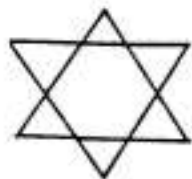


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**NEWSLETTER**



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## News and Views

### DEPUTY MAYOR

Both the Jewish Chronicle and the Watford Observer have given considerable coverage to a Bushey Synagogue "first". Mrs. Linda Silver, a Hertsmere Councillor for many years, has been elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Our best wishes are extended to her and her family.

### ATTENTION TEEN-AGERS

.....and parents of teenagers.

A centre is now open at Yakar in Stanmore where teenagers can meet and learn in "student style" surroundings.

The range of subjects is extensive - from cookery to producing an audio visual project on the Holocaust to 'O' level Religious Studies.

If you are interested, either go along on a Sunday morning or get in touch with Colin Fink, 950 5308.

### YOUTH SHABBAT

The annual Youth Shabbat will take place on 15/16 May. All services during the day will be conducted by the youth of the community. There will also be a lunch to which all the community's youth are invited, but we must know in advance who is coming in order that we cater sufficiently. Also the number of places available is strictly limited.

### TALLIT BAGS

Over the years we have acquired a considerable number of tallit (and tephilin) bags. If YOU have lost one, please claim by getting in touch with one of the wardens.

We also have some more, which we are sure do not belong to our members and these can be purchased for 50p or £1 according to size and quality. Again, get in touch with a warden.

### SECURITY - IT'S NOT A JOKE

There are still a few people, more than likely people who won't bother to read this, who are still unconvinced that our children and buildings are in danger.

If you know such people, please put them right - there are dangers and we wish to prevent rather than be sorry after.

Similarly, if you are asked to do duty in the playground during classes, please attend when instructed or at the least have the courtesy to let the organiser know if you are unable to attend so that you can be given an alternative time.

### TAKE A NOTICE!

Advertisers on the Shul notice-boards or in the Newsletter should know that advertisements that conflict with orthodox observance cannot be entertained.

This applies to announcements concerning functions or meetings that will take place on a Shabbat or Holyday, where the food provided is purchased from a baker/supplier who is not under supervision or if the catering is also not under supervision.

IF IN DOUBT CONTACT REV. SALASNIK

### WHERE WERE YOU?

In recent months the Shul has been the venue for a number of activities:-

- A melava malka;
- A meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews;
- A talk on the plight of Jews in Arab countries;
- An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Synagogue;
- A children's Fashion Show;

Where were YOU? Why not use the facilities available to you? Get your moneys worth for your Shul subscription.

### MR. ALF GARBUITA

Our community was shocked by the untimely passing of Mr. Alf Garbutta, less than a year after the death of his wife. We include part of the Hespod (Eulogy) made by Rev. Salasnik at the "Levaya":-

In Pirke Avoth (the Ethics of the Fathers) we are told, "He in whom the spirit of his fellow creatures takes delight, in him the Spirit of G-d takes delight".

This rabbinic comment refers to one such as Mr. Garbutta, who because of his natural warmth, kindness and friendliness, was extremely popular. We saw the respect shown to him by the numbers of people who came to comfort him when his wife died.

We see the respect shown to his memory and to those who mourn for him, by the number of people assembled here to-day.

In the Bushey and District Synagogue, we particularly mourn him. He came to Shul every Shabbat and, when he was well, he came regularly on Sunday mornings too. People were happy to be his friends and, when they learn of his passing, they were shocked and distressed. There was a sense of void that one of the most popular of our members would be no longer with us and this feeling of emptiness that we experience is, perhaps, the finest tribute that we can give to him.

### THE SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY

The Synagogue Library, which was started 18 months ago when Jenny and Ronald Cole presented several books to the community, now contains almost 100 books.

Almost all the books have been donated to the Library by members of the Synagogue. These members, to whom we are extremely grateful are:-

Jenny & Ronald Cole and Family on the occasion of their Aliya.

Mr. Maurice Goodman.

Linda and Geoffrey Silver, on the occasion of Steven's Barmitzvah.

Raena and Nicholas Frankel-Pollen on the occasion of their daughter Lisa's birth.

Ann & Philip Skelker and Family on the occasion of their moving to Liverpool.

Mrs. C. Fields and Sons, in memory of her husband and their father, Mr. Basil Fields.

The family of Nicole Aarons, in her memory.

The Ladies Guild.

In addition, Mrs. Ruth Rabbinowitz of Edgware, who gave some interesting talks to the Friendship Club, presented a book written by her late husband, Rabbi Dr. J. Rabbinowitz and books presented by the Atkins and Sacks families, some years ago, will be placed in the Library shortly.

In order to give members a better idea of which books they can find in the Library, enclosed with this Newsletter is a current catalogue which can be kept for reference. All books, except 2, are in English.

"DALLAS AT STANMORE!"

A Review

On a cold December night in the middle of Chanukah, Dallas came to Stanmore via. Bushey.

During the weeks preceding, the bnei Akiva chaverim had nagged me to write a script, and when I told them we were to perform in front of 150 adults, they became very excited. After two or three shaky rehearsals, the show was an astounding success on the night, and we proved to Stanmore that Bushey are on the way back. Congratulations to:-

Jacqui Joseph  
Lisa Saunders  
Jeremy Conway  
Rebecca Trup  
Ashley Kaye  
Emma Saunders  
Nicole Kraines  
Stephanie Leven  
Debra Conway  
Gerald Seymour

Joanna Salamon  
Juliet Coffey  
Joel Sager

Debbie Levene  
Jonny Beller

Directed, Produced,  
Edited etc., by Jonny Beller and  
Stuart Fink.

