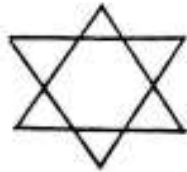


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Editorial

How often do we (and that includes me) say "I'm only doing it for the children" or "We must think of the next generation"? Laudable though this sentiment is if we (and that still includes me) don't encourage and set an example our children will, eventually, consider our pushing to be a waste of time.

We have seen this amongst our own generation who were not set an example or were forced into doing things without our parents' commitment and are thus ill- or mis-informed, cynical, critical or hypocritical. And yet the youngsters of to-day are thirsting for direction, leadership and knowledge, particularly in connection with their "roots" - be it family or Jewish background or religious.

Here in Bushey, because of its remarkably young and intelligent Jewish community, we have the golden opportunity of building a future generation that will be socially conscious, proud of its background and glad to play its part in our tradition - often the envy of other "groups". Unfortunately if current interest is an example, the battle will be lost and our children denied their birthrights.

Why do I say this? Well the best way is simply to ask questions and see if the answers YOU give justify the concern.

- When did you last attend a talk, debate or similar occasion at our Shul?
- Have you volunteered to help the Youth Club, Cubs, Brownies, Enei Akivah, the Hebrew Classes?
- When your child remarks about what he or she has been taught at classes, do you get embarrassed, ignore it, make an excuse or simply say what we do is one thing, what you learn is another?
- Do you look upon the classes and youth activities as an opportunity to get the kids out and give me some peace?

If you have been honest and are feeling somewhat sheepish or guilty then you know what to do. However, if you have been honest and are not guilty then obviously the underlying message is not intended for you.

Without your help, commitment and interest and involvement, the plans that are being formulated for a Synagogue and Community Centre could become a magnificent white elephant and might as well remain purely a "good idea" but with your commitment, etc., etc., we can assure ourselves and our children an excellent future stemming from a vibrant, active and aware community.

Colin Fink

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

All children who will be 5 by 31 DECEMBER, 1981 are eligible for a place in the Hebrew Classes as from September.

As the London Board of Jewish Religious Education is discouraging mid-year entries, it is hoped that parents will enrol their children on SUNDAYS 21 and 28 JUNE for the coming academic year.

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Social & Personal

MAZEL TOV

-to Mr. & Mrs. Philip Chapper on the birth of a son.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cooper on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Harvey on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kalms on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Kaye, on the birth of a daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Margolin on the birth of a son.
-to Mr. & Mrs. B. Venit on the birth of a grand-daughter.
-to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Epstein on the engagement of their son Jeffrey.
-to Dr. & Mrs. I. Stelzer on the engagement of their daughter Helen.

MITZVAHS - BAR AND BAT

Between now and our next edition, the following boys will become Barmitzvah:-
 Jeremy Silverstone - Sedra Korach (22 June)
 Ryan Joseph - Sedra Chukat (4 July)
 Martin Harris - Sedra Shoftim (5 September)
 Simon Gold - Sedra Nitzavim (26 September)

REFUOH SHELAYMOH

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

Mrs. I. Bennett; Miss Gemma Brass; Miss Melissa Brier; Mrs. R. Coffey; Mr. J. Epstein; Mrs. J. Kerr; Mrs. M. Marks; Master Moshe Salasnik; Mr. M. Sedley; Mr. M. Harris.

BARUCH HABAH

WELCOME to the following new members and their families.

Mr. L. Benson; Mr. M. Benson; Mr. L. Brier; Mr. R. Cohen; Mr. D. Court; Mr. M. Fishman; Mr. I.S. Fink; Mrs. A. Greater; Mr. H. Gray; Mr. M. Herbert; Mr. D. Pinnick; Mr. A. Sheena.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. M. Herbert, Mr. I. Press and Mr. M. Zatman who have recently suffered bereavements.

The following girls will have their Bat Mitzvah ceremonies:-

12 July

Georgia Arnold; Nicole Beller; Gail Leader-Cramer; Melissa Nathan.

13 September

Jayne Franklin; Nicole Kraines; Lisa Saunders.

We wish them ALL Mazel Tov and their parents much happiness and joy.

Bat Mitzvah

WHAT IS ITS JUSTIFICATION?

This year, Bushey will achieve another first - our first Bat Mitzvah ceremony. During July 4 girls will celebrate their becoming Bnot Mitzvah. During September, another 3 girls will celebrate the assumption of their religious responsibilities.

