future.

After the film, Yoel Biran continued the theme of renewal and commitment both on an internal and international forum. A professional diplomat for many years, he provided a knowledgeable and perceptive insight into the cauldron of World politics and the Mid-East arena in particular. Questioned by those present, he spoke in further detail on both the increasing isolation of Israel from those in the international community who are as ever dependent on Arab oil, and the combatting of prejudice, animosity and apathy in the search for peace.

Wally Arnold then related the previous discussion and film with what could be achieved by the Bushey community. The work would not be easy but the community as a whole has the right to be approached and involved with the needs and aspirations of Israel.

Michael Marx

GAN AVIV KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

On the 22nd April the ladies of our committee held a coffee morning together with a flower arranging demonstration by Mrs. Jennie Harvey. This was a very enjoyable morning and approximately £80 was raised.

A great deal of hard work and organising went into our "Stag Night" at the Grosvenor Rooms on the 24th April. It was disappointing that only 100 people supported us but we managed to raise over £400. This was mainly due to a hardened core of gamblers!

The money raised this year will go towards providing Jennie Birch with new equipment she requires for the Kindergarten.

The children have an outing arranged on Thursday, 19th June to visit a farm at Waltham College.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th June and this will take place in the Kindergarten at 8.30 p.m. Would anyone interested in helping on this friendly committee whose children attend Gan Aviv, please contact myself or Trina.

BRIAN SOAMES
CHAIRMAN

FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

A most enjoyable Quiz Supper was held on 11th May at Mill Hill Synagogue at which about £600 was raised.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT DINNER & BALL - SUNDAY 25 JANUARY, 1981.

More details in the next Newsletter.

Bobbie Coffey

LADIES GUILD

At a recent sponsored "Kitt-in", enough money was raised to purchase a new Fridge/Freezer. Thank you to all those who knitted and also those who sponsored.

The Guild is proud to announce that Evelyn Ross of Jewish Chronicle fame, is to be our guest speaker at a luncheon to be held on THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER, in the Synagogue Hall. Tickets will be available shortly from Guild members.

A "Nearly New and Jumble Sale" will be held on MONDAY 23 JUNE in the Synagogue Hall. Help to prepare will be required on Sunday 22 June in the afternoon. If you have anything for our sale please contact any member of the Guild.

Meetings of the Guild are held usually on the first Monday of every month and we would like to welcome old and new members for a social as well as business discussion. For all details of the Guild, contact:-
Sue Bennett: 954 0857
Sandra Caplan: 950 1984

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

New members are always welcome with babies from 6 months to 3 years, every THURSDAY MORNING, in the Synagogue Hall, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Toys, refreshments and fantastic company provided - so come along and let YOUR children mix as well as yourselves.

DON'T BE SHY - YOU'LL ENJOY IT, AS WELL AS THE KIDS.

COME ALONG or 'phone:-

Sue 954 0857
Laurel 950 4182

BUSHEY CULTURAL & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Members of the Synagogue will no doubt recall receiving a leaflet announcing the formation and the opening of the Cultural and Friendship Club for Ladies and Gentlemen around the youthful age of 60; to be held at the Synagogue every THURSDAY AFTERNOON from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

We can now report that the Club opened on Thursday 24th January, 1980. An informal meeting took place with all those present getting acquainted with each other. This proved a great success.

Since then and up to the present time, 21 meetings have taken place, and on each occasion an interesting talk or an enjoyable entertainer has given our members a stimulating afternoon, so much so that they have asked for them to come along for a second time.

When you come to think about it, to organise an interesting programme EVERY THURSDAY is something of an achievement and the Club can justly be proud of its committee, whose only thought is to keep the members interested and happy and proud to belong to the Bushey Cultural & Friendship Club.

The following programme lists some of the interesting and informative cultural subjects we have had the pleasure to introduce during the short time we have been open:-

Talk on "English Porcelain".
Magic and Music.
Stories Time.
"Sabbatical in Spain".
Fire Hazards - Safety in the Home.
Talk on "Your Money".
Rev. Salasnik on "Pesach".
"The Generation Gap" - Talk & slides.

Bring & Buy Sale.
Concert Pianist Recital - coupled with a generous birthday tea provided by Mrs. A. Brenner and her daughter Mrs. Shirley Epstein.
Talk on "My Visit to the Far East".