- Sue Ellen
- Pam Ewing
- Bobby Ewing
- Miss Ellie
- Jock
- Lucy
- Cliff Barnes
- Allan Beam
- Kristen
- Vaughan
- Leland.
- J.R's Sec.
- Town Cryer
- John Ross  
Jnr.
- An extra
- Narrator.

HEBREW BIRTH CERTIFICATES

For some months, Rev. Salasnik has been issuing Hebrew Birth Certificates, to members of the Synagogue for their children (older children as well as new-born babies).

In order to speed up the issue of these Certificates, please fill in the slip below and send it to Rev. Z.M. Salasnik, 16, Woburn Close, Bushey, Herts.

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Full English name of Boy/Girl.....

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Full Hebrew name of Boy/Girl (Use English characters

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Hebrew Name of Father.....

Hebrew Name of Mother.....

If Boy/Girl born out of London,  
state place of birth.....

Signature of Parent.....

# social and personal

## MAZEL TOV

- .....to Mr. & Mrs. A. Carson on the birth of a daughter. (their third child).
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. H. Goodman on the birth of a daughter. (their second child).
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. M. Marx on the birth of a daughter. (their third child).
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. J. Sacks on the birth of a son. (their third child).
  
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. I. Shindler, on the birth of another two grandchildren.
  
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. H. Shear on the marriage of the daughter Sarah, and the engagement of their daughter Beryl.

## REFUOH SHELAYMOH

We wish a speedy return to good health to the following who have recently been in hospital.

Mrs. S. Albert; Master Jeremy Bush;  
Mr. N. Craig; Mrs. N. Craig;  
Miss Gabrielle Moss; Mrs. J. Matthey;  
Mrs. G. Schama; Mrs. E. Sheinman;  
Mrs. S. Hearn; Mr. H. Lament;  
Master A. Sheridan.

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## THANK YOU

We are grateful to the following who have recently donated items to the Synagogue:

The Ladies Guild - A silver spice box for Havdallah.

The Mitchell and Seymour families - Seats for the Bimah.

Mr. & Mrs. Sid Sheinman would like to thank Rev. Salasnik and everyone in the community for their kind thoughts and enquiries during Mrs. Sheinman's recent illness.

They are pleased to say that Mrs. Sheinman is making progress and look forward to seeing everyone shortly.

## BARUCH HABAH

Welcome to the following new members and their families:-

Mrs. S. Leigh; Mrs. S. Bennett;  
Mrs. S. Dryer; Mr. M. Shifrin;  
Mr. A. Sklan; Mr. R. Elliott;  
Mrs. C. Lang; Mr. A. Lewis;  
Mr. N. Lyons; Mr. B. Mayover;  
Mr. G. Alexander; Mr. J. Berkovi;  
Mr. M. Sedley; Mr. S. Simmons;  
Mr. S. Klein; Mr. M. Karpel;  
Mr. M. Epstein.

## OBITUARY

We mourn the passing of Mr. Alf Garbutta and wish all his family long life.

## CONDOLENCES

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

Mr. B. Hyman	- Father
Mrs. S. Erlick	- Mother
Mrs. J. Gold	- Father
Mrs. J. Graham	- Father

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# SPECIAL FOR YOUTH

## 16th BUSHEY & OXHEY CUB PACK

### HELP

The cub pack, which started last November, has proved so successful that we now have a waiting list of 40 children.

The problem we are facing is that more and more parents in the community wish to put their child's name down to start. However, as we only have one qualified leader, we are unable to even consider starting another pack. Naturally, parents are disappointed at the thought of having to wait.

The Parents Committee, therefore, felt it necessary to set out the procedure in order that everyone in the community knows the exact position.

The children start at 8 and go on until they are 11, when they join the Scouts (contact Cyril Trup). The boys in the pack at present will continue for the next two years, reaching the age of 11 at various stages during this time. Therefore many of the boys who are coming up to 8 now could possibly face the fact that they might be nearly 11 before there is a place for them. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

Boys of 5-6 on the waiting list obviously have a greater chance of becoming cubs with this pack, but this, of course, will only apply to potentially 24 boys.

We are a young community, and the situation can only get worse. We therefore need parents who are willing to take a very short course to qualify as a leader who can really undertake this commitment as our present leader does, one day a week, at a time which for most parents may prove difficult - i.e. 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. As well as a leader, helpers would be needed. This should be easier to

solve, as with the present pack, members of the Parents Committee take turns to come along and help the leader out.

IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO BECOME A CUB - THE CUB PACK IS AFFILIATED TO THE SYNAGOGUE - THE COMMITMENT MUST COME FROM YOU

The children who are in the present pack really enjoy their weekly meeting and in May we are going for a weekend 'under canvas.'

ANY COMMITTED PARENTS PLEASE CONTACT Barry Paydon 950 7111.

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### BUSHEY BNEI AKIVA

Bushey B.A. started this year with new Koshei Svivot, madrichim and ideas, and now, thankfully, some new chaverim.

Numbers have trebled and a new group has been formed.

Being so young - the youngest in the country - the madrichim have become friends as well as leaders to the chaverim.

So, if YOU are 5 - 12 years, why not take two hours from your busy lives and come along and join us.