A few members, including some of the girls' parents, have asked me:- "What is a Bat Mitzvah? Why did girls not have a Bat Mitzvah when we were children?"

The term "Bat Mitzvah" is related to the term "Bar Mitzvah". The idea behind it is that just as a boy celebrates the day he takes on the obligations of an adult Jew, so a girl may celebrate the day that she assumes religious responsibilities.

As for the question, why is it only now that Orthodox communities encourage Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, the answer can be expressed best by an English proverb, "Necessity is the Mother of Invention".

To explain this, I refer to a work written in Hebrew under the title of 'Haishah Vehamitzvot' (The Woman and the Commandments) by Rabbi Dr. Ellinson (formerly of the Federation Synagogue in Edgware and now Lecturer in Bar-Ilan University, Israel). He quotes opinions given by twentieth-century rabbis as to whether it is permitted or even desirable to hold a Bat Mitzvah celebration. Some rabbis, especially those who flourished in Eastern Europe were opposed to such celebrations, considering them to be imitations of the gentile confirmation service which had been introduced into Jewish circles by Reform Jews. The attitude of these rabbis, while it may seem extreme to our environment, made sense in a society where almost all Jews were Orthodox or traditional.

Some rabbis have permitted classroom festivities. Others saw the girl's twelfth birthday as a day for personal festivity. Still

others voiced approval of a home celebration. This might seem synonymous with a "The Woman's Place is in the Home" attitude, but it should be realised that in an authentic Jewish setting, the home is the foundation of Jewish observance, and there is therefore a very good reason for celebrating in the home.

The Bat Mitzvah ceremony that we have in our Synagogue is in line with the positive attitude presented by some Western Rabbis. First among them was the nineteenth century German Orthodox leader, Rabbi Ya'akov Ettlinger, who ministered to a community that included a non-Orthodox component. This made him alive to the religious environment that we know to-day.

Another was Rabbi Yechiel Ya'akov Weinberg, who lived in Germany prior to World War II and, after surviving the Holocaust, settled in Switzerland. He did not consider that Bat Mitzvah celebrations owed their origins to gentile festivities. In fact, he encouraged a celebration as an important stage in strengthening within the girls' hearts a love for the commandments and a pride in belonging to a great and holy people.

To those who argued that since previous generations did not celebrate a Bat-Mitzvah, we should not introduce it, he stressed the pedagogic importance of a Bat Mitzvah celebration and pointed out that previous generations had no need to concern themselves with education for girls, since they imbibed a love of Judaism and a knowledge of its observances from their homes and the Jewish environment in their towns. Nowadays, "the influence of the street eradicates the spark of Judaism from the heart of every boy and girl".

Nevertheless, while Rabbi Weinberg encouraged the Bat Mitzvah celebration, he concurred with all other leading rabbinical authorities that it should not take place in the Synagogue, but

BYJAMAS

should be held in the adjoining hall or at home. Furthermore, the rabbi should devote a sermon to encouraging the girl to be an observant Jewess.

Most Orthodox synagogues have failed to adhere to one particular, namely that the ceremony should not take place in the Synagogue itself. In all probability, this failure has resulted from a desire to make the Bat Mitzvah as similar as is possible to the Bar Mitzvah. I feel this is a mistake. The girl's celebration should not be based on the boy's. It should be an original celebration with special relevance to the part that women have played and do play in our religious and history. I have heard the Chief Rabbi say that one of the most impressive celebrations he has seen was a pageant performed by Australian Jewish schoolgirls in a large hall.

For the moment, pressure of space forces us in Bushey to hold the festivities in the Synagogue which, of course, we also use, at present, as a Synagogue Hall. Even so, it is my desire that in a few years time, when we might enjoy more spacious premises, we will be able to devise a more original celebration.

I conclude with the hope that the happy atmosphere which characterises Mrs. Elisabeth Finkelstein's Bat Mitzvah class and the advancement in knowledge that has been its result, will encourage the girls to become learned and observant Jewesses.

Rev. Z.M. Salasnik

The Young Marrieds and Singles Group has finally found itself a name which we hope will rapidly become famous throughout the length and breadth of Bushey.

"BYJAMAS" actually stands for Bushey Young Jewish Association of Marrieds and Singles - hence the need for an abbreviation!