Talk on "Behind the Scenes" at JWB."
Crime & Prevention in the Home.
Talk on "Hidden Talent" - sculpture.
Talk on "Supplementary Benefits".

The programme for the month of JUNE contains 2 return visits of previous speakers plus 2 subjects of great interest.

The programme for JULY has a distinctive Jewish "flavour":-

Jewish Humour.
Jewish & Yiddish Songs.
Jewish Women Through the Ages.
Jewish Anecdotes & Humour.

All Club members and potential members can see from the above programme that THURSDAY AFTERNOONS are not wasted afternoons, but full of interest - and plus a most welcome tea - is a day to look forward to.

IT WILL MAKE YOUR DAY - SO COME ALONG & MEET YOUR COMMITTEE.

Mark & Trudie Marks.
Syd & Esther Sheinman.
Paul & Shirley Epstein.
Betty Segalov.
Louis Jacobs.

Mark Marks.

letter

Dear Colin,

Through the columns of the Newsletter I would like to thank all those in the community for their good wishes and kindness shown to me, during my recent stay in Hospital.

Yours sincerely,
Ruth Beller.

Youth

BYG (12+)

A small band of willing teenagers meet regularly to plan and prepare a variety of activities for their contemporaries in the Bushey area. A Film Show, a Treasure Hunt, a visit to the Harlem Globetrotters, an evening at Hartspring Sports Centre, a Purim Games Evening are but a few of the programmes held recently. Perhaps YOUR son or daughter will be there next time.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH -----

Make a note in your Diary now of these dates.....

SUNDAY 29 JUNE

Summer Disco in the Shul Hall, 7.30 - 11.00 p.m. Come along and enjoy the sounds of a first class DJ.

SUNDAY 6 JULY

Tour of London. Have an enjoyable day out with all your friends at the same time visiting many famous London landmarks. Meeting at Stanmore Station. Time to be advised.

SUNDAY 27 JULY

"Brains Trust". Your opportunity to ask controversial questions of a highly qualified panel. In the Shul Hall - 7 pm.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT ALL THE ABOVE FUNCTIONS.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH -----

B'Nei Akivah

The attendances recently have been disappointing. Perhaps parents need reminding that if you have children of 7 and over they are welcome to attend the meetings every Shabbat afternoon from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Those who attend have a great deal of fun with songs, games, playlets and interesting talks. We hope to see YOUR children next week.

Brownies

Under the excellent instruction of Nadia Glenville, the Brownie group meets every MONDAY evening. There are now so many young girls in attendance that there is another helper and the main hall is having to be used.

BUSHEY WIZO GROUP

At a Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Raena Frankel-Pollen, it was decided to form a Bushey WIZO Group. The following were elected:-

Co-Chairmen:	Bonny Nash and Jenny Graham.
Treasurer:	Laural Levy.
Co-Secs:	Valeria Shiman and Ruth Coffey.
Membership Secs:	Helen Paydon and Pauline Binstock.
Catering Manager:	Jenny Harvey.

A Beauty Demonstration was held on the 5th June at the home of Mrs. Helen Paydon. Those who attended not only enjoyed the demonstration which was given by Mrs. Barbara Gould but were able to join our new WIZO Group.

For information, please ring:-

Bonny Nash: 950 6376
Jenny Graham: 950 6505

A SECOND FESTIVE TALE

Having penned some several hundred words in the previous Newsletter, the subject then was "A Festive Tale". Now it will be "A Second Festive Tale", a tale for Shavuot.

Well the word Shavuot is Hebrew for Weeks and the Sedra Leviticus deals at some length with aspects of the seasonal festival in a most enlightening way.

Shavuot is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" or Pentecost, and much is made of the start of the harvest in Israel.

There is, of course, another side to Festivals, and that as we all know, is the gastronomic and culinary side. I will therefore leave the Torah sermons to our learned Reverend and confine myself to the somewhat tastier and perhaps more palatable side of our Yom Tovim.

It so happens that during the Festival of Shavuot meat is not eaten and is therefore replaced by dairy food. Now this is where our mothers, wives and sisters take over and exhibit their skills and expertise in pandering to the family taste buds.