BNEI AVKIA, EVERY SHABBAT, 3 - 5  
Stuart Fink

THE BUSHEY SUPERSTARS! Yes that's the name of the new Junior Youth Group. The group started on Wednesday 21 January with 23 boys and girls in the age group 10-13. Since then we have had some exciting and interesting evenings, each well attended. In addition to general activities, such as table games, snooker, table tennis and table football, we have had cookery demonstrations, clay modelling and drama, followed by our famous and well stocked "Tuck Shop".

Each week we have a main activity - we have had a quiz, a film show, bingo and mini olympics and we have a full programme of events to come.

How did we get the name? Well, we had a competition and got some really good names from which we chose five, had a secret ballot and "The Bushey Superstars" won.

A prize has gone to Alan Phillips, as this was his suggestion. Some other names which deserve mention are "Bushey Oi Vey Club", "The I'm in the Mood Club", and "The Good Time Club".

The members have chosen a Chipmunk as the club emblem; and badges, tee-shirts, etc., (thanks to Raymond Coffer) will be available shortly.

Thanks to the Club Leaders, Debbie, Karen, Sharyn, Murray, Raymond and Stephen and help from Jeffrey Blumenfeld, Paul Epstein and the parents on the rota.

We still need more members and helpers so REMEMBER - EVERY WEDNESDAY 7.00 p.m. - 8.25 p.m. in the Shul.

For further details 'phone Cyril Trup 950 3960 or Jeffrey Blumenfeld 202 0874 (daytime).

### TEENY WEENY YOUTH GROUP (7 to 10)

Don't you agree that there is a demand for such a group? Of course you do - BUT and there's always a BUT, we need helpers - we can use the Youth Centre at Falconer Road - ALL WE NEED IS HELP.

There is a tremendous demand for a wide variety of youth and children's activities - these youngsters are our guarantee of a future so surely you, the adults and young adults in the Community, can give up some of your valuable time. You will find it exhausting but very rewarding and you will realise that the groundwork you are laying will help continue and expand the community for many years ahead.

Please accept your responsibilities and contact any of the various group chairmen or leaders (names and numbers in this Newsletter) or contact your friendly Board 'Youth' member, Cyril Trup, 950 3960.

"AN OUNCE OF YOUR TIME IS WORTH A TON OF VERBAL SUPPORT."  
(Apologies to 'Applause')

Cyril Trup

*Can you  
help with  
youth activities?  
&  
Will you  
help with  
youth  
activities?*

## PURIM SPIEL

These Laws of Purim are not included in all copies of the Shulchan Aruch, mainly because their deeper mystical significance is not in keeping with present day thought. Nevertheless for those who might like to try and achieve a higher spiritual plane, one or two are shown here.

### 1. FOOTWEAR PROHIBITION

It is a strong custom to refrain from using or coming into contact with rubber products. This derives from a Midrash where we are told that Haman's wife's dough resembled and tasted like rubber. For this reason, we make a point of not wearing rubber on the soles and heels of our shoes, the ladies do not use rubber gloves, and we change our car tyres for wooden ones. This should be done well before night-fall in order not to disturb the neighbours.

### 2. CRYING OUT

"And it came to pass that Mordechai arose early in the morning of the morrow and did cry out with pain."

From this verse (only to be found in an ancient version discovered in a cave in Hartsbourne Avenue), it can be seen that we should "cry out" particularly in the morning. To help us we make sure that we consume considerable amounts of beans and chick peas immediately after the evening reading of the Megillah, thus ensuring that we will "cry out" in the morning.

### 3. ESTHER SUPINE

It cannot have gone unnoticed that the word Esther is derived from Ether. In ancient times the Megillah was read supine (i.e. lying on the

back with the face pointing heavenward) in recognition of ether - the clear sky, the region above the clouds. The addition of the 's' came about when the Litvaks tried to say Esther but could not and so in order that the Polacks would always know of their superiority, they decreed that for all time the reading of the Megillah Esther should be whilst lying on the back facing ether.

### 4. TACHNUN

Tachnum is NOT said and for those who never say it or always conveniently forget to say it, it should not be said twice.

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### A FATHER WHO FAILED HIS CHILDREN

Dear Aunt Chayya,

Until very recently my younger son Y-- was a perfectly normal Jewish boy. We sent him to a Jewish school, much against his will. He complained bitterly there was too much religion and not enough football. Then suddenly, literally overnight, he "turned from" and has not been the same boy since. He goes to school every morning, even though his father and mother, till a hundred and twenty, and even though we say it ourselves, are still alive. He won't have any hot drinks on Shabbes because we haven't a shabbes kettle. (We've started putting tea in a Thermos flask before shabbes comes in, but this only lasts the Friday night). He is determined to go to a Yeshivah. My wife told me he had said he wanted to be a rabbi, but when I taxed him with this, he said not a rabbi, a Jewish Youth Leader, which in my view is worse. How much can a Jewish Youth Leader make, I ask you.

He says I have failed him because I didn't provide him with a religious background. His younger sister says I have failed her because I'm a racialist (we buy Tate & Lyle sugar - she saw a T.V. programme exposing conditions on a Tate & Lyle plantation in South Africa). His elder brother says I have failed him by pandering to Y--'s religious mania. What can I do?

Paterfamilias

Aunt Chayya's reply is on page 16



## SEDER NIGHT

And after singing 'Had Gad Yah', a broad smile of delight was displayed on the faces of everyone. There was Zaida Shama at the head of the table with a pillow at his left side to lean on, and Buba Haya Ruchel at his right side with the rest of us making up the fourteen seated round the Seder Table. Having passed a few pleasantries - it was rather late into the night by then, we each wended our way home.