The Group's "Mr. and Mrs." evening was a great success, attracting some fifteen Mr's and Mrs's. As far as we know, at the time of publication most of the arguments caused by the evening's searching questions (such as:- "how often does your husband change his socks? when did your wife propose to you? how often does your husband clean the kitchen floor?") have subsided!

Before the publication of this article, an evening of "Charades" will have been held under the title of "Give Us A Clue" and on Sunday 14 June, BYJAMAS is holding a Car Rally in aid of the Jewish Society for the Mentally Handicapped, followed by a buffet supper at the Synagogue.

So far BYJAMAS has had ample offers of help and houses for meetings, but further offers would be most welcome, together with suggestions for the shape of the programme for 5742 which is presently being planned.

Peter Rohm

Steven Jacobs

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SHAVUOT
(Feast of Weeks)



The Festival of Pentecost commemorates the Revelation on Mount Sinai. It is also the time when the "Bikkurim", or the newly ripened fruits, were brought to the Temple by all Israel. It is, therefore, customary to decorate the Synagogue

and the home with flowers and plants. On the second day memorial services (Haskarat Meshomat) are held.

Because of its significance in connection with the period of harvest, the beautiful Book of Ruth, containing a romance of the harvest days during the period in which Israel lived in Palestine, is read during the Synagogue Service.

TISHAH BE'AV
(The Ninth of Ab)



If the Day of Atonement is the most solemn day in the Jewish Calendar, the Ninth Day of Ab is the saddest. On this day, according to tradition, both Solomon's Temple and Herod's Temple were destroyed and pillaged in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E. respectively. The covering of the Ark in the Synagogue is removed, worshippers sit on the floor or on low stools to symbolise mourning and the Book of Lamentation, written by Jeremiah as Jerusalem was ravaged by her enemies in the year 586 B.C.E. is recited.

The theme of the destruction of the Temple and the exile, together with fervent aspirations for a return to Zion, provided a perennial source of inspiration for Jewish poets and liturgists throughout the ages. A selection of some of the more outstanding dirges has been incorporated into the Fast liturgy.

Towering above the rest stand the immortal "Odes to Zion" composed by the Jewish philosopher and poet, Yehuda Halevi. The Fast is preceded by the Tenth of Tevet and the Seventeenth of Tammuz. The former commemorates the inception of the siege of Jerusalem in the winter of 587-6 B.C.E. by the Babylonians, and the latter commemorates the breaching of the walls of the city in the spring of 586.

QUIZ SUPPER
SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 1981

Strictly for parents

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT CHEDEK

Can YOU answer "YES" to all of these questions:-

1. Does your child leave school to be home for Shabbat?
2. Does he/she stay away from school for Yomtov?
3. Did you know that you have the right to withdraw your child from religious instruction at school?
4. Does your child have Kosher meals or vegetarian meals at school?
5. Does your son/daughter attend Shul/Children's Service regularly?
6. Does he/she attend regularly and punctually at Hebrew Classes?
7. Do you help him/her at home?
8. Would you like to attend an Adult Class?

Well how many times did you answer "YES"? What are you going to do about the "NO" answers? If nothing, remember only your child will suffer and more than likely blame you in years to come.

FOR PARENTS OF BOYS

To be called up to the Torah is a great honour, one we should not take lightly. To be allowed to read a Parsha or Maftir and Haftarah is even more so. It is hoped, therefore, that if you wish your son to be Barmitzvah it should be treated as something more than a passing out parade and a glorified party - devoid of any religious meaning.

No parent wants more than that his son be a credit to him, so here are two proposals (in other Synagogues they are rules) to help him reach that level and you "schlapp nachas":-

- regular attendance at Hebrew Classes
- regular attendance at Services, especially Shabbat morning.

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Affiliated to B'nai B'rith, Pinner BBYA meets every Wednesday evening, the programme varying from the serious and informative to the light-hearted.

Since the club started in January, the diversity of the programmes has spanned talks on the P.L.O., by the Samaritans, to visiting the theatre and having a demonstration of uncanny powers by a hypnotist.

Weekends are also a time of activity and can be spent taking part in Pinner BBYA's welfare programme - perhaps visiting an Old People's Home or Children's Home or gardening for the elderly and handicapped - or attending a National BBYA event; this could be a weekend up in Leeds, being entertained by the Lodge there, or going on a day trip to Boulogne.

