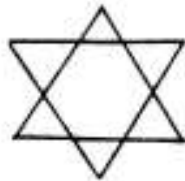


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## EDITORIAL

Readers will have noticed that this is Edition No. 50. Since its inception under the editorship of my illustrious predecessor, Ronald Cole, the community has grown; its needs multiplied and its resources stretched. Yet in some respects nothing changes.

Looking at back issues, the pleas for help are there and the castigations by the committed of the apathetic are there. Now the demands are greater yet still the majority expect it to be done. How, they are not concerned about, as long as it is not them who do it - and so the few who do it all, are criticised once too often and throw in the towel. Can you blame them??

We are blessed with, what others describe Bushey as, a thriving active young community living in close proximity to one another, genuinely caring about the present and next generation of Jews. Many seem shy to admit their feelings of attachment

and so remain in the background because they think their friends will jeer. Come forward and be welcomed - if your friends are friends, they will respect you. We are not perfect, but then who is? Mistakes are made and that's no shame for we can all learn from them.

By the time the seventy-fifth or even the sixtieth edition is published perhaps the editor will be able to reflect on the tremendous enthusiasm, effort and drive exerted by everyone. Perhaps he or she will be able to report on an excess of helpers for youth activities, over subscription to dinners and other functions, large congregation of worshippers and a return to a high level of observance. Not a dream, but entirely attainable with a bit of effort and a fair degree of unselfishness.

Looking forward to seeing YOU soon and then again soon after.

Colin Fink

## STOP PRESS

- Annual Hebrew Classes Prizegiving  
17 January 1982
- Over £600 raised at Guild luncheon
- Post Barmitzrah boys & Bat Chayil girls can now attend Elstree Teenage Centre
- Copy date next edition 31 January

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

### MAZELTOV.....

- .....to Mr. & Mrs. R. Channing,  
on the birth of a daughter.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Stuart  
Farleigh, on the birth  
of a son.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Andy Pater,  
on the birth of a son.
- .....to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen  
Phillips, on the birth  
of a daughter.

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### REFUOH SHELAYMOH

Our wishes for a speedy return to good health are extended to the following who have recently been in hospital.

Mr. L. Flower; Mrs. I. Gold;  
Mr. H. Marcus; Mr. M. Marks;  
Mrs. D. Segalov; Mrs. S. Sheirman;  
Master R. Paydon; Master N.  
Coffer; Mr. M. Michaels.

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### BARUCH HABAH

Welcome to the following new members and their families:-

Mr. Raymond Altback; Mr. Paul Austin; Mrs. Michelle Baker; Mr. Ralph Bunt; Mrs. Diane Cohen; Mr. Simon Eden; Mr. Jeffrey Glazin; Mr. Peter Goldsmith; Mr. David Gottler; Mr. Stuart Grant; Mr. Ronnie Jacobs; Mr. Stanley Klinger; Mr. Warren Levene; Mr. Stephen Lipman; Mr. Ralfe Meyer; Mr. Stephen Milich; Mr. Manuel Paskin; Mr. Michael Revan; Mr. Harry Rind; Mr. Stanley Samuels; Mr. John Sanders; Mr. Mark Simons; Mr. Laurence Stockman; Mr. Robert Stone.

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### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mr. R. Stone who has recently suffered a bereavement.

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## COMMUNAL DIARY

17 JANUARY	Superstars Disco	6.30 p.m.
6 FEBRUARY	Ladies Guild Shabbat	9.30 a.m.
18 FEBRUARY	Authoress Helen Franks talks to the Ladies Guild & guests at 168, Stanmore Hill, Stanmore.	8.15 p.m.
7 MARCH	Barn Dance (Ladies Guild)	
14 MARCH	Purim Party (Ladies Guild)	
8 MAY	Youth Shabbat	
20 JUNE	Midsummer Dance	

CALLING ALL 12½ - 15 year olds

A new youth group catering for "young" teenagers has been started. It meets every TUESDAY from 8.00 until 9.45. All boys and girls in this age group are welcome.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Annual Remembrance Service and wreath laying ceremony in Bushey was held on the afternoon of Sunday 8 November. The Synagogue's wreath was laid by Rev. Salasnik, accompanied by Mr. Colin Fink and Councillor Laurence Brass.

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## COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

During Chol Hamoed Succoth, the Synagogue hosted a crowded meeting of the Bushey Council of Christians and Jews.