BUT BEFORE THAT! We all did justice to 'Echod Mi Yaudea', 'Adir Hu', 'Ki Lau Noeh', and all earlier songs, for after all did we not do justice to all the glasses of wine and food that had to be consumed following the initial Seder service. And didn't Tanta Haya, when the glasses were filled for the fourth time, including the one for 'Alya Hanovi', open the front door wide and bow low three times and step aside for 'Alya Hanovi' to enter and take a sip from his 'Koyza', his special wine glass, before the service continued. Tanta Haya, she must have been over ninety, still fairly active and upright but steeped in a religious fantasy of her own. Everyone had to keep absolutely silent before she ventured to turn the door handle to allow the Angel into the Seder room.

BUT BEFORE THAT! We were participating in the Seder service and meal, which included the hard boiled egg in salt water. The meal consisted of five excellent heimisher courses. It really makes the reading of the Passover story worthwhile. An amusing note was, when the egg and salt water was served, little Stephen stared at the dish, dropped his lower lip and burst out, "I am not having this - my mummy doesn't give me soup like that!" However, he soon pulled round when the real kneidel and chicken soup was served.

BUT BEFORE THAT! The "Afikomen" had been secretly hidden by Zaida Shama, and cunningly observed by young Yossel who claimed his reward and received a small packet from Zaida Shama before leaving at the end of the evening.

BUT BEFORE THAT! There was Maror and Charoseth etc., and of course care was taken to see that little Stephen missed out on the bitter herbs, to avoid the possible scene of him yelling out at the first bite, especially as he had been reprimanded by Zaida Shama for licking his little finger after dipping it in his glass of wine at the reading of the Ten Plagues, 'Dom, Tzefadaya, Kinim' and so on.

BUT BEFORE THAT! Young Yossel was given the ordeal of asking the 'Kashes' - The Four Questions, to which Zaida Shama replies with reading the answers in the Hagaddah.

BUT BEFORE THAT! The family gathered together prior to the beginning of the Passover Seder and earlier the Shul service had been attended - to begin Passover.

BUT BEFORE THAT! The duty of carrying out the search for collecting the "Chametz" so that no leaven remains in the house during Passover. And so the eight days of Passover is strictly observed, and the crunching of Matzo is heard in every free Jewish home. Of course, the actual story of Passover is in the Haggadah.

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BIRCAT HACHAMAH - THE BLESSING FOR THE SUN.

A Mitzvah that can only be performed 4 times in a century! Most of our other religious observances are daily, weekly, monthly or, at least, annually. But a mitzvah that can only be performed once in 28 years, and the last time it was observed many of us were babies or not yet born. It is for many of us the first opportunity of a lifetime.

This rare mitzvah, "Bircat Hachamah", the blessing for the sun will take place on Wednesday 4th of Nisan - the 8th of April, 1981.

The origin for it is in the Talmud (Berachot 59b), where we read, 'He who sees the sun at its turning point.....should say "Blessed be He who has made the Creation". And when does this happen? Abaye said: 'Every 28 years when the cycle begins again and the Nisan (Spring) equinox falls in Saturn on the evening of Tuesday going into Wednesday.'

This statement requires some clarification. There are 4 'turning-points' of the Sun which correspond to the 4 seasons. They are the 2 equinoxes (the 2 days in the year when day and night are equal in time) and the 2 solstices (the longest and shortest days in the year).

According to the suggestion of some rabbis in the Talmud, the world was created in the month of Nisan (the month in which Pesach falls. This differs from the other Rabbinic tradition that the world was created on or just before Rosh Hashanah). The Bible tells us that the sun was created on the fourth day of the week - Wednesday. Thus the sun was created on the first Wednesday in the month of Nisan in the Jewish Year 1. Assuming that the Solar year has 365½ days (or 52 weeks 1½ days), the earth would have been in the same position to the sun as it was at Creation, on a

Thursday afternoon (1½ days later) in Jewish Year 2. After 4 years ( $4 \times 1\frac{1}{2} = 5$ ) the position between earth and sun as at Creation would once again be in the morning, but 5 days later in the week. It would take 28 years ( $7 \times 4$ ) before the 'turning-points' as at Creation would once again occur not only in the morning, but on a Wednesday morning. The present Jewish year, 5741, is 5740 years after Creation. 5740 is a multiple of 28 and therefore we assume that at the equinox of this Nisan, the sun and earth are in the same position on the same day and hour of the week as at the time of Creation. So, we take the opportunity of praising G-d for this beautiful and essential part of Creation, the sun this year.

If you have followed the mathematical calculations so far, you will have noted a difficulty. The Jewish calendar is assuming that the spring or vernal equinox will fall on April 8. But we know that it falls on March 21, a difference of several days. The reason for this discrepancy is that the Jewish calendar works on an assumption of 365½ days in the solar year, whereas 365½ is merely an approximation. The discrepancy between the real solar year and the Jewish calendar's solar year is only several minutes, but over centuries it accumulates to a discrepancy of several days. The rabbis of mediaeval times, the Rambam (Maimonides) among them, were aware of this discrepancy but nevertheless did not make an adjustment. As there are only 2 Jewish observances which are dependent upon the solar year, namely the blessing of the sun and the day on which we commence saying 'Veten tal umatar' there was and is little point in making an adjustment to the Jewish calendar.