Calories and weight watchers take a back seat, brushed aside and covered over gently by a Yom Tovdik tablecloth and, on comes a variety of delicious dairy foods, foods one doesn't usually see a whole year round. In fact as I write my mouth waters at the very mental picture of those pleasing dishes and I am certain the pleasure will be yours too when I mention in the following lines just a few of these tasty dishes.

To start with, there is cream cheese Blintzen, with the added delight of soured cream generously poured over them. How many Blintzen can one manage - two, three, possibly four - before calling a halt to such a treat as one becomes conscious of the resulting increasing weight aftermath.

Then there is that well known delicacy enjoyed and eaten almost

all over the world. I am, of course, referring to Cheese Cake. Whoever thought of that one deserves a medal. As each mouthful dissolves, disappears, and makes way for the next delightful mouthful, a feeling of self satisfaction embraces you.

Next to tempt the taste buds comes the cheese Kreplach. Only a loving Yiddisher Momma can truly please her dear appreciative family with Kreplach, generously filled with soft tender cream cheese mixed with her own special ingredients. Come to think of it, we should thank G-d for festive seasons and Yiddisher Mommas.

Our Reverend caters to our souls, and our Mothers cater to our palates, and indeed to our hearts. And that is as it should be, for us all, a Happy Yomtov.

Syd Sheinman.

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Death-suited visitants sat,
Warmly accepting us
From the outside into
their world of thought and deed.

"Charmed, I'm sure" says one,
We reciprocate still
distanced and unsure.
They open their hands,
Beholding pearls of mind
and culture,
With which they show us as
a message from above falls.

We say little as they urge,
But we are concerned of
watery externals,
Rather than by what they give
as they sit unaffected.
Submission, and we enter
security,
To sit and listen again,
our interests kindled.

A light from above shines on one,
As the message passes from him
to us.
Warmed we enter their realms,
Contributing, not laughing as
those who did not venture do.
And we express by mouth feelings
of hope and love.

Creating atmosphere and bonds,
To last, for maybe a small
time, firm as they remain,
But weakened by our contamination
when they go.
Thus they depart and we slip
away, only a lingering hope
remains.
In our world of contagious
filth of mind.

"Do come again," we say to them,
Trying to make good our, or
is it your, image.
"It isn't as bad as this," I
feel like saying.
They go and I, angered by lack
of presence return to the front
to fight on!

(Name Supplied)

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN - WHY ME?

Whilst we are engaged in all types
of activity directed towards our
Synagogue, we appear to have lost
sight of the fact that services
are of prime importance.

Recent situations where services
have lacked for a full minyan,
with the possibility that members
saying Kaddish or wishing to attend
for Yahrtzeit have not been able
to do so, is quite disgraceful.

Although difficult to operate it
is felt that a simple form of rota
starting with Sunday mornings,
imposing the minimum burden on
the time of individual members
is the answer.

It is anticipated that attendance
on one Sunday morning in each
month of the year is all that
would be required from a reasonable
proportion of our membership and
it would be almost tragic if
adequate support from within the
community for such a minimal
commitment was not forthcoming.

Kindly complete the tear off slip
at the bottom of this letter and
pop it in the post, remembering
that a simple pledge of support
only acknowledges that you need
the community as much as it needs
you.

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TO: THE HONORARY OFFICERS,
BUSHEY SYNAGOGUE,
POLICE STATION LANE, BUSHEY.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE
SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN.

NAME(In Block Capitals)

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Soviet Jewry

Those of us who were fortunate to hear Colin Shindler speak in the Synagogue on Monday May 19th, as advertised in the last Newsletter, will share my regret that more people were not there to hear a most interesting and educational talk on the history of Soviet Jewry. I shall attempt to give a short account here as it puts into perspective the present day struggle of Soviet Jewry to emigrate from the U.S.S.R.

We approach the Moscow Olympics with the news that the number of exit permits has dropped and that people have been told that few permits will be issued during the summer months.

Mr. Shindler who is a chemistry lecturer, has been associated with the Soviet Jewry committees of this country since the mid-60's and has written an excellent book called "Exit Visa" on the trials and tribulations of the Jewish Emigration Movement during the 70's.