If you think it sounds interesting and would like to know where the next programme is, ring Richard (428 4778) or Caroline (428 3563).

BOARD LADIES!

As a result of the ratification by the community of the Board's resolution to elect two ladies to attend Board Meetings, it is a pleasure to record that Mrs. Roberta Coffey and Mrs. Shirley Epstein take up their duties from 18 May.

Mrs. Susan Bennett was unanimously elected by the members of the Ladies Guild to represent it on the Board.

LADIES GUILD

We will, as usual, be having a Stall at the Open Day in aid of the J.W.B. Home at Hemel Hempstead on SUNDAY 5 JULY. All donations of tins, groceries would be gratefully accepted by Shirley Epstein 950 5217 or Susan Bennett, 954 0857 and help on the day would also be much appreciated.

Dates of our next meetings and venues are:-

JULY 6 - "Heathgate", Heathbourne Road, Bushey Heath.

SEPT 7 - 7, Coldharbour Lane, Bushey

OCT 5 - 25, Ivinghoe Road, Bushey Heath.

All Meetings start at 8.15 p.m.

For any details regarding the ladies guild, contact:-

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Letter from Israel

Jackie and David Shulman with their children, Robin, Asa and Tamara went on Aliya two years ago and have settled very happily. The following letter was received from them just a week too late for publication in the Purim/Pesach Newsletter but we feel sure you will all enjoy reading about the wonderful way Purim is celebrated in Israel and how the Shulmans and the Coles (ex-Bushey) enjoyed it together.

Dear Bushey Community,

As the final crumbs of hamantashen are swept away, I reflect upon the festival of Purim which we have just celebrated. We have been in Israel now for two years, but for me the profound affect of the festivals does not diminish. Quite the contrary.

Purim probably has even more impact than most festivals, the emphasis being on the joy of the occasion. Not that the celebrations are confined merely to the day of Purim

וְכִּי כִּי אֵדָבָר וְיָרֵד מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם
which means "when we enter Adar there is much joy", and indeed as the new moon ushers in the month of Adar a festive spirit prevails in the atmosphere, culminating on the day of Purim when everybody lets their hair down.

During the week leading up to Purim there is a buzz of activity as people begin to prepare for parties, fancy dress and, of course, mishloach manot. Fancy dress is a serious business for all the family, not just the children, since everybody has at least one party to go to, and fancy dress is obligatory.

After many dress rehearsals, our three children eagerly dressed themselves in their costumes at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, the day designated for fancy dress and parties at all the schools and ganim.

Consequently that day the streets of Israel were devoid of children. Instead they were filled with a strange collection of animals, cowboys, kings, queens and other such characters. Not a normal child in sight!

The following evening the children were again in costume to hear the Megilla read in a packed and extremely noisy Shul. On our return from Shul, the children shed their clothes and it was our turn to dress up.

Being an Israeli party, that the Coles and ourselves were invited to, we were told to come at 10 p.m. We felt that this sounded somewhat late but nevertheless, arrived dutifully on time - oh well, we'll learn! At 11 p.m. the rest of the guests arrived and the fun began. They had obviously taken time and trouble to prepare a "programme" for the evening (or should I say night!), the highlight being an auction.

There was, however, one slight variation to this auction. One could not see what one was bidding for since each item was gift wrapped. Even the lucky(?) person to win the bid was not allowed to open it.

The business of auctioning completed, with burning curiosity the successful bidders stripped the items of their covers. To the amazement of all, the revealed articles were all possessions belonging to the guests at the party!! A toilet brush which had mysteriously disappeared from their bathroom; one shoe for which a whole house had been turned upside down; a valuable vase for which the daily woman had been under close suspicion and surveillance!! As each item came to light, the gasps of amazement, accusations and cries of jubilation were all quite hilarious.

When the laughter finally died down, the burglar in chief described in detail how she had procured and secreted each item, at a recent visit to each guest's home. We unfortunately had to leave the party early at 2 a.m. - needless to say still in full swing.

The following morning activity started at an early house, with the second reading of the Megilla, followed by the delivering and receiving of mishloach manot.

This year, Purim falling on a Friday, the Sudat Purim had to be eaten in the morning. Being a lovely sunny day, the Coles, another family and ourselves, decided to make ours into a picnic. Unfortunately the other Bushey expatriots - the Burtons, - were unable to join us because they were attending a party with Harvey's company.