So far, I have explained the reason for the blessing and why it is only said every 28 years. A few words are needed as to be time of day on which the blessing is said. The ideal time is to say the

blessing at Sunrise (6.27 a.m.). However, in order to recite the blessing with a large number of people, we recite it after the Morning Service. One can actually say the blessing up till 3 hours after sunrise (approx. 9.43 a.m.). However, on a cloudy day, one is allowed to wait till midday (1.03 p.m. B.S.T.) in order to say the blessing when one can see the sun.

We hope that this year we will be privileged to have a clear fine day on April 8. Shacarit (the Morning Service) will be at 6.45 a.m. and, on conclusion of the service, we will recite the blessing for the sun. As it is a very rare and special occasion, it is hoped many of you will come to participate in this mitzvah.

(Rev.) Z.M. Salasnik

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FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT

I am particularly pleased with the response to the Family History Project I set for the 10-13 year age group in the Hebrew Classes.

Several pupils have made special efforts to find out all they could about their family history and have produced excellent projects. I had assumed that it would be left to the parents to tell their children about their history. What has happened is that grandparents have been supplying information of which even the parents were unaware.

A few pupils have been so painstaking in their research that if, in the future, they wish to make a deeper and more detailed study of the history of their forbears, they have enough basic information at their fingertips to enable them to research further.

I am so encouraged by the efforts of these pupils that it is my intention to set an annual Family History Project for the senior pupils of our classes.

(Rev.) Z.M. Salasnik

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THIS SPECIAL YEAR

When we sit down to the Seder this year and the children ask "Why is this night different from all other nights?" we could well be thinking "Why is this year different from all other years?"

These months see an unusual combination of 3 special features:-

1. The year 5741 is a Jewish leap year. We add an extra month - Adar Sheni - prior to Nisan, the month of Pesach. This extra leap month occurs 7 times in every 19 years.
2. We recite the blessing for the Sun a few days before Pesach. This blessing is said only once in 28 years.
3. The day before Pesach falls on Shabbat. This rare occurrence happens about 8-10 times in a century. (As the day before Pesach is usually the day on which we make our Seder preparations, preparations which we are forbidden to make on a Shabbat, there are special laws for this year, which are summarised in a pamphlet accompanying this Newsletter).

The last and, in fact, only time since the Jewish calendar was fixed that all 3 of these special features (a leap year, the blessing for the sun, and erev Pesach falling on a Shabbat) occurred, was in the year 1169. This rare combination will not recur before the Jewish year 6000 (2240), by which time we trust the Messiah will have come and the present Jewish calendar will be in abeyance.

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Yahrzeit DATE

A Yahrzeit information form sent to the Synagogue office referred to Mr. Benjamin Kaye, who passed away on 11 June 1968. We do not know which member of the Synagogue sent the form. If he or she would contact Rev. Salasnik or Mrs. Chambers, we will know which member to send notice of Yahrzeit to.

## THE DISPOSAL OF CHOMETZ

Most of us know that we should not eat chometz during the Festival of Pesach. Of equal importance but less well known is the law that we may not possess chometz during Pesach. If we make the mistake of owning chometz during Pesach, we are not allowed to benefit from it even after the Festival.

There are several methods of ensuring that we do not own any chometz during Pesach. On the last weekday evening before Pesach (this year - Thursday evening, 16 April), the master of the household leads his family in searching for the chometz. By the light of a candle, they search in all corners of the house to ensure that no chometz has been left unnoticed.

The following morning, any chometz which has been left over is burnt. A declaration is made annulling any chometz which, despite the most careful of preparations, may have been overlooked. In this way, all chometz has been eaten, destroyed, or annulled prior to the Festival.

Centuries ago, that would have been sufficient, for even if any chometz had not been disposed of, it would have become stale and inedible within a few days and there would have been little danger of anybody eating it after Pesach.

However, a few hundred years ago, the development of the alcohol industry caused a new difficulty. Many alcoholic drinks are chometz and Jewish wholesalers would ruin their businesses if they destroyed all their stock before Pesach.

The answer to this problem was to sell the chometz. In every community those who had chometz to be used after Pesach, would appoint their Rabbi to sell all their chometz and the rights to the cupboards or other places where that chometz is stored, to a gentile on the morning before Pesach. After Pesach, the gentile would sell all the chometz back to the original owners. During Pesach, the chometz is owned by the gentile but can still be on the premises of the original owner as long as it is

kept out of sight.

Modern inventions, such as the refrigerator and freezer, enable us to keep food longer than before. This has made the sale of chometz assume even greater importance in contemporary society so that any chometz still on our premises will not belong to us during Pesach but can be enjoyed after the Festival.

In writing this, I am not recommending that anyone should buy chometz before Pesach with the intention of using it after the Festival. That would be wrong. What I am stressing is that if there is any chometz in our possession which, without our planning it, is not eaten before Pesach, then by selling it before Pesach, we are able to eat it after Pesach.

Rev. Z.M. Salasnik

Rev. Salasnik will be available for the Sale of Chometz up till 10.00 a.m. on Friday 17 April.

Dear Colin,

There are many members of the community who feel the enjoyment of services would be greatly enhanced by a choir; not a choir to dominate the community's own singing, which does tend to happen with other communities, particularly the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services, but to augment and lift the religious feeling of singing together which makes for a greater feeling of service participation.

Any men, tenors or bass, whether they have sung in a Shul choir before or not, or indeed have had any singing experience, but feel they would like to sing in the choir which is being formed and they can sing in tune, could they please telephone Harvey Lament - 954 7745 to discuss the arrangements of auditions, etc.