He began his talk by telling us that the desire to emigrate from the U.S.S.R. by Soviet Jews is not a recent phenomenon. Indeed, as far back as the 1920's when the Bolshevik Revolution had not been brought about the promised egalitarian society Russian Jews were already leaving the Soviet Union for Israel. They left illegally and when the older Zionists had gone, there were always younger people to take on the leadership. Then, as now, they were fighting against restrictions on the right to leave and while groups met clandestinely to plan 'aliyah' there were individuals all over the Soviet Union who struggled to keep their Judaism alive. The Soviet authorities imprisoned, exiled and liquidated assimilated Jews throughout the 20's and 30's. All Jewish youth groups and cultural organs were banned and by 1937 The Great Purge destroyed the last vestiges of the Zionist

heritage which stretched back to the great Zionists such as Pinsker and Ahad Ha'am.

With the second world war and the invasion of Poland and the Baltic republics, etc., thousands of Zionists and Jewish communities were brought under Stalin's control again. As had been done before these Jews were arrested and exiled but because of this the second generation of Soviet Jews, many of whom had become assimilated, became acquainted with the message of Jewish national liberation.

In 1945 the Jewish Red Army returned home and despite medals they were still called 'Zhids' - many found their families and houses had been destroyed. The whole holocaust is still referred to in Russia without a mention of all the Jews that were killed. In Russia itself, at Babi Yar it was said that Soviet citizens had been murdered, not Jewish Soviet citizens. Mr. Shindler recounted a play very recently put on about the holocaust and the murder of Jewish children where it was not said who the children were.

As the news of the enormity of the holocaust trickled in and against the ever-continuing anti-semitism, the Jews became more and more aware of their identity. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 heightened this feeling, and the great reception Golda Meir, as the first Israeli Ambassador to Russia, got at the Moscow Synagogue on Rosh Hashanah proved how alive the Jewish community was.

And still the persecution continued. The Doctor's plot of 1953 was the pinnacle of yet another great purge of Jewish national and cultural life.

And yet they survived. With the death of Stalin, there was a little more freedom and the talk

of emigration and the teaching of Judaism and Hebrew began again though it had obviously never been completely stopped. Such is the bravery of Soviet Jewry!

And so the story continues - history repeats itself again and again in the Soviet Union's treatment of Jews. The heroes of the past too often perished in labour camps because no-one here knew of the enormity of the crimes perpetrated, with the benefit of hindsight and modern communication techniques it must never happen again.

Mendelevich and Sharansky are only two prisoners of conscience whom I mention here. I finish with the words Colin Shindler finished his talk because it is only fitting that someone like Sharansky who has lived through some of this history should be quoted:-

"In March and April, 1977, during the preliminary interrogations, those conducting the investigation warned me that in view of the position taken by me during the course of this trial, I would be likely to be given the death sentence or, at a minimum, fifteen years of confinement. I was told that if I agreed to collaborate with the KGB in order to destroy the Jewish emigration movement, then I would be given a short sentence, a quick release and even the possibility of joining my wife. Five years ago, I applied for a visa to Israel, but now I am further away than ever from the attainment of my dream. It might appear that I have regrets about what has happened. But this is not so. I am happy. I am happy that I have lived honestly, in peace with my conscience, and have never betrayed my soul, even when I was threatened with death. I am happy that I have helped people. I am proud to have known and to have worked with such honourable, brave people such as Sakharov, Orlov, Ginsburg, they who are continuing the finest traditions of the Russian intellectuals.

I am happy that I can be a witness to the redemption of the Jews of the USSR. These absurd accusations against the whole Jewish emigration movement will not hinder the liberation of my people. My relatives and friends know how very much I wanted to exchange the life of an activist of the Jewish emigration movement here, for a life in Israel with my Avital. For more than 3,000 years my people have been scattered throughout the Diaspora, but wherever the Jews were they have repeated each year 'Next Year in Jerusalem' - L'Shanah Habah B'yerushalayim, L'Shanah Habah B'yerushalayim. Now that I am further away than ever from my people and from my Avital, and I am expecting long, hard years of confinement, I say again, speaking to my people and to my Avital, L'Shanah Habah B'Syerushalayim - Next Year in Jerusalem."