Rev. Salasnik spoke about the Festival and its observances and refreshments were served in the Succah.

It is a pity that so few of our members associate themselves with this important group. A lot of the ill-feeling towards us locally might be eradicated if we were as keen about CCJ as our Christian neighbours seem to be.

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## QUEENS SCHOOL

A group of girl pupils studying for the GCE in Religious Knowledge at 'O' and 'A' level at Queens School were shown round the Synagogue and the Succah by Rev. Salasnik during Chol Hamoed Succoth.

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## OAKHILL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

On three occasions in the last year, groups of students from Oakhill Theological College have attended the service on a Shabbat morning.

All the groups were led by Rev. Roger Cowley of St. Luke's Church Watford.

After the service, the students go to Rev. Cowley's home where they enjoy an Israeli-style lunch.

Rev. and Mrs. Cowley have close connections with our community and they both attend our Ivrit lessons.

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## BYJAMAS

BYJAMAS, the group attended mainly by young marrieds, which holds monthly meetings, was addressed by Mr. Eli Sheldon on the subject of "Phrenology".

Following the talk, Mr. Sheldon examined the heads of 3 members and made interesting suggestions as to their characteristics and occupations!!

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## BAT CHAYIL

1981 saw the first Bat Chayil Services in the community. There were 7 graduates (4 in July and 3 in September). A distinctive feature of the dignified Choral services was that the girls gave individual readings. Each girl spoke about her Hebrew name or about a Festival connected with her birthday.

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## FUND RAISERS

Occurring the same week recently were two functions organised by Shul Groups for the purpose of entertainment, socialising and fund-raising.

The Functions Committee held its Autumn Fayre at which visitors could purchase interesting, good value bargains, whilst the Ladies Guild had its sell-out Luncheon with Lady Jakobovits as guest speaker.

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THANK YOU

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. & Mrs. B. Nathan for the Silver breasplate for the Sefer Torah presented on the occasions of their son and daughter's Bar and Bat Mitzvot.

Thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. John Blank for the bookcase on the occasion of John being Chatan Bereshit.

.....and to the many other members and their families for donations of money and whisky.

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HEBREW CLASSES P.A.

A much needed and long awaited Hebrew Clases Parents Association has now been formed. Elsewhere in this journal is an announcement about it.

NO parent who is concerned about Jewish education and the maintenance of our traditions can afford to ignore it.

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**CHARITIES**

The following organisations have asked the Synagogue for its support. Their needs are urgent and we would ask you to support as many as you can to the best of your ability:-

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED POST-BIBLICAL STUDIES, 18, Heathfield Road, Liverpool, L15 9 EZ.

JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION, 90-92, Cazenove Road, London, N16 6AB

HOME FOR AGED JEWS, 105, Nightingale Lane, London, SW12 8BR

SABBATH OBSERVANCE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU, Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, London, WC1

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BABYSITTERS

Teenagers who are prepared to offer their baby-sitting services are asked to contact either Colin Fink or Cyril Trup.

The aim is to prepare a directory so that the many parents in the community who need such a service can use the community's own resources.

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LOST AND FOUND

An item of jewelry has been passed to me by the Security Guard who was on duty on Rosh Hashana.

If you or a member of your family lost an item, please contact me when it is hoped we can reunite the loser with the possession.

C.L. Fink.

• SUPERSTARS •

FIRST BIRTHDAY DISCO.....

SUNDAY JANUARY 17th 1982.....

AT THE SHUL.....

6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m

OUR OWN LOCAL DISCO....JON KRAINES

SPOT PRIZES      REFRESHMENTS.....

PRICE  $\frac{1}{2}$ — $\infty$

AGE GROUP 9.to 14

DON'T MISS THE FUN.....



## SOVIET JEWRY

A few weeks ago Iosif Mendelevich was in Britain. At the talk I heard he shared one of his experiences in the prison camp. Relieved to find another Jew in the camp he made contact and the younger man was eager to learn from Iosif who taught him Hebrew and Jewish history through the sewage pipes connecting the cells. Released into the labour camp the lessons continued and a Rosh Hashanah celebration was held. The two men sat with a piece of bread and a postcard of Jerusalem that Iosif had received long ago. For this they were punished; put into solitary confinement in the prison of the prison camp. They went on hunger strike and still continued the lessons. Iosif wrote down all he remembered on tiny scraps of paper which he hid in the snow during the exercise half-hour and the other collected them and learnt them to be tested in the evening through the plumbing. "That's what kept us going", he said. "There's a little spark of G-d in all of us Jews".