The same applies to boys whose voices have still not broken, both sopranos and altos - we would like to speak to enthusiastic people to arrange an evening and venue for the auditioning.

Yours sincerely,  
Harvey Lament

# Ladies guild

We were delighted to welcome over 100 children at the Chanukah party, where they were entertained by Cyril Trup's film show, and 'Uncle Wally's Son'. A good time was had by all - thanks Cyril!

We were happy to provide the refreshments at the Melava Malka.

It was our pleasure to entertain 40 patients from Friern Barnet Hospital when they came to the Synagogue for tea on Sunday 11 January. The Guild provided a super tea after which the patients were entertained by Shirley & Paul Epstein, Hazel Schenk, Angela Sheridan and Stanley Klinger. Laurie Schenk proved to be a Bingo caller Extraordinaire! We would like to thank all those who helped and entertained and the smiles on the faces of our guests said it all.

We are again assisting at the Jewish Welfare Board Bazaar which is being held on SUNDAY 29 March (1 day only). This year we are running a grocery stall. As we cannot trade from an "empty wagon" we would appeal to your generosity by asking you for tins, packets, etc. to help in this very worthy cause. Any member of the Guild will be delighted to receive your donations NOW!

It was the Guild's pleasure to present a silver Spice Box to the Shul on the occasion of Ladies Guild Shabbat.

By the time this Newsletter is published the Purim Party will be imminent so if you have not already done so, please telephone Sandy Kattan, 950 1224 to let her know if YOUR CHILD will be present. Remember the party is for children between 3 and 10 years and will start at 3 p.m. and finish at 5.30p.m.

Robin Cousins had the pleasure of OUR Company at the Ice Show at Wembley on Sunday 18 January, when Mums, Dads, Grandparents and children had a very good time.

As you are aware, it was decided by the members of the Synagogue, to elect 3 ladies to attend Board of Management Meetings in a non-voting capacity, one of whom will be a member of the Ladies Guild elected by the Guild to represent the Guild.

If YOU would like to join the Ladies Guild, please fill out the slip below and return to Betty Segalov, 1, The Lake, Bushey Heath, Herts. We meet on the first MONDAY of every month and would be very pleased to welcome YOU. For further details of venues and times of meetings contact Sylvia Fink, 950 5308 or Sharyn Blank, 950 3780, Joint Secretaries.

Sue Bennett                      Sandra Caplan

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I wish to become a member of the Bushey & District Synagogue Ladies Guild and enclose £1 remittance for one year's membership.

SIGNED.....

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## YOUNG MARRIEDS & SINGLES GROUP

On Sunday 7th January, a new group held its inaugural meeting. The Bushey Jewish Young Marrieds and Singles organised a highly successful "Boggle" evening which was very well attended. Interest in the group has been shown by a great many people and it is hoped that it will form a valuable addition to the community scene.

By the time this newsletter is published, the group will have held its second meeting, a "Mr. & Mrs." evening based on the successful television programme.

A regular programme of future events is planned, the next ones being on:-

### TUESDAY 7 APRIL

A visit to the Watford Palace Theatre to see Irene Handl in a new comedy by Richard Harris called "Local Affairs".

### SUNDAY 10 MAY

Games Evening, at 39, Claybury, Bushey.

### SUNDAY 14 JUNE

A Car Rally in aid of charity.

Anybody who is interested in any of the above events or in knowing more about the group generally (whether you are new to the community or have been here for some time), please telephone either:-

Michelle & Steven Jacobs 950 5950

Monica & Peter Bohm 950 7706

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## BUSHEY CULTURAL & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At its first AGM held at the Synagogue on 5 February, Mr. Mark Marks, who was in the chair, welcomed Mrs. Phyllis Enfield, the Area Representative of the Association of Friendship Clubs.

After thanking everyone who had helped and supported the Club, Mr. Marks was proud to announce that meetings had been held on 46 of the 52 Thursday afternoons - the missing six being Yomim Tovim.

At these gatherings there had been a wide variety of talks, discussions, films, music and other entertainment. Everything had been thoroughly enjoyed.

The Committee for 1981 is as follows:-

Mark Marks - Chairman  
Louis Jacobs - Treasurer  
Trudie Marks - Secretary

Committee - Phil Baetu, Jack Beckman, Joyce Kaye and Gisela Fayers.

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## BUSHEY KINNERET W.I.Z.O. GROUP

Over the past few months our Group has continued to grow and prosper.

In December, during the school holidays, we held a Childrens Film Show which was attended by 140 children.

On February 16th a most enjoyable evening was spent at Watford Theatre when we arranged for a party of 80 people to see the Noel Coward play "Design for Living" starring Maureen Lipman.

We are planning an exciting programme for the Spring and Summer including our Slimmers Luncheon in March.

Anyone wishing to join our Group and help this very important cause, please contact :-

Bonnie 950-6376 or Valerie 950-5494.

GAN-AVIV KINDERGARTEN

Since our last report, the Parents Association organised a very successful Chanukah party for the school. The children were entertained by a magic and puppet show, and all received a Chanukah present, even those away on the day.

Our "Buy a Date in the Diary" draw is well under way, but there are still dates to buy before the draw at the open evening. If you wish to support the Kindergarten as well as having a chance to win some excellent prizes - including a food processor - please contact any Committee member c/o Gan Aviv. The cost of the raffle is £1 per date.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who are supporting us at this time, especially those of you who are not directly connected with Gan Aviv.

