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SYNAGOGUE.



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**A**ND they shall all form one band to  
do Thy will with a perfect heart."

Amidah for High Festivals.

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THE AIMS OF THIS MAGAZINE ARE TO

**B**ring our members into closer contact.

**R**ecord a true picture of the affairs of our  
community.

**O**pen the minds and hearts of our congregation  
to a greater consciousness of their res-  
ponsibilities.

**O**ffer an impartial medium for the expression  
of different shades of opinion on Jewish  
matters.

**K**indle the spark of enthusiasm for communal  
endeavour.

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## NEW YEAR 5708

Oh thou to earth and life wilt come,  
When autumn's cool sweet days draw near ;  
Oh thou who giv'st new life to some,  
Tho' comforts'st all who would give ear.

Thy death for generations passed  
Unmourned, yet Phoenix-like again  
Doth rise to bear with time so fast  
As Atlas bore the lives of men.

Let peace and calm pervade thy span,  
While faith and hope are brought to light  
Within the hearts of every man,  
And truth be ever in thy sight.

FRANCES H. PEREIRA-MENDOZA.  
15th August, 1947.

N.B.—Miss Mendoza is a member of Riverpark.

## Messages of Greeting

**DAYAN H. M. LAZARUS, M.A.**  
The Deputy for the Chief Rabbi

Enthusiasm is good for life and religion. But unless enthusiasm is controlled and directed, it may end in disaster. It is like driving a car at full speed, without control of the steering wheel and brakes.

Youth like emotional excitement: it gives them an outlet for their energy, and lends colour to their goal, with high expectations of success. Life, however, must be guided by definite aims and principles, and our religious teachings largely supply these. Sheer religious emotionalism without observance is not enough; because the observances are based on definite principles—some being emotional in character and others—like brakes and steering wheel—are the controls.

HARRIS M. LAZARUS.

**SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN, K.B.E.**  
President, United Synagogue

I should like to congratulate you on the inauguration of your new Magazine.

A new opportunity is arising for reviving the strength of Judaism as a force in our lives by means of the great scheme for establishing Community Centres around all our synagogues. I know that you and your congregation are working with enthusiasm to bring it to fruition. This work, as well as that of making the best use of the centres when they are built, will bring new inspiration to Jewish life here, and I do not doubt that Hammersmith will take a leading place in that fine work in helping to strengthen the future of Judaism and to make our full contribution to the spiritual forces of the nation.

ROBERT WALEY COHEN.

**PROFESSOR S. BRODETSKY**  
President, Board of Deputies of British Jews

I am pleased to send a message of greeting and goodwill for the first number of the Magazine to be published by your Synagogue. The publication of such journals by synagogal and other communal institutions is a proof of their vitality and is to be encouraged. By this means members are made aware of the many varied aspects of communal life and are invited to participate in them to the widest possible degree and so increase the number of social workers who are so badly wanted if the Anglo-Jewish Community is to play that part in European Jewish affairs to which it is entitled both by tradition, and by sacrifices it has made in the last decade.

It is to the youth of the present generation one has to turn for our future leaders and it is in the synagogue that the youth learns its first lessons of self-discipline and the call to service on behalf of its fellow co-religionists.

My best wishes go for the success of your Journal which, I am sure, reflects the spirit of active religious life to be found within the synagogue.

S. BRODETSKY.

**REV. S. VENITT, B.A.**

It is quite a commonplace experience for one to embark upon new tasks and responsibilities with a super-abundance of enthusiasm and a feeling of elation (and perhaps of trepidation), and then to become disheartened in the face of apathy and indifference. I am very happy to state that after my first year with the Congregation, my enthusiasm to serve has indeed been intensified. Whatever I have undertaken during that period, has not been merely treated with sympathetic consideration, but there has been demonstrated an eagerness to co-operate and to bring to fruition. Without that great help and goodwill shown to me not only by the Honorary Officers, past and present, by the Board of Management, and by my esteemed colleagues Rev. B. Paletz and Mr. M. Sharpe, but by so many of the members of the congregation I might have despaired. On the contrary I am more than ever convinced that the potential exists, and is already revealing itself in some directions, for a healthy, pulsating community revolving round the synagogue. The underlying purpose in all my labours for the communal weal, will be to achieve the greatest measure of unity and fellowship in our midst. It is the keynote of the Communal Centre; it is chiefly that aim which motivated the publication of this Magazine. The quotation on the cover was specially chosen to strike that chord in our hearts. Today more than ever, there is a crying need for helpers and workers in many fields of communal endeavour. Our responsibilities, if anything have vastly increased. "Every man hath his hour," and everyone in the community has some personal gift which he can offer in the form of public service. The few have borne the burden—it is the bounden duty of the many to strengthen their hands.

There are difficult days ahead. Let us work together in unity and love and brotherhood during the coming year, so that come what

may, it will not be said, that any of us shirked our responsibilities. May the Almighty vouchsafe unto us a year of peace and tranquillity, take pleasure in us, and bless the work of our hands.