These were recent experiences - he has been in Israel less than a year. It is very difficult to believe that such things are going on now. The news from Moscow is that all Hebrew teachers' homes have been raided and they have been told that it is now forbidden to teach Hebrew. All activists will have to stay in Russia all their lives and will not be permitted to emigrate. In one year, the KGB threatened last week, there will be no more Jewish activity, or any other dissident activity.

It is imperative that we remember the spark that Iosif Mendelevich talked about. Not only must we pray that it is not extinguished physically or spiritually but we must continue our efforts on behalf of the Jews of Russia. I hope you will all find time to write letters to the Jews in Russia to let them and the authorities know that we will never forget them.

SHARYN BLANK

YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
SLIDE SHOW OF "A RECENT  
VISIT TO MOSCOW" TO BE  
HELD ON SUNDAY 10 JAN,  
1982 AT THE HOME OF MR.  
& MRS. RALPH CAPLAN,  
16, HARTSBOURNE AVENUE,  
BUSHEY HEATH AT 8.15 p.m.

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!  
NO QUEUEING UP!

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DIS-  
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ICE SHOW" WITH 'ROBIN  
COUSINS' AT WEMBLEY.

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AT BOX OFFICE PRICES:

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£3.00 for children

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY, 1982.  
2.30 MATINEE PERFORMANCE.

IN AID OF YOUTH  
ALIYAH.

FOR TICKETS PLEASE  
'PHONE:

BARBARA 950 4523  
LYDIA 950 7385

FORGET YOUR TROUBLES, COME  
ON GET HAPPY.....

Previous experience  
not necessary - we can  
make YOU a Star!!

All your family will  
schlepp nachas!!

INTERESTED??? Then come and  
join the BUSHEY SHOW GROUP  
which will be starting  
production of its next  
exciting extravaganza in  
January, 1982.

Have an evening where you  
can forget all your problems -  
we'll supply you with fresh  
ones!!

Further details from:-

Shirley 950 5217  
Cyril 950 3960

## LADIES GUILD

Once again we would like to thank everyone who gave fruit and vegetables and helped to decorate the Succah. As you probably noticed, we have invested in artificial fruit as a basis for the Succah decorations which can be re-used each year. We will still be grateful for your donations each year.

Another innovation concerned the Simchat Torah flags. This year, in view of the ever increasing costs of buying, and Guild supplied both materials and helpers to the Hebrew classes and the children had great pleasure in making their own flags - we Mums also enjoyed helping the children very much!

The next major function on our Agenda at the time of writing, is the Luncheon with Lady Jakobovits as guest speaker. This will already have taken place (17 November) by the time the Newsletter is published but we are confident that our next report will be on its success.

The Children's Chanukah Party is on SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER from 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m., as previously notified in the last Newsletter.

Further dates for you to note in your Diary are:-

### MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 1982

Helen Franks the well-known journalist who has recently had her book "Prime Time" published will talk to us at 168, Stanmore Hill, Stanmore at 8.15p.m.

### SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY, 1982

This is Ladies Guild Shabbat and a good turn-out of members is expected.

### SUNDAY 7 MARCH, 1982

A "Barn Dance" has been provisionally arranged.

### SUNDAY 14 MARCH, 1982

Purim Party for Children - provisional date.

Please check the Shul notice board or 'phone any Guild member for further details on any of the above.

There must be many more ladies in the community who are not yet members of the guild - please join us and help us to help you - THE COMMUNITY! If you are interested in joining, please telephone Barbara, 950 2450.

Sandra Caplan Sue Bennett

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## BYJAMAS

Byjamas completes a highly successful first year of existence on Sunday evening, 29th November when there will be a presentation by a representative from Carmel Wine Co. Ltd. on the subject of the Israeli Wine Industry, followed by a wine tasting and refreshments.

A further meeting is planned for Saturday evening 19th December. Details of the venues for both the above meetings are available from the Bohms or the Jacobs.

The evening of "Family Fortunes" in September was greatly enjoyed by all who attended, and last month a talk and demonstration on the subject of "Phrenology" was given to the Group by Eli Sheldon and proved to be most interesting.