Hilary Gasson                      Richard Nead

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MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP

This Group continues to flourish, but new members are always welcome.

We meet on THURSDAY mornings in the Shul between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

So why not bring along YOUR babies or toddlers - everyone from "0-3" is welcome.

Toys, games, refreshments and pleasant company are provided.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR BABY.

For further details contact Laurel Levy, 950 4182 or Sandy Kattan, 950 1224.

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FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

By the time this Newsletter is printed, the Dinner and Ball will be long forgotten.

Our initial reaction was to be very pleased with the profit (nearly £4,000) that was made. Although less than last year, a reflection on the economic climate in which we live, we can be very pleased that not only did we have a function but also that we made a profit.

Perhaps the most significant fact was that the community raffle exceeded last year's total by some £200 (making just under £850), which has shown how the majority of the community is willing to participate for the sake of the community. However, it is felt that there are always those who are quick to criticise and slow to participate, quick to suggest and unaware of the need to contribute to the community as a whole in whatever way they are able.

It would be nice to feel that, in 1981, the whole community will unite, for if, as we all hope, a new building is in the offing, everyone must support his community to the very best of his ability.

Bobbie Coffey

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*Please give generously to the Jewish Welfare Board's Pesach appeal*

## LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN

The League of Jewish Women is the largest Jewish Women's Organisation in the United Kingdom, giving voluntary service, it is non-political and non-fund raising, and has been in existence since 1943.

Its members are drawn from all walks of life and from every shade of religious opinion and amongst its aims is to intensify in every woman her Jewish consciousness and sense of responsibility to the entire community.

The members visit and shop for the housebound and elderly, deliver meals-on-wheels, work in hospitals and clinics etc. They help run Day Centres and Friendship Clubs, do transport, and help in many other ways.

The League of Jewish Women is recognised by Government and local Social Service Departments who frequently call on it for help; they thus are fully involved with the community as a whole.

1979 was International Year of the Child and its members organised work and projects specifically with underprivileged or handicapped children. 1981 is designated Year of the Disabled and again work on special projects with this in mind will be a priority of the members.

Through the Social Issues Committee we concern ourselves with moral and social problems of the day. The Training and Welfare Committees arranges Seminars, Teach-Ins and Conferences on a wide variety of subjects. These enable us to benefit from experts. During the past year for instance, the League have discussed with the Chief Rabbi 'Medical Halacha relating to Children'. We have also talked about some of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Family Law and Illegitimacy and Divorce Reform. We have had two Study Days on the feasibility of forming a

League Family Counselling Service, and as a result 10 members are now doing an intensive training course.

The League of Jewish Women does more work with mentally and physically handicapped than ever before. It shows a programme specifically made to stimulate the elderly, called "Renew our Days of Old"; this helps to revive memories of days gone by.

Among its activities the Watford and District Group has undertaken to:-

1. Read and talk to children at Colbrook School, a school for educationally sub-normal children.
2. Visit the elderly and sick in the area, as well as transporting them on occasions.
3. Collect money for the R.N.I.B., Mental Health Day, Alexandra Rose Day and other flag days.
4. Help at the Children's Country Holiday Fund stand at the Ideal Home Exhibition.
5. Assist at a Disabled Club in Watford (our project for the International Year for Disabled Persons).

For further information, please telephone Josie Davis, the Public Relations Officer for the Watford & District League of Jewish Women, 01 428 8104.

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Aunt Chayya replies:

Encourage him. Think of the nachas you will shlepp from knowing that at least one of your sons will say kaddish for you every day. Stop using sugar (haven't you read your Yudkin?) Tell your elder son to take an example from his younger brother. And when Y-- comes out of Yeshivah have I got a girl for him - With her lolly he can be Jewish Youth Leader for free!

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# JIA

During January, a well-attended first meeting of the Bushey Joint Israel Appeal gathered to discuss last year's campaign, to consider proposals for the current year and to elect a new committee.

An initial public meeting, hopefully with Rhodes Boyson as the main speaker, will be held towards the end of March as part of what is seen as the year's programme of communication and education.

There can be little doubt that the gravity of Israel's increasing isolation in the world and the increasing pressure of Western governments, including the 'initiative' pursued by Lord Carrington, will increase the

dependency that Israel has on the Diaspora. The Diaspora includes Bushey.

With the kind permission of the Editorial Staff of the Newsletter, the Bushey Committee are pleased to enclose with this issue, a copy of an article recently written by the well-known Israeli satirist, Ephraim Kishon.

Its sentiments are strong and should not be dismissed.

We are pleased to invite EVERYBODY to our first major 1981 Meeting which will be addressed by Eric Moonman, Chairman of the Britain and Israel Affairs Committee. THURSDAY 2 APRIL, 8.15 p.m. at the Synagogue.

Michael Marx

## Show Group

OUR NEW PRODUCTION IS WELL UNDER WAY

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JUNE, 1981

(details soon)

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Shirley Epstein  
950 5217

Cyril Trup  
950 3960

"YOU WON'T BE SORRY"....what a title for a song!!