"As for our brethren, the whole house of Israel, such of them as are given over to trouble or captivity, whether they abide on the sea or on the dry land—may the All-present have mercy upon them, and bring them forth from trouble to enlargement, from darkness to light and from subjection to redemption, now speedily and at a near time; and let us say, Amen."

(Daily Prayer Book)

S. VENITT.

### REV. B. PALETZ

For 28 years I have had the privilege and pleasure of leading you in divine prayer. During this period I have made every effort to serve you faithfully, and zealously and believe I have succeeded in gaining your confidence and trust. I take this opportunity of expressing my sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation to you all for the kindness, co-operation, hospitality and welcome I always received which has been a great encouragement to serve well. I trust your interest in the work of our beloved Synagogue will increase so as to make it a real centre of Jewish activity. I would like to extend a hearty welcome to my colleague the Rev. S. Venitt, whom I find very pleasant to work with, also to the secretary, Mr. M. Sharpe, who is very co-operative and enthusiastic. I wish you all a happy and a prosperous New Year, and may the coming year bring peace and tranquillity to Israel all over the world.

I shall always be very happy to welcome you in the Synagogue whenever you can spare the time.

B. PALETZ.

### THE SECRETARY

It is just 15 months since my appointment as secretary, and I wish to record my heartfelt thanks to the Honorary Officers past and present, my colleagues Rev. B. Paletz and Rev. S. Venitt, also the Board of Management and Members of the Synagogue for their magnificent co-operation which has made my duties a pleasure.

My wife joins me in wishing every member of the Synagogue a very happy and prosperous New Year.

MAURICE SHARPE.

## THE WARDENS

It is sometimes wise to treat a prospect as if it were a prospect, and to make some assessment of the assets and liabilities with which the future is to be faced. If the new Honorary Officers were to analyse the congregational balance-sheet they would find among the assets first, a new Minister who imparts his own enthusiasm to everybody and an old Chazan who carries the affection and knows the traditions of the Synagogue; second, a very shrewd and hard-working new Secretary; third, a group of able men who have served the congregation well in the past, and whose experience remains at their disposal; fourth, a well-established choral service; and lastly—perhaps the most important—a new spirit of endeavour which is perceptible among our members, particularly the younger generation. As for the liabilities, the only one worth mentioning is a tendency on the part of a large majority to leave the work and business of the Synagogue to a small minority. So I think we may fairly say that the assets outweigh the liabilities, and that the prospect is fair for another year of successful work and service.

L. L. LOEWE.  
A. SHEINFIELD.

## HAMMERSMITH SYNAGOGUE

### Fifty Years Activity—A worthy communal record

*(This article by the late Rev. Michael Adler, D.S.O., is reprinted from the "Jewish Chronicle" of September 6th, 1940, with the Editor's kind consent. It was written to mark the Jubilee of the Hammersmith Congregation.)*

"Some 50 years ago a handful of residents in the district of Hammersmith set to work to establish a Synagogue and to organise Religion Classes—as the nearest place of worship—the New West End was too far away.

Three men can lay claim to the honour of being the original founders of the Hammersmith Congregation—J. M. Levy, Isaac Morris and Isaac Sandheim. Early in 1889 they issued a letter and invited a few friends to a meeting. Eighteen gentlemen attended, among whom were three professional men who proved to be of the utmost helpfulness in bringing the new Synagogue into existence.

Delissa Joseph, a nephew of Mrs. Hermann Adler was an architect, Ivan Nestor Schnurman held the post of teacher at St. Paul's School, Lionel Leman (a nephew of Sir George Lewis, the solicitor) was a chartered accountant. The United Synagogue agreed to admit the Synagogue as a Constituent, and a vacant plot of land was found in Brook Green upon which Mr. Joseph set up a modest building. Its total cost was £3,200, of which the local Committee collected half.

## A Lady Secretary

The Consecration ceremony took place on September 7th, 1890, when Sir Benjamin L. Cohen, M.P., declared the building open and Dr. Hermann Adler, not yet elected as Chief Rabbi, officiated.

For a few months before the opening of the Synagogue, the Rev. B. Elzas, B.A. had been appointed Minister, but he went to Canada and his place was taken by the Rev. Michael Adler. He occupied this post for 13 years, during nine of which he was single-handed as Reader, Secretary and Superintendent of the religion classes. In 1899, the Rev. Gustave Prince was elected Chazan and served for 18 years, being also Secretary after Mr. Adler had resigned. The first Beadle was Mr. L. Courts, a hansom cab driver when not on duty, who was succeeded by Mr. Moss Woolf, the post being occupied later by Mr. C. Frankel, who held office for many years.

### Congregational Singing

From the outset, congregational singing was successfully introduced. Considerable help was rendered by an expert musician, Prof. Michael Bergson, a seat-holder, who was the father of the distinguished French philosopher, and one of the leaders of the singing was Mr. Henry Friedlander, who was an excellent amateur Chazan, and often took part in the services, especially on the festivals, besides holding office "in the box."