We are always happy to see new faces at our meetings, and to hear ideas for future events. If you would like to know more about the Group or to make any suggestions please telephone us at the numbers on the back page of the newsletter.

Peter Bohm\*\*\*\*\*Steven Jacobs

# YOUTH

You will see elsewhere in this Newsletter details relating to the active Youth Groups. My appeal in the last Newsletter did not result in many people coming forward but I must record my thanks to those who have done so. We still need more helpers so PLEASE PLEASE come forward and offer your services.

The liaison committee has decided to hold a 'Youth Festival' on 28th March 1982 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at a venue to be announced. More details will be made available nearer the date. All the Bushey Youth Groups will be taking part, and demonstrating their activities for your benefit.

By the time this Newsletter is published the new group for the 12½ to 15 year olds will have started. If you have children in this age group or would like to help then please phone Alan Ashton on 950 2515 for details or from the undersigned.

I am glad to report that the Junior Junior Group will be starting in January 1982 to cater for the 7 to 9 year olds. Alan Glicksman has kindly agreed to co-ordinate these activities so please contact him on Watford 28020. Details will be sent to all children in this age group.

There must be a number of people in the community who have certain jobs or hobbies which would interest the youngsters. Photography, painting, medical, stamp collecting, computing etc etc etc. If you can talk about these subjects, with practical illustrations, then please contact me....A maximum of one hour will give much pleasure to the children and to the person giving the talk.

As well as being responsible for the Youth Activities of the shul, I am also involved with the Bushey Youth Centre Management Committee. This Centre, assisted by the local council, is being developed for all the youth in the area. The Centre is in need of equipment, such as table tennis, Space Invaders, Pool Tables, crockery, etc etc. If you have any equipment or can persuade a major company to pass over some of their cast-offs then please let me know.

Any help advice etc regarding youth will be appreciated...so please contact me on 950 3960.....Cyril Trup.

## BNEI AKIVA

TO ALL PARENTS.....

Bnei Akiva offers meetings where your children can come along and ENJOY themselves in a Jewish atmosphere. Games are played, quizzes held, outings arranged, songs learnt and if we can get teams together, sporting activities against other local groups. We want your children to have fun and at the same time receive a tiny amount of Jewish knowledge, which you will agree cannot do them any harm.

Our meetings are often centred around a particular topic using a combination of classroom

techniques and the informality and fun of a typical youth club session. More often than not the emphasis is on the latter.

So why not bring YOUR child along one Shabbat afternoon just to see and hear what goes on. Give it a whirl, give it a try!! There must be something about it that is attracting more and more youngsters who return from week to week.

We look forward to seeing YOU and your child soon at one of the groups, 6-10 years and 10 plus.

Steven Marcus - Rosh Sviva



## MOTHERS & TODDLERS

## SHOW 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 noon.

SO...why not bring along your babies or toddlers - everyone from 0 - 3 is welcome!

Come along and enjoy toys, games, refreshments and you and your children can make new friends.

If anyone has any large toys, i.e. pedal cars or sit-on toys, which are in good condition, they would be most welcome.

For further details contact:-

Laurel Levy	950 4182
Sandy Kattan	950 1224
Sharyn Blank	950 3780

Laurel Levy

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## FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

FOR

ANNUAL DANCE  
20 JUNE, 1982

RESERVE THE DATE - IT'S  
FATHER'S DAY SO MAKE  
SURE YOU JOIN US FOR  
A GREAT EVENING.....

There cannot be many other shuls where one can see three members of the Board appearing 'on the boards' in a show. Well at Bushey, the impossible seems to have happened. The show was of course 'Sweeter than Cream', a tribute to Rodgers Hart and Hammerstein, written by Cyril Trup and directed and choreographed by Shirley Epstein.

The audience was treated to a brief resume of the lives of these writers intermingled with their songs. Naturally one cannot help humming these tunes and the audience were so happy that they joined in.

Two performances were given, one at the Community Centre at Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church, and the second at the Freeman Susman Hall at Stanmore.

The performances were delightful, and made one proud that so much talent is available at Bushey. If you did not see it then find out from the group if they will be performing their shortened version in January.

Well done by the group, no details are available at the time of going to press regarding the financial results, but certainly the entertainment was excellent.