# timetable

## SHABBAT

SHABBAT	SIDRA	LIGHT CANDLES BY	FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE	SHABBAT MINCHAH	SHABBAT ENDS
13/14 MARCH	VAYIKRA	5.47	6.00	5.45	6.46
20/21 MARCH	TSAV	5.59	6.00	6.00	6.58
27/28 MARCH +	SHEMINI	6.10	6.15	6.15	7.11
3/4 APRIL	THAZRIA	7.22	7.30	7.30	8.24
9/10 APRIL	METSORA	7.34	7.45	7.45	8.37
17/18 APRIL	ACHAREI	7.46	8.00	8.00	++8.50
24/25 APRIL	(PESACH)	7.57	8.00	8.00	9.03
1/2 MAY	KEDOSHIM	8.09	8.00	8.15	9.16
8/9 MAY	EMOR	8.20	8.00	8.30	9.29
15/16 MAY	BEHAR	8.20*	8.00	8.45	9.42
22/23 MAY	BECHUKKOTHAI	8.20*	8.00	9.00	9.55
29/30 MAY	BEMIDBAR	8.20*	8.00	9.00	10.06
5/6 JUNE	NASO	8.20*	8.00	9.15	10.14

+ N.B. Most diaries are incorrect - EEC Summer Time begins 29 March

++ Pesach begins

\* In order that all the community brings in Shabbat at the same time

ROSH CHODESH NISSAN	SUNDAY	5 APRIL	- 8.15 am
BIRCAT HACHAMAH	WEDNESDAY	8 APRIL	- 6.45 am
ROSH CHODESH IYAR	MONDAY	4 MAY	- 8.30 am
.. .. .	TUESDAY	5 MAY	- 7.00 am
YOM HAATZMAUT	WEDNESDAY	6 MAY	- 8.00 pm
(Israel Independence Day)	THURSDAY	7 MAY	- 7.00 am
ROSH CHODESH SIVAN	WEDNESDAY	3 JUNE	- 7.00 am

PESACH

APRIL	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DAY	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
NISSAN	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
PESACH	-	-	EREV	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fast of First-born	*										
<u>CHOMETZ</u>											
Search for	*										
Burn and sell		*	after 10.03								
Eat no more											
Seder - 1			*								
Seder - 2				*							
Yom-tov				*	*					*	*
Shabbat/Yom-tov begins - light candles		BY 7.46	† AFTER 8.50	+ AFTER 8.52					BY 7.50	AFTER 9.03	
<u>SERVICES</u>											
Erev Shabbat/Yom-tov		8.00							8.00		
Shachrit	6.45		++ 8.00	9.30	9.30	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.30	+++ 9.30
Minchah/Maariv			8.00	8.00	8.15					8.15	8.30
Yom-tov ends					8.53						9.05

+ take the light from an existing flame      ++ Shachrit only - Go home to eat last chometz meal. Return for Lehning & Musaph 10.30 am  
 +++Yizkor

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to all of you who celebrate your birthday in  
MARCH, APRIL AND MAY.

MARCH

1st. Rachel Sacks, 5 Vicki Abrahams, 2 4th Joanne Vogel 4, Sarlig Kaye 1  
5th David Gordon, 6 7th Jemma Simmons, 1 8th Joanna Gray  
9th Nicola Kramer, 6 10th Angela Gasson, 8 11th Jacqueline Nead, 4  
13th Simon Herman, 12 14th Debra Harris, 12 15th Mandy Gasson, 4  
17th Julia Fishman, 1 18th Daniel Frankel-Pollen, 9 20th Ilan Brahams, 7  
21st Jayne Franklin, 12 24th Caroline Cohen, 8 27th Georgia Arnold, 12  
Caroline Nead, 7 Nicholas Goodmaker, 2 Melissa Berkovi, 5  
28th Julian Levene, 9 29th Gemma Brass, 4

APRIL

4th Samantha Hornick, 8 Nicola Waxman, 10 5th Debra Barnard, 9  
David Kahan, 9 6th Bracha Salasnik, 2 8th Tracy Bernitz 11,  
9th Paul Greene, 11 11th Amanda Sunkin, 11 David Bloom, 9  
Lucie Graham, 2 12th Benjamin Rurka, 4 Spencer Craig, 2  
15th Helen Ashton, 8 18th Jael Berman-Wald, 9 19th Reuven Back, 11  
Vanessa Woolfson, 5 Debra Conway, 10 20th Richard Barbarash, 8  
22nd Michelle Rinkoff, 3 23rd Alan Phillips, 12 24th Rebecca Trup, 10  
26th Miriam Brahams, 5 28th Marc Cane, 7 Michelle Harvey, 6  
Laura Vogel, 1 29th Michelle Rosenthal, 4 30th Julie Sander, 5  
Daniel Kattan, 5

MAY

1st Nicholas Salter, 7 2nd Tamara Shulman, 4 4th Samantha Caplan, 5  
Guy Fishman, 11 5th Ruth Herman, 8 Nicola Phillips, 8 6th Alexander  
Rosenthal, 1 9th Nicholas Coffey, 8 Raphael Moss, 2 11th Joel Sager, 8  
James Kattan, 1 12th Natasha Gershinson, 1 13th Joanna Channing, 6  
15th Daniel Press, 5 Paul Goodmaker, 5 19th Juliet Arnold, 8 Kate Wise, 6  
20th Joanne Hellerman, 6 21st Justin Berkovi, 7 24th Elliot Davis, 6  
25th Simon Cole, 4 27th Adam Kramer, 9 James Leibert, 11 Benjamin Nash, 3  
Adam Cane, 3 28th Marc Paydon, 5

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7 April  
Visit  
Watford  
Palace  
Theatre  
with the  
Young  
Marrieds

10 May - Games Evening at 39 Claybury

15/16 May  
Youth  
Shabbat

14 June  
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18  
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