The first annual Purim Prize Distribution had as its chairman Mr. F. D. Mocatta, and the outstanding feature of the occasion was the brilliant piano playing of young Mark Hambourg, then 10 years of age.

In 1891, I. M. Levy and I. Morris became the first Wardens. Mr. Levy continued in office for 24 years, during which period he served as Mayor of Hammersmith. A Ladies' Guild was established in the following year at the suggestion of Mrs. Delissa Joseph (sister of S. J. Solomon, R.A.) who was elected the first President.

The need of suitable classrooms, and a residence for the Minister had grown urgent and success was finally achieved when the sum of £500 was received from the Levin Bequest. In order to double this amount, owing to the generosity of the Directors of Olympia, a special Appeal Committee was allowed to sell tickets for the show "Constantinople," with most satisfactory results. In 1895, the first specially built classrooms at a Constituent Synagogue were consecrated by the Chief Rabbi and the Minister's house was erected.

All seats in the small Synagogue were now let and the necessary enlargement was made to its present size. A pulpit was presented and placed in front of the Almemar, which had been constructed by Mr. Joseph next to the Ark. The annual income had increased steadily, a total of £244 in 1891, having now reached £788. In later years, the largest amount received was £3,500. Mr. Adler resigned in 1903 upon his election to the Central Synagogue. He was succeeded by Rev. S. Alfred Adler, the only son of the Chief Rabbi. The new Minister was not destined to hold office for a long period, for, after four years, protracted illness compelled his retirement and two years later, he died at the age of 34. The selection of his sermons and essays published by his sister, Mrs. Alfred Eichholz, called "The Discipline of Sorrow" bore striking testimony to his powers as a writer and a preacher, and his loss was universally mourned. His colleagues in the Ministry erected a tablet in the hall of the Synagogue "in token of their comradeship and affection."

The Rev. S. Lipson was elected in 1909, and after many years of devoted service, he resigned in 1938, owing to ill-health. He had acted as Senior Chaplain to the Home Forces during the Great War and also held an official position under the Mental Hospitals Committee of the L.C.C. After Mr. Prince had gone to the St. Johns Wood Synagogue in 1917, the Rev. B. Paletz was chosen in his place in 1919 and Hammersmith was one of the first synagogues to have a lady secretary when Miss G. C. Marks was appointed. The present secretary, Mr. S. Goldberg, has held office for seven years.

The Literary Society which had come into existence in 1902 flourished for many years, and later developed into a Young Men's Jewish Association, under the presidency of Mr. Harry Salmon. This in turn grew, in 1919, into a very active social and literary society, which at one time had 250 members. Today this work is being successfully carried on by the Social Circle initiated by Mr. S. Moss, Warden, and Mr. B. Bernardi, Financial Representative, in 1936, which movement plays an important part in the life of the local community.

By the year 1922, the Synagogue had become over-crowded, 109 prospective seat-holders being on the waiting list. The wardens, Messrs. David Sharp and L. B. Barnett approached the United Synagogue with a scheme to reconstruct the building by demolishing the Minister's House and thus to accommodate 612 gentlemen and 400 ladies. The total cost of this work, was expected to reach the sum of £15,500. Mr. C. J. Eprile, a member, accepted the office of Hon. Architect, and the Congregation gave warm approval to the whole plan.

The sum of £1,260 was collected from among the members. Mainly owing to serious difficulties raised by the L.C.C. however, the ambitious project had perforce to be abandoned, and a more modest outlay of £2,000 was passed to provide 74 additional floor and 15 gallery seats.

The erection of the Communal Hall was completed in 1927, Mr. H. J. Annenberg, acting as chairman of the Equipment Committee, and raising considerable funds.

The Congregation is now in possession of one of the finest centres for its activities in the whole of London."

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## HAMMERSMITH SYNAGOGUE IN WARTIME

Having been asked by the wardens to write a few lines in reference to the Hammersmith Synagogue in war-time one cannot say much more than what occurred to the many other synagogues in the London districts, but it gives me much pleasure to say that during the whole of the war amid the terrific bombardments our Synagogue was open for service every morning and with very few excep-

tions we were able to secure a minyan. Owing to there not being any blackout in the Synagogue, during the winter months our morning and evening services were carried on at 69, Brook Green, and we contrived to be a happy brotherhood. Many of our members evacuated and I am sorry to learn will not return to London. We had some temporary ministers during the war, but we have now returned to a permanent state and settled down with our new minister, the Rev. Venitt, who is now doing all that he possibly can for the benefit of the Congregation and Judaism in particular. In conclusion, I should like to mention the name of our former treasurer, Mr. Bernardi, who was ever-present during the war years on Sabbaths and Holydays; he was certainly our Captain of the Ship and brought us safely with the Almighty's help to port. May the ghastly war experiences never be with us or our children again!