The next production will be in October 1982, and so if you want to take part, or help, or as the group say 'forget your problems' then contact Shirley on 950 5217 or Cyril on 950 3960 or just pop along to the shul on Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m.

I'm looking forward to the next show.. and you should too !!!!!

Moshe Shulgoer.

# SAFEGUARDING THE JEWISH MARRIAGE

by Rabbi E. Jackson, BA

I am making this contribution as Chairman of the Jewish Marriage Council. I believe that there has never been a time when this Council was so important to the well-being of our community. The institution of marriage is, at the moment, in a state of crisis and that state of crisis is having a profound affect on the Jewish community. I do not have to elaborate on the enormous increase that has taken place in marriage breakdown in recent years. Colleagues everywhere must testify to this fact. The Jewish Marriage Council puts the focus clearly on the subject of Jewish marriage and the support of the community for its work is vital. The work of the Council can be generally divided into three parts. They are: marriage preparation, marriage guidance and after-care. In the marriage preparation section, by far the most important and most successful of our endeavours are the teach-ins that we organise for engaged couples. I am happy to say that these are growing in popularity and serve an extremely useful purpose. For six weeks couples come together in an informal atmosphere and discuss every aspect of married life. Hopefully after participating in such a course, they are reasonably well prepared for the challenges that marriage inevitably provides. Within the marriage preparation orbit we also have a department which deals with teenage children at school and at club and as an adjunct to the teach-in, we organise classes in cookery and home management.

The lecture department makes sure that organisations throughout the metropolis and outside are informed about our work and are stimulated by lectures on subjects such as Jewish attitudes to "sex and marriage", "the generation gap", "marrying in/marrying out" and "communication in marriage".

The department for which the Council is best known is the Marriage Guidance Department. Unfortunately, the work load of Counsellors in this department increases all the time and they counsel couples from every section of the Jewish community. It should be stressed at this point that the Jewish Marriage Council has extremely stringent regulations with regard to our selection and training procedures, so that only Counsellors of the highest calibre, and who are willing and able to attain high professional standards, are accepted for our work.

In using the term "after-care" I had in mind that department which counsels those whose marriages have, unfortunately broken up. The Get department was set up with the intention of persuading recalcitrant spouses not to refuse to grant or receive a Get. In this respect the department has been remarkably successful but now the activities of it are much wider in nature. Divorced people who apply are counselled and the department has co-operated with the Beth Din in a major publicity drive to ensure that the Community is aware of the need for a Get.

Our Council is based in London, but, in the past year a major step in its development has been the opening of a branch in Manchester and in the immediate future, moves are being taken to set up a Communal Marriage Bureau and in this we will depend largely on the co-operation of Ministers through the country.

The Marriage Council is involved in vital work appertaining to the welfare of the Community and we are happy to co-operate with Ministers in all their endeavours in this field.

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*Rabbi E. Jackson is Minister of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue, London.  
This paper was read at the pre-Yomim Noraim Conference for Ministers in September 1980.*

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## LIGHT OBSERVATIONS

In assessing the significance of light, we find illumination in the main is, by the present generation, taken for granted.

Merely by pressing a knob, button, or switch, or perhaps the somewhat older method of striking a flint or matchstick, light is produced. It must however be remembered that the use and need, and indeed importance of flame and light was of great significance as far back in the history of man as one can go.

The uses of artificial light were varied and diverse. For example, great fires were lit to convey information over great distances, particularly in times of conflict some thousands of years ago, and even in more recent times - and to make one further point, the act of lighting a flame to mark or commemorate an event of some importance was performed by people of various races and nations, even to this very day.

Regarding our own Jewish history, we have occasion to commemorate by the kindling of lights, a number of events past and present. The commencement of the Sabbath is marked by the blessing and lighting of candles. Likewise the termination of the Sabbath, the Havdalah is the ceremony marking the end of Sabbath and consists of blessings over wine, spices and flame. The flame is obtained by lighting a many coloured plaited waxen taper. The blessings refer to the distinction of light and dark, holy and profane, and between working days and the day of rest - the Sabbath.

Then again the Eternal or Perpetual light, normally hanging high in front of the ark in Shul and kept burning as a symbol of the radiance of faith, faith in Judaism. In ancient days, the days of the

Tabernacle, fire was perpetually kept alight on the altar and no doubt served to kindle other lamps at the end of the Sabbath.