We found an idyllic picnic site in a forest, where tables and benches were laid out against a background of trees and childrens climbing frames. While the men played football and the children clambered about, we set out our "banquet".

Since Purim led into Shabbat, ³ADP was yet another excuse for a party. This time our English group of Emunah had arranged a party. David and Ronald had devised various games and with Ronald leading the proceedings, the ensuing results were quite hilarious. I forgot to mention that Purim is the only time in the year when men are allowed to dress up as women. I won't actually describe the mode of dress worn by David and Ronald, but suffice it to say they were a pretty sight!!

To enjoy Purim to the full, it is certainly a lot of hard work. However, the immense pleasure derived from the participation makes more than worthwhile.

We hope you all had a happy Pesach.
Best wishes,
Jackie and David Shulman

W.I.Z.O.

The past few months have been very successful and enjoyable for the Bushey Kinneret WIZO Group. Our major function was a "Slimmers Luncheon" in March at which we had several speakers, a fashion show and a keep-fit/disco demonstration. We raised £900. at this function.

On Sunday May 31st we are going to make a Presentation to Mrs. Brenda Katten, the National Chairman of WIZO of the money raised in our first year.

Last year, we took a Stall at the Bushey Show on August Bank Holiday Monday and we propose to do the same this year. We are eagerly collecting items to put on the stall and would be grateful for donations. Anything new would be welcome, e.g. fancy goods, toys, cans of food etc. If you have something to donate, please telephone either Bonny (950-6376) or Valerie (950-5494) and we will arrange to collect it.

In July/August we hope to run a WIZO Holiday Summer School for children aged 5-8 years. The exact dates and venue are not yet confirmed but if anyone would like more details, would they please telephone either Bonny (950-6376) or Jenny (92-28987)

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SZALMA SALAMANDER

I came from a small shtetl some sixteen verst from Vilna, very much a farming centre with a minority Jewish population. It was common practise after Maariv, when Shabbat ended, for the congregation to gather at Reb Mendel's shenkel and partake of a light snack. It usually consisted of shmultz herring and buttered ruzvena broit, helped down with a glass or two of Bronfen before returning home from Shul. It often took well into the night before the Chevra broke up and made their way home, some with the support of a helping hand as they would never have made it on their own.

Among the regulars was Meyer the Kutsef - a shikker - a bulvan. Now Meyer had a faithful worker named Szalma and when Szalma wasn't pushing the cart loaded with meat he was cutting carcasses. When that job ended, he swept up. There was very little time for Szalma to rest as Reb Meyer was always there with the next job. However, everyone finds a way and Szalma managed to duck-shove when he came to flick chickens. He was a great 'heener flicker' - even the chickens did not complain when Szalma pulled at the feathers, he was so gentle. He managed to finish in good time to relax and stretch out the pile of feathers around him.

Szalma's favourite pastime was catching fleas and 'knack' them between his thumbnails boasting he could beat anyone. No one accepted his challenge.

Once while Szalma was busily plucking away, a couple of fleas jumped on him and much as he tried he just could not catch them. He twisted and turned, rubbed and pulled and hopped about just like a jack-in-the-box. He even pulled off his trousers jumping about in his

gutkas, but the fleas refused to leave. Finally Szalma gave up, resigning himself to being bitten, and in all the best places!

It took a little time for Szalma to observe that the fleas were playing a kind of game. It was to hop along several hairs of his body but missing out some. These antics fascinated him and after a while Szalma decided to get them to hop on his wiggling fingers. They soon got the idea and used his fingers as a spring-board. It became a real merry-go-round, especially as they were allowed to take an occasional nip at the outstretched fingers. This went on for several days with Szalma keeping it a closely guarded secret.

After a week or so, Szalma noticed an increase in the family - he was overjoyed. Soon there were more than twenty performing fleas around doing all sorts of tricks. Szalma then hit on a great idea. The fleas were so clever, he decided to train them to perform, just as he had seen once when he visited a circus in Vilna. He formed them into a team of acrobats.

To cut a long story short, Meyer lost a great "heener flicker" and Szalma Salamander became a famous showman with the first Jewish Flea Circus.