G. BELCHER.

The Congregation will be glad of an opportunity to wish Rabbi Dr. E. Wiesenbergl well in his new appointment as Rabbi of the Sheffield community. He will long be remembered in Hammersmith for his high principles, great learning and fearless exposition of views which he conscientiously held. He was a picturesque figure, good company and had an easy friendly way with young people which gave them confidence in his leadership.

He was a refugee from Czechoslovakia who had suffered much, and we rejoice to think that he and his wife and daughter are secure at last. We wish them a prosperous New Year and all happiness in their new sphere.

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Hammersmith Synagogue Ladies Guild

PRESENT

## A DANCE

in aid of the CENTRAL BRITISH FUND, in the  
COMMUNAL HALL, on THURSDAY, 27th NOV., 1947.

Hon. Secretaries: MRS. M. BOGOD, 79, East Sheen Avenue, S.W.14.  
MRS. N. PAROS, 24, Harpswood Road, W.12.

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## THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT.

A year ago, events were shaping themselves in no uncertain manner with the result that the whole complexion of the affairs of the Synagogue has changed beyond recognition.

Progress has been on such a scale as to make it difficult to cover the whole ground of outstanding events.

We hope it will be of interest in recounting some of these events.

The personnel of the Synagogue had been almost completely changed—Mr. M. Sharpe had by this time gathered the complicated threads of our Synagogue's affairs, capably fitting himself into this position without guidance despite its intricacies. How well he has acquitted himself needs no comment. Indeed, the Congregation owes him sincere thanks for a job well done and for the charm of manner with which he continues to do it.

Then came the appointment of our spiritual leader, an outstanding event as the previous one took place over 30 years ago.

No small responsibility—for those in office. And how well they accomplished their tasks is evidenced by the advancement the Synagogue has made and is making, largely because of the zeal, fervour and insatiable enthusiasm which the Rev. S. Venitt has shown at all times.

The burning question of minyan in the morning services had always been a headache. Time and again dissatisfaction was expressed by mourners and those who wanted to say Kaddish on their Yahrzeit. Undaunted, Rev. Venitt rallied 70 enthusiastic members who desired to be co-operative with the nett result that through these good people's services—to whom we express our thanks—all those who desire will find a minyan in the Hammersmith Synagogue.

An experiment of this description could not have materialised had not the personality of our worthy minister been what it is.

It is not possible, to our minds, to forget the induction of the Rev. S. Venitt. It was an outstanding event and in our opinion there could not have been a more dignified, beautiful and solemnly impressive ceremony. The Synagogue was packed and among the distinguished gathering there were present their Worships the Mayors of Hammersmith and Barnes, Aldermen and Councillors of both Boroughs and representatives of the Christian Clergy. The decorum left nothing to be desired.

Dayan Lazarus, the Deputy Chief Rabbi, assisted by our former minister, the Rev. S. Lipson, inducted the Rev. S. Venitt. The Rev. B. Paletz distinguished himself by his impressive rendering of the service and was ably assisted by our choir under the direction of our choir master, Mr. Hizer.

Since our Minister's appointment our Religion Classes have improved beyond measure. The potential strength is extremely satisfactory. One has to bear in mind how much the war disrupted almost everything and our classes suffered miserably. To rebuild them to their former glory was no easy task and in the short space of time of a year, they have gone from strength to strength.

Mr. Venitt has in his wife an excellent lieutenant. She too, is a tower of strength and has done splendid work in numerous spheres.

Sometime ago the hon. officers of the Synagogue were desirous of commemorating the 25th anniversary of our worthy Minister-Reader the Rev. B. Paletz's loyal services to our Congregation. When approached to accept the Congregation's gratitude by way of a public presentation, at his request this function was postponed until 27th April, 1947 in order that members of his family who were serving in H.M. Forces could be present.

What a magnificent affair this was! How excellent the organisation! Truly an outstanding success without a dull moment!

The Synagogue can well be proud of the event and in whose honour it was given. The honours were truly his. He created an unheard of precedent. He ungrudgingly made over to the Norwood Orphanage the cheque which was presented to him by subscribers of the Congregation and perpetuated his name by endowing a bed. He has always worked hard for this noble cause.

As usual the ladies guild once again came to the fore and did the catering. These ladies have always played a wonderful part in the social life of the community. Eager to help, often at considerable inconvenience and expense to themselves, they do these self-imposed jobs with commendable grace and devotion.

The Children's Service continues with success. It is a joy to behold. The Study Circle meet once a week. Both these are under the Rev. S. Venitt. To give religious education and consciousness to young and adolescent is a grand thing.

The Community Centre is now beyond its embryo stage. We look forward to a huge membership. Dedicated to youth and the possibility of a meeting place for those of us who are older and so to speak enlarge the "family circle" is its aim. Long may all these movements prosper.

Before concluding, we would like the Congregation to know there is a very active Branch of the Defence Committee of the Board of Deputies in being. We hope its membership will increase. Workers are wanted for work which is of paramount importance. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. H. H. Topper, 15, Dunsany Road, W.14 who will be pleased to give full details to anyone interested.