Another reason for giving light is when a person dies and close relatives are in mourning. Candles are lit in the house of mourning during the seven days of Shiva. The lighting a candle in memory of the deceased is then continued by the bereaved on the same Hebrew date each following year and the Kaddish prayer is recited by the male mourners.

However, it is not only on such occasions that illumination takes place. The celebration of marriage is marked by lighting and brightening the happy event and the ceremony is marked with lights and candles all aglow and continued through to the wedding feast.

Now we come to the Menorah. The ordinary Menorah usually consists of a seven-branched candelabrum. Going back in ancient history, the Golden seven-branched candelabrum was one of the most prominent features of the Temples and Tabernacles of that era. The term Menorah also applies to the Chanukah lamp, which has eight branches and a centre stem which is known as the Shamash.

After the destruction of the Temple the festival of Chanukah was linked with the miracle of the small amount of oil which remained alight and continued to burn for eight days. Chanukah also commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee over Antiochus Epiphanes.

Of course there are other instances in our history where flame and light is incorporated into the rituals and customs we embrace. And, in assessing again the significance of light, we may thank G-d for the many benefits we derive from the Power of Light and the Gift of Sight.

Syd Sheinman

About 90% of the Yeshiva is American. I, however, am in a dorm with a New Yorker, a Dane and a Dutchman - hence we are known as "The International Room". Generally the Americans are pleasant, though their selfish, spoilt and lethargic attitude is sometimes off-putting. My dorm mate is a tremendous guy though. So is my learning partner at night who was born on the same day as me. Actually I must admit that there is a very friendly atmosphere and I like the majority of the boys.

I feel very happy in my new surroundings. There's a certain contentment that I can't say had in England. Really there's only one place to be a Jew, and only one place to be a true Zionist - and that's Israel.

The country has faults, but I can overlook them as I feel safe, happy and proud as a Jew. It's cliché but that's the only way I can describe my feelings.

I write this during my guard duty which ends at 3.30 in the morning.

I hope things go well in the community and that everyone keeps healthy, happy and satisfied. I must admit, I miss the little old shul on the hill.

If anyone is coming to Israel I'd like to meet them somehow.

Wishing you all a "Chag Sameach",  
Bvirkat Shalom,

Daniel Beller.

## LETTER

Dear Colin,

It is a great pity that printing costs preclude the Newsletter being printed in braille, for the vast majority of announcements it contains are read by "blind eyes".

In this instance I am writing as a member of the Shul in my own right and not as Chairman of one of its Committees.

Throughout the year, many activities are organised whose profits go for the benefit of the community. Were it not for the minority of stalwarts (12% of the membership) of the community and the loyal and unfailing support of the remainder outside the community and religion, virtually every activity would never get off the ground.

No-one is asking for a substantial undertaking

from any member, but activities to suit all tastes and all pockets are arranged by various committees.

How, then, do we get the support? If we do not nurture it in our children now and they do not see us support the activities, they in their turn, will not want to know when their turn comes. The Synagogue may not be high on a list of "deserving causes", but on a list of priorities.....

I would ask the members to look to themselves. If they can in all conscience say that they have supported the Shul to their fullest ability in the past year, they will understand this letter. If not, maybe next year they will see their way clear to giving a more supportive role.

I would welcome any comments on this.

Bobbie Coffey



# DID YOU KNOW? PALESTINE IS TWO STATES.



Nothing can alter the fact that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is in reality a Palestinian land, inhabited by Palestinian Arabs. But until this reality is acknowledged, the just settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict will remain an unattainable goal.

Why are we constantly being told that the Palestinian Arabs are homeless, when a Palestinian Arab state already exists?

## JORDAN IS PALESTINE

FOR JUSTICE TO ALL IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THESE FACTS MUST BE PUBLICISED

I am interested in receiving more information  Name .....

I would like to help spread the message  Address .....

I would like to donate to your cause  .....

Send to: JORDAN IS PALESTINE COMMITTEE  
37B NEW CAVENDISH STREET, LONDON W1M 8JR

PALESTINE is not a country that was arbitrarily carved out of nowhere. It has boundaries which for centuries were recorded and imprinted on the memory of mankind. When its political identity was restored at the end of World War 1, the boundaries of Mandatory Palestine were internationally approved *because* they corresponded with those of the historical and geographical land of Palestine, *reaching from the Mediterranean in the west to the borders of Iraq in the east.*

And when THE TRANS-JORDAN PROVINCE OF PALESTINE\* was given a separate *local* administration under the Emir Abdullah, it became the part of the country reserved for Arabs: *their* Palestine.