Syd Sheinman

All articles, reports, stories and other contributions for the next edition of the Newsletter must be received by the Editor before 1 August 1981

For the children

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of you who celebrate birthdays in June, July and August:-

JUNE

2nd Nicole Lehrer 12, Andrew Davidson 8, 3rd Avital Burton 2, 4th Andrew Levy 7, 6th Sarah Silverstone 11, 7th Hayley Davis 8, Jonathan Dryer 6, David Byers 3, Adam Coffer 3, 8th Gary Weissman 11, Victoria Gray 7, 9th Natalie Atkins 10, Alexander Verrey 4, 10th Emma Fishman 1, 11th Anthony Trenton 12, Melanie Press 10, 12th Daniel Goldstein 7, 13th Jeremy Silverstone 13, 14th Simon Astor 8, 19th Michelle Aston 13, Sara Gluckstein 13, Jeremy Conway 12, Shelley Fligg 11, Melanie Fligg 9, 21st Simon Wolmark 11, 22nd Nicholas Kerr 7, 23rd Ryan Joseph 13, Leigh Freshwater 5, 26th Moshe Salasnik 5, 27th James Kahan 2, 30th Rachel Levene.

JULY

1st Camilla Salter 13, 3rd Adam Soames 8, Mark Engel 1, 7th Joanna Carson 6, Russell Fishman 4, 14th Richard Sager 6, Rayna Tenenbaum 5, Simon Marx 4, Justin Kennedy 3, 16th Melanie Liebert 9, 18th Adam Finkelstein 1, 19th Melanie Doctors 6, Elise Hockley 3, 20th Adam Gitlin 10, 23rd Jeremy Carson 8, Simon Dryer 8, Matthew Verrey 8, 24th Elliot Olivestone 5, Nina Zane 5, 25th Juliette Sterling 8, 26th Elizabeth Kerr 4, 27th Debra Cohen 8, Neil Freshwater 2, 31st Rachel Herman 11.

AUGUST

1st Jeremy Blank 2, 2nd Abigail Blank 5, Samantha Bratt 11, Jessica Marlowe 9, 3rd Adrian Brass 8, 4th Wendy Grunthal 5, 6th Nicola Bush 10, Natasha Shifrin 2, 7th Rachel Baum 10, 8th Gidon Back 8, 10th Marshall Joseph 8, 11th Gerald Seymour 12, 14th Melissa Brier 5, 15th Natalie Press 8, 18th Elliot Kahan 11, 19th Gaynor Richards 9, 20th Emma Saunders Claire Lopez-Dias 6, 21st Sarah Kafetz 9, 22nd Sarah Hornick 6, 24th Andrew Lament 8, Spencer Baum 7, 27th Lara Silverstone 8, 28th Darren Gluckstein 11, 29th Deborah Bernstein 2, 30th Simon Kerr 9, Danielle Hajioff 8, Claire Zane 3, 31st Adam Olivestone 8.

QUIZ

1. How many letters are there in the "Ten Commandments?"
2. How many times in the course of a year is the whole Torah read from beginning to end?
3. Which is the largest book of the Bible, and which is the smallest?
4. Is Mount Sinai in the Land of Israel?
5. How long after the departure from Egypt did the children of Israel receive the Torah?
6. How old was Moses when he received the Torah for Israel?
7. What is the day following Shavuot called?
8. Do we recite a Brocho before the reading of the Megilla of Ruth?
9. How many Sifrei Torah do we take from the Ark on Shavuot?

ANSWERS

1. 620. Symbolic of the 613 commandments and the 7 commands of the sages.
2. Once.
3. The book of Psalms is the largest, with 150 Chapters. Obadiah is the smallest, with 1 Chapter.
4. No.
5. Seven weeks.
6. 80.
7. Iru Chag.
8. No.
9. Two.