We welcome the new wardens, Mr. L. L. Loewe and Mr. A. Sheinfeld.

We admire their enthusiasm and wish them and their families success and good health.

Finally, this Magazine itself. Born out of the fertile brain of Rev. S. Venitt, who again with his boundless powers of persuasion, got us to write this review, we wish with all our might and main, that it will succeed and that its success may be continued and sustained.

F. J. BENZIMRA  
A. COLEMAN

### AN APPRECIATION.

There are at least three people to whom 1947 must be a sort of "Shemittah," with this difference, that in this case it is not the debtor but the creditor who is released. For it was about seven years ago that Messrs Benzimra, Coleman and Bernardi came forward to guide the Synagogue through the difficult and hazardous years of the war. In those days the Honorary Officers had a heavy burden; the congregation scattered, the Synagogue in the centre of a well-bombed area and all communal administration a matter of day-to-day expedients and improvisations. With the devoted help of such stalwarts as the Rev. B. Paletz and Mr. Belcher, the services were kept going, but it was this triumvirate who fought the Congregation's battles "at a higher level" and placed the Synagogue on its present sound footing. Nor was there any communal work, into which they did not enter heart and soul, at no matter what

cost to themselves in leisure, trouble or money; the Jewish Defence Committee is only one of many activities which owe their success to their enthusiasm. If we could draw cartoons we would draw Mr. Benzimra emptying a large barrel of oil on troubled waters, Mr. Coleman equipped with forceps, dexterously removing a bone of contention, and Mr. Bernardi in the guise of a lighthouse radiating kindness and geniality. Now that the year of release has arrived the Congregation would like to place on record how much they have been, are and, it is hoped, will continue to be indebted to them.

L.L.L.  
A.S.

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### THE "SUCCAH"

will be ready for decoration on—

**Sunday, September 28th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Gifts of Flowers, Foliage, Cake, Wine, etc., will be gratefully accepted.

As the only day for decorating the Succah must be on Sunday, it will be greatly appreciated if members could send their gifts before, or on that day.

Offerings from all members of the Congregation will help to make the Succah celebrations worthy of this Festival.

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### WESTERN AREA JEWISH CENTRE

present  
**A BALL**  
at the

**Hammersmith Town Hall**  
**King Street, W.6**

on Wednesday, 29th October, 1947

Dancing to Maurice Sinclair and his Society Orchestra

Reception : 7.30 p.m.

Ticket (incl. buffet) : 15s.

Ball : 8 p.m.

Evening Dress optional

Cars : Midnight

Communications—

Organising Secretary,

Maurice Sharpe,

71, Brook Green, W.6.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following who have become members of the Synagogue in the course of the last twelve months.

A Deitch, C. A. Horwich, L. Grossman, J. Eisner, H. Waters, I. Sulkin, E. Leighton, M. Cowen, R. Robbins, I. Silver, E. Ruda, P. Morris, D. Arram, I. J. Caplan, A. J. Woolf, A. S. Citron, L. Jewnin, Dr. L. Collins, M. C. Scott, S. Klein, H. Cooper, O. Nitkewitsch, D. T. Caminer, J. Lieberman, I. Gorman, D. I. Kempner, G. Paletz, S. M. Brand, J. Bondt, A. Levy, L. Barst, Prof. J. Yudkin, B. J. Benzimra, S. Daniels, A. Leaman, A. D. Levy, H. Rossdale, J. Silverston, A. Lewin, M. Shallant, M. Gottlieb, M. Kestenbaum, G. H. Green, L. Lee, M. Collins, B. Lewis, I. K. Kadish, Prof. S. Tolansky, R. Abrahams, Dr. T. R. Morley, Dr. D. Watchman, S. Benmax, M. Brown, E. Freund, Major J. G. Silver, H. Barnett, Miss R. M. Barnett, Mrs. E. Lyndon-Haynes, Mrs. E. Barst, Mrs. R. Rosenfeld, Mrs. B. Lowenthal, Mrs. A. Egtert, Mrs. E. Mehlman, Mrs. S. Gorman, Miss A. Silverman, Mrs. H. S. Kremer, Miss B. B. Rotner, Mrs. R. F. Rotner, Mrs. K. Waters, Mrs. R. Saunders, Mrs. R. Wise, Mrs. A. Egtert, Mrs. I. Bing, Miss R. Turner.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bayes a daughter Rosalind Irene.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Sulkin a daughter Sally Anne.

### BAR MITZVAH

Michael Coleman, David Wise, David Paletz, Paul Goldenbaum, Herbert Gertler.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Fleur Benzimra to Sidney Goodman.  
Zara Kaufman to Howard Brickman.