In 1946, this region became an independent state. Abdullah wanted to call it "The Hashemite Kingdom of Palestine" and it was only because British officials persuaded him to choose a different name, pointing out that the Jewish as well as the Arab inhabitants of the country were known as Palestinians, that it became Transjordan, later Jordan.

But, what's in a name? The fact that the land and the people remained as Palestinian as they had always been was frequently stressed by prominent Arabs.

"PALESTINE IS JORDAN AND JORDAN IS PALESTINE; THERE IS ONE PEOPLE AND ONE LAND, WITH ONE HISTORY AND ONE AND THE SAME FATE." This was said by Prince Hassan, the brother of King Hussein, when he addressed the Jordanian National Assembly on February 2nd, 1970.

Similar statements and credos abound. Even as recently as 24th September 1980, Marwan al Hamoud, a member of the Jordanian Consultative Council and former Minister of Agriculture, publicly stated in Amman:

"JORDAN IS NOT JUST ANOTHER ARAB STATE WITH REGARD TO PALESTINE BUT, RATHER, JORDAN *IS* PALESTINE AND PALESTINE *IS* JORDAN IN TERMS OF TERRITORY, NATIONAL IDENTITY, SUFFERINGS, HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS, BOTH DAY AND NIGHT."

The case presented here concerns the search for a just solution to the Palestinian problem in the circumstances of *today*.

Israel, within its pre-1967 borders, occupies 17.8 per cent of Palestine; the West Bank and the Gaza Strip together amount to 5.3 per cent, and the remaining 76.9 per cent belong to the Kingdom of Jordan.

Supposing it were generally agreed to give the Palestinians an independent West Bank / Gaza entity — cramming all those who might want to live there, as well as the area's existing Arab population, into the tiny enclave between Israel's pre-1967 border and the River Jordan, plus the Gaza Strip — is this a viable and feasible proposition? And is it compatible with the concept of justice, considering that such a plan ignores the Palestinian identity of the three-quarters of Palestine which is Jordan?

Here is a Palestinian land which is able to absorb millions of people and in which the overwhelming majority of citizens are Palestinians in the truest sense of the definition, indeed by any definition — and here is the world looking at that small, populated fraction of Palestine's territory as the *only* place for Palestinian national self-expression and as the *only* homeland for those unfortunate Palestinians who are still in refugee camps.

The West Bank and Gaza Strip must be given their proper status. But that issue and all the others connected with Palestine would fall into place and could be settled relatively easily if Jordan were accorded its rightful role as one of the main components of Palestine.

The process towards a just and viable peace settlement has to be based on correct and logical assumptions, otherwise it will be doomed to failure.

\* This term was used until 1946 in all official files and documents of the League of Nations.

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30 Suzanne Hajioff ( 25-26 December, 1981)

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1/2 January	Vayigash	3.47	4.00	4.00	4.53
8/9 January	Vayechi	3.55	4.00	4.00	5.01
15/16 January	Shemot	4.05	4.15	4.15	5.10
22/23 January	Vaera	4.17	4.30	4.15	5.21
29/30 January	Bo	4.29	4.30	4.30	5.32
5/6 February	Beshallah	4.42	4.45	4.45	5.44
12/13 February	Yithro	4.54	5.00	5.00	5.56
19/20 February	Mishpatim	5.07	5.15	5.15	6.08
26/27 February	Terumah	5.20	5.30	5.30	6.20
5/6 March	Tetsaveh	5.32	5.45	5.30	6.32
12/13 March	Ki Thissa	5.44	5.45	5.45	6.44
19/20 March	Vayakhel- Pekudei	5.56	6.00	6.00	6.56
26/27 March	Vayikra	6.08	6.15	6.15	7.09

### FASTS, FESTIVALS & NEW MOONS

5 January	Fast of Teveth
25 January	Rosh Chodesh Shevat
23/24 February	Rosh Chodesh Adar
8 March	Fast of Esther
9 March	Purim
25 March	Rosh Chodesh Nisan
8-15 April	Pesach

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