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Timetables

SHABBAT

SHABBAT	SIDRA	LIGHT CANDLES BY	FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE	SHABBAT MINCHAH	SHABBAT ENDS
12/13 JUNE	BEHA'ALOTHECHA	7.50*	7.30	9.30	10.21
19/20 JUNE	SHELACH LECHA	7.50*	7.30	9.30	10.24
26/27 JUNE	KORACH	7.50*	7.30	9.30	10.25
3/4 JULY	CHUKKATH	7.50*	7.30	9.30	10.22
10/11 JULY	BALAK	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.15
17/18 JULY	PINCHAS	7.50*	7.30	9.15	10.06
24/25 JULY	MATTOTH	7.50*	7.30	9.00	9.55
31/1 AUGUST	MASSEI	7.50*	7.30	8.45	9.43
7/8 AUGUST	DEVARIM	7.50*	7.30	8.30	9.28
14/15 AUGUST	VA'ETHCHANAN	7.50*	7.30	8.15	9.13
21/22 AUGUST	EKEV	7.50*	7.30	8.00	8.57
28/29 AUGUST	RE'EH	7.42	7.30	7.45	8.41
4/5 SEPTEMBER	SHOFETIM	7.26	7.15	7.30	8.24
11/12 SEPTEMBER	KI THETSE	7.10	7.00	7.15	8.07
18/19 SEPTEMBER	KI THAVO	6.54	6.45	7.00	7.51

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

SHAVUOT

Sunday 7 June

The festival begins at 9.00 pm by which time the candles should be lit.

Maariv service at 8.45 pm

Tikun Leil Limmud (Night of Study) 12.00 midnight to 4.00 am.
Refreshments.

Monday 8 June - Yom Tov 1st day

Shachrit service - 10.00 am

Minchah/Maariv service - 8.45 pm

Light candles after 10.17 pm from an existing flame.

Tuesday 9 June - Yom Tov 2nd day

Shachrit service - 9.30 am (YIZKOR 11.00 am approx)

Minchah/Maariv service - 9.30 pm

The festival ends at 10.18 pm.

ROSH CHODESH

TAMMUZ THURSDAY 2 JULY & FRIDAY 3 JULY

AV SHABBAT 1 AUGUST

ELLUL SUNDAY 30 AUGUST & MONDAY 31 AUGUST

Keep a note of...

Minister	- Rev M Salasnik	950 6453
Synagogue	- Office open 10-1 Sundays	950 7340
Wardens	- John Blank	950 3780
	- Colin Fink	
Financial Rep.	- Lionel Finkelstein	950 1988
Education	- Ronnie Levene	92 44094
Functions	- Bobbie Coffe	950 5489
Bnei Akivah	- Jon Beller	950 3905
	- Stuart Fink	
Buildings	- Peter Bennett	954 0857
	- Paul Epstein	950 5217
Brownies	- Nadia Glenville	950 5130
Covenants	- Leon Mitchell	950 5496
Cubs	- Barry Paydon	950 7111
Friendship Club	- Mark Marks	950 1332
	- Syd Sheinman	950 3130
	- Shirley Epstein	950 5217
Gan Aviv Management	- Aron Sager	950 7123
Gan Aviv Parents Assn	- Hilary Gasson	950 4648
	- Richard Nead	950 7279
Kashrut Officer	- Elisabeth Finkelstein	950 1988
Ladies Guild Chairmen	- Susan Bennett	954 0857
	- Sandra Caplan	950 1984
Ladies Guild Membership	- Shirley Epstein	950 5217
	- Betty Segalov	950 3485
Land	- Henry Saunders	950 4290
Membership (Synagogue)	- Paul Epstein	950 5217
	- Stephen Herman	
Mother & Toddlers Group	- Laurel Levy	950 4182
Newsletter & P.R.	- Colin & Sylvia Fink	
Show Group	- Shirley Epstein	950 5217
	- Cyril Trup	950 3960
Young Marrieds & Singles (BYJAMAS)	- Michelle & Steven Jacobs	950 5950
	- Monica & Peter Bohm	950 7706
Youth	- Cyril Trup	950 3960
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Board of Deputies	- Laurence Brass	
	- Colin Mayover	428 5058
*Bushey C.A.R.E.	- Louise Sager	950 7123
*Council of Christians and Jews	- Colin Fink	
	Rev Salasnik	950 6453
*J.I.A.	- Michael Marx	950 3496
*League of Jewish Women	- Josie Davis	428 8104
*Soviet Jewry	- Sharyn Blank	950 3780
*W.I.Z.O.	- Bonny Nash	950 6376
	- Valerie Shiman	950 5494

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SURNAME _____

Full English Names	Full Hebrew Names (use English letters)
1	
2	
3	

Hebrew name of father _____ ben _____

Hebrew name of mother _____ bat _____

Child's place of birth	Civil date of birth
1	
2	
3	

Signature of parent _____