### WEDDINGS

Edward Pechersky to Shirley Adele Edelman.  
Zalig Alec Geisman to Esther Muriel Tisman.  
Alexander Mandl to Julia Litman.  
Robert Ernest Clark to Miriam Langdon.  
Albert Sidney Bankover to Eva Geduld.  
Eric Solomon Leighton to Gretel Freidel.  
Maurice Moss to Anita Bosman.  
Jack Corrie to Lily Fox.  
Alfred Kerstein to Freda Brenner.  
Abraham Phillips to Sylvia Bogin.  
Charles Lipman to Sylvia Phillips.  
Albert Nathan Magnus to Gertrude Berger.  
Harris Gold to Stella Hyman.  
Jack Glass to Freda Rockman.  
Morris Davis to Beatrice Kershberg.  
Gerald Herman Green to Maisie Benkwich.

Louis Lee to Sarah Posner.  
Dietrich Cohn to Rose Kenton.  
Gershon Paletz to Sadie Tickner.  
Louis Reisman to Sadie Nieman.  
Julius Norman Nisner to Phyllis Braman.  
Rupert Victor Magnus to Pearl Berger.  
Joachim Danielsohn to Kitty Freund.  
Basil Benzimra to Rebecca Misrahi.  
Maurice Trisk to Sally Hurst.  
Abraham Proops to Annie Yetzes.  
Harry Figov to Annie Silverman.  
Mr. Godfrey to Rita Simon.

### SILVER WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hyams.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Topper.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Benzimra.

### GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bernardi.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. Pepper.

### CONDOLENCES

We wish to convey to all those who have suffered bereavement, a sincere expression of deepest sympathy.

Condolences are offered to Mrs. A. Wartman on the death of her son, David.

### OBITUARY.

We have to report with profound sorrow the death of Mr. Rupert Winston, the Financial Representative, on Saturday, August 23rd, at the age of 58.

The late Mr. Winston had been a member of the Hammersmith & West Kensington Synagogue since 1931, and was for some years on the Board of Management.

He will best be remembered in the Community generally for his devoted and tireless effort on behalf of Jewish Youth. Throughout his life he sought to reconcile the old and new, in order that the Jewish Youth might be kept within the fold.

The Jewish Lads' Brigade, the West Central Lads' Club, the Notting Hill and North Kensington Boys' Club, the West London Jewish Youth Club — to all these he gave his energies and his inspiration.

He left a wonderful name in Gibraltar, where for a number of years he was head of the Jewish School.

He was a member of the Hammersmith Youth Committee. His outstanding qualities were his complete sincerity in all he undertook, his unassuming manner, his modesty, and above all, his deep understanding, love and sympathy for the young, on whose behalf he gave himself unspairingly.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to Mrs. Winston and Trixie. A memorial service will be held at the Synagogue on Thursday, September 18th at 8.0 p.m.



## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

The undermentioned convey their heartiest Good Wishes for a Happy New Year and well over the Fast, to all their relatives, friends and members of the Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ludski and Son, 119, Shepherds Bush Road, W.6.  
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Mr. and Mrs. M. Cutler and Family, 146, Shepherds Bush Road, W.6.  
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Mr. and Mrs. S. Moss and Elaine, 12, Cottesmore Gardens, W.8.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Sulkin and Daughter, 73, Kenton Court, W.8.  
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Mr. and Mrs. S. Budner and Daughter, 132, High Road, Chiswick  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Ferst and Family, 20, Greyhound Road, W.6.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Fortuyn and Mrs. L. Ziff, 11, Ranelagh Gardens, W.6.  
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Mrs. S. Gordon and Family, 217, North End Road, W.14.  
Cecil Hyams, 37, Collingham Place, S.W.5.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hizer and Family, 8, Hoveden Road, N.W.2.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Bernardi, 41, Hartswood, Road, W.12.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. White and Family, 26, Bloenfontein Road, W.12.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Fireman, 92, Watchfield, W.4.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Cohen and Daughter, 19, Watchfield, W.4.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Venitt and Family, wish to convey to their relatives, friends and members of the Synagogue, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Paletz and Family wish to convey to their relatives, friends and members of the Synagogue a Happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sharpe and Son extend their most cordial good wishes for the New Year to all members of the Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rolfe send their compliments to the Congregation. The caretaker has now given twenty-one years of devoted service to this Synagogue.

We desire to express thanks to all contributors of articles and reports, and all those who have helped financially to make this publication possible.

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## The ROLE of the SYNAGOGUE

I trust that this new venture of the Hammersmith and West Kensington Synagogue will be crowned with success, and that the Synagogue may increasingly be a great dynamic force in the lives of the local Community.

Never was it of such vital importance that "The Synagogue" should be the centre of Jewish life. We dare not allow it to be replaced by any other organisation or movement.

Not only Jewry, but almost the whole world, is today in great perplexity and troubled by a sense of frustration—failing to understand that the basic cause is that the peoples have allowed material progress to outstrip moral and spiritual progress.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation." But material progress is not equivalent to Righteousness. We of the Jewish Faith should know this only too well. We need to recall the spiritual fervour of Moses and the Prophets for right-thinking and right-living as the basic aim of each one of us—man, woman, adolescent, child. Such is the eternal message of Judaism, the foremost teaching of "The Synagogue."