Sharyn Blank

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JUNE

2nd Nicole Lehrer (2) Andrew Davidson (7) 3rd Avital Burton (1)
4th Andrew Levy (6) 6th Sarah Silverstone (10) 7th Hayley Davis (7)
David Byers (2) Adam Coffer (2) 8th Gary Weissman (10) 9th Natalie Atkins (9)
Alexander Verrey (3) 11th Melanie Press (9) Anthony Trenton (11)
12th Daniel Goldstein (6) 13th Jeremy Silverstone (12) 14th Simon Astor (7)
19th Shelley Fligg (10) Melanie Fligg (8) Nichele Astor (12)
Sara Gluckstein (12) Jeremy Conway (11) 21st Simon Wolmark (8)
22nd Nicholas Kerr (6) 23rd Ryan Joseph (12) Leigh Freshwater (4)
27th James Kahan (1)

JULY

1st Camilla Salter (12) 3rd Adam Soames (7) 7th Joanna Carson (5)
14th Richard Sager (5) Mayna Tenenbaum (4) Simon Marx (3) Justin Kennedy (2) 16th Melanie Liebert (8) 19th Melanie Doctors (5)
Elise Hockley (2) 20th Adam Gitlin (9) 23rd Matthew Verrey (7)
Jeremy Carson (7) 24th Elliot Olivestone (4) Nina Zane (4) 26th Elizabeth Kerr (3) 27th Debra Cohen (7) Neil Freshwater (1) 29th Jonathan Skelker (8)
Rachel Herman (10)


AUGUST

1st Jeremy Blank (1) 2nd Samantha Bratt (10) Jessica Marlowe (8)
Abigail Blank (4) 4th Wendy Gruthal (4) 6th Nicola Bush (9)
7th Rachel Baum (9) Camilla Salter (11) 8th Gidon Back (7)
10th Marshall Joseph (7) 11th Gerald Seymour (11) 15th Natalie Press (7)
Davinia Fielding (2) 18th Elliot Kahan (10) 19th Gaynor Richards (8)
20th Emma Saunders (9) Claire Lopez-Dias (5) 21st Sarah Kafetz (8)
22nd Victoria Hornick (5) 24th Andrew Lament (7) Spencer Baum (6)
26th Benjamin Hoadley (2) 27th Lara Silverstone (7) 28th Darren Gluckstein (10) 29th Deborah Bernstein (1) 30th Simon Kerr (8)
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13/14 June	Korach	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.22
20/21 June	Chukkath	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.25
27/28 June	Balak	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.24
4/5 July	Pinechas	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.21
11/12 July	Mattoth-Massei	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.14
18/19 July	Devarim	7.50*	7.30	9.00	10.05
25/26 July	Va'ethchanan	7.50*	7.30	8.45	9.53
1/2 August	Ekev	7.50*	7.30	8.30	9.40
8/9 August	Re'eh	7.50*	7.30	8.15	9.26
15/16 August	Shofetim	7.50*	7.30	8.00	9.10
22/23 August	Ki Thetze	7.50*	7.30	7.45	8.54
29/30 August	Ki Thavo	7.39	7.30	7.30	8.38
5/6 September	Nitzavim-Vayelech	7.23	7.15	7.15	8.21

*Although sunset is later, in an effort to assist those with young families, the community brings in Shabbat together at the time shown here.

ROSH CHODESH

AV MONDAY 14 JULY
 ELLUL TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 12 & 13 AUGUST
 Service at 7.00 a.m.

FAST OF AV - TUESDAY 22 JULY.
 ROSH HASHANAH - THURSDAY & FRIDAY 11 & 12
 SEPTEMBER.
 YOM KIPPUR - SHABBAT 20 SEPTEMBER.
 SUCCOT - THURSDAY & FRIDAY 25 & 26
 SEPTEMBER.
 SHEMINI ATZERETH- THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER.
 SIMCHAT TORAH - FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER.

For your information

Minister	- Rev. M. Salasnik.	950 6453
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	- Golin Fink.	
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	- Philip Skelker.	950 7203

Rev. M. Salasnik can be seen by members on Sunday mornings at home between 10 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. or at the Synagogue between 11.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. His telephone number is 950 6453.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SHABBAT

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SHABBAT HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

IT IS NOW PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN NEARER THE DATE.