Hertz and Herzl alike proclaimed that "The first duty of the Jew is Judaism." Yet unless every Jewish father and every Jewish mother accepts this plain statement (and the warning contained within it) our children will too often be drawn away from, rather than inspired by, the fundamental teachings of our ancient Faith, and the Way of Life which was, to many of our forefathers, their supreme joy.

Many voices are calling to our young people, with attractive words and aims. Some even suggest that Judaism is outworn! Others relegate it to the background.

Unless our children have not only attended the Religion Classes, but have learnt, in their home (be it rich or poor) the beauty and value of Jewish spiritual ideas and ideals, and have participated, with their parents, in joyful observance of Sabbath and Festival and picturesque Ceremony, and have been enabled daily to observe the influence of Jewish Ethical Principles in every act and word—first in the home, and later in the office, the warehouse, the shop—we parents can hardly be surprised if the children, mystified by the strange divergence between rule and practice, and by the wide gap between religion as taught and life as lived, succumb to the blandishments of those who seem to offer material inducements that outweigh the desire to serve God and be of service to our fellows by faithful adherence to Judaism as a spiritual force.

Lasting joy, and peace of mind, are indeed to be found in the pursuit of the simple duties which the Torah constantly enjoins upon us and the Synagogue exists to bring home to us. What better start, then, can be made towards a life and career which may bring honour and ultimate reward to ourselves and to our People than to adopt, in all our affairs, and whether we are young folk or older folk, Hillel's version of the Golden Rule of Life:

"Do not to anyone else anything that you would not like someone else to do to you."

PHILIP GOLDBERG.

**THE PLATEAU OF DAVID**  
(A Settlement in the Emek)

Reading in the "Jewish Chronicle," dated June 27th, that "An album depicting various aspects of life on Ramath David, a settlement in Palestine named after the late David Lloyd George had been presented to his daughter, Lady Megan Lloyd George," my mind went back almost exactly four years when, on leave from Egypt, I spent five days at that very settlement. For me, those few days seemed, as it were, a window onto a new, vital and hopeful world. During them I learnt to appreciate and even to share the zeal and fervour which animate the Chalutzim.

I had come to the Emek (the Plain of Esdraelon), in which Ramath David (the Plateau of David), like so many other settlements, is situated, after a long week-end in Jerusalem, where I had visited the old city and the new, and seen the relics of Israel's past glories and some of her present social and architectural achievements. But it was not until I set foot in the settlement that I realised the full intensity of the spirit of the Yishuv, of those who are rebuilding Eretz Yisrael.

Ramath David is a "Kvutzah," that is, a collective settlement. The land, of course, is leased from the Jewish National Fund, but all the work, from the humblest and most menial task to the most important and responsible one of directing the affairs of the community, is performed by its own members. All the adults take their meals at long tables in a clean, bright, airy dining-hall where only food grown on the settlement is served. The children do not live with their parents but in the Children's House, where they are tended by women workers. But they are not cut off from all parental contacts, for in the evening, after the day's toil is done, and on the Sabbath, mothers and fathers can be seen in and around the Children's House playing with their little ones.

And what loving devotion and careful thought is spent on these young heirs to a great and reinvigorated inheritance! In any scheme of improvements it is the Children's House that takes first place and one has only to look at those straight limbs, rosy cheeks and laughing eyes to see how well this policy pays and to feel grateful that here, at least, the narrow walls of the Ghetto will not cast their grey shadow.

How refreshing it is to switch one's mind from thoughts of the Ghetto to those trim fields where the high, golden corn glittered in the sun-lit air; to the clean, up-to-date byres where sleek, healthy cows swished their tails contentedly; to the small laboratory where earnest pioneers sought to improve the earth's yield and to those long rows of bright, single-roomed dwellings where alone the settlers, husband and wife, could retire into the privacy of their lives.

The last and most abiding memory is one of kindness and selflessness. For these folk do not live for themselves alone but feel that they are chosen instruments, fulfilling not only their own destiny but that of all Israel.

I. GORMAN.

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### THE RELIGION CLASSES

It is to be expected that when the Classes re-open for the autumn, there will be an initial roll of over 60 children. However satisfactory such a number may seem compared with a year ago, there must be many more who still remain outside. The Superintendent would like, through the medium of "The Brook," to appeal to parents who have not done so, to send their children of suitable age to the Classes, and ensure that they get an adequate religious training and knowledge of Hebrew and Jewish matters. An ignorant Jewish boy or girl is a menace to the Jewish Community.

We have splendid accommodation, with ample room for a hundred children. Now that the London Board for Jewish Education have taken over the administration of the Classes, there is every opportunity for our Cheder to develop and expand, without financial worries. We hope shortly to extend the number of classes to four, and will try to reach as high a standard of education as is possible for a school meeting five and a half hours per week. Much will be achieved, if our enthusiasm is matched by that of parents and children.

### ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL JOINT STUDY GROUP

The St. Paul's Study Group is a constituent member of Jewish Youth Study Group, a movement formed over four years ago to bring some Jewish learning into as many secondary schools as possible. The St. Paul's group consisted only of members of the boys' school until last winter, when it was decided to form a joint group with members of the girls' school. Through the courtesy of the Synagogue authorities we were allowed to meet in the Communal Hall every Thursday in term time. A committee was elected whose main function is to arrange the programme, which this term has consisted of eight lectures on the history of Jews in various countries. Some of the lectures were given by members themselves and some by outside speakers. In addition to this, each week after the lecture a short time was devoted to the study of an isolated subject of Jewish interest. For those who wish to stay, we have introduced shirim, which have been enthusiastically learnt. During the summer, our attendance has fallen to about 12 a week, but those who do come are keen to learn. We are therefore optimistic that next term the Group will go from strength to strength. The whole group would like to wish the members of Hammersmith Synagogue a very happy New Year.

D. J. HILL, *Chairman.*

### THE LADIES' GUILD

Considering the size of our membership, the Guild can be justly proud of its work during the past year. It is a pity that so many ladies, who could well afford the time, or at least, the very small subscription—do not show the slightest interest in our work. They seem to think that Guilds are merely outlets for idle gossip. If they would only realise what is being done for charitable causes by a mere handful of keen and sincere workers, and come and join us in our efforts, what a wealth of achievement could result. To mention but a few of the causes that must touch the heart of any

person with feeling—the Central British Fund, the Hospitals, Blind Society, Incurables, the Children in our Classes, individual cases of distress. Do not stand idly by, self-satisfied and self-centred, but play your part in a work which both enriches the recipient and ennoble the doer.

We shall be happy to meet personally any lady in the district who feels she would like to help us. Please send a post-card to our Secretary, Mrs. Caplan 61 Lowther Rd. S.W.13. May the New Year bring blessing and happiness to all the Community and to our brothers and sisters all over the world. R.V.

### WESTERN AREA JEWISH CENTRE

The general feeling that social and cultural activities were badly needed in the Community was evidenced by the unexpectedly large attendance at a meeting held last April to discuss the matter. Out of this gathering the idea of the Western Area Jewish Centre began to take shape. The preliminary work of drafting a constitution and planning the scope and organisation of the Centre was placed in the hands of a fairly representative committee under the able chairmanship of Mr. Saul Harris.

In broad outline, the aims of the Centre are to provide social and cultural recreation, and bring the members of the Congregation, their families and friends into closer contact with one another. The organisation will function in three age groups, the Riverpark Jewish Youth Club being the intermediate section. Several functions, promising to be of great interest, have already been arranged for the autumn, as our readers will note from the various announcements appearing in "The Brook." Our Minister, apart from his interest in the Cultural and Religious programme of the Senior Section has also been entrusted with the very important work of organising and developing the Junior Section (13-17). He would be very happy to hear from young people coming within that age group. They are earnestly requested to fill in their names and addresses on the card provided for the purpose at the back of the Magazine. It will then be possible to call a meeting, and to get started. The committee of the Centre are particularly keen on making this Section an outstanding success.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the announcement of a Ball to take place in the New Hammersmith Town Hall. This it is hoped, will prove to be one of the great social events of the Hammersmith Community.

### RIVERPARK JEWISH YOUTH CLUB

The Western Area Jewish Centre offers through the Riverpark Jewish Youth Club activities of all kinds to suit the tastes of the younger people. As in the Senior Section, a high standard of literary, cultural and religious activities is aimed at, and include lectures by eminent speakers, Hebrew educational classes, debates, discussions and musical evenings of a singularly high standard. Other activities include table-tennis, indoor games, physical training, boxing, badminton, handball, netball, cricket, tennis, football, rambles and dancing. This intermediate section of the W.A.J.C. caters for every type of person from 17 to the early thirties. Not

only will prospective members find leisure and recreation, but will also meet old friends, and make new ones, which object is after all one of the principal ones of the W.A.J.C.

### West London Zionist Society. BASLE 1897 AND BROOK GREEN 1947

Blow the great Shofar for our freedom  
And raise the banner to gather our exiles  
And bring our dispersed near from among the Nations  
And assemble our scattered from the uttermost ends of  
The Earth.

*Rosh Hashana Prayer.*

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the summoning by the great Theodor Herzl of the first Zionist Congress at Basle. Since that epoch-making event what had been a centuries old dream has become a reality—the Jewish people have turned to Jerusalem, not only in their prayers but have returned physically to build anew their ancient homeland—and themselves. The once-barren hills are now green with new foliage, the swamps are now fertile valleys and the settlements and towns tell their own story—in Hebrew. Some seven hundred thousand children of Israel have created a new freedom and a new self respect in the land of Israel.

Today, Palestine is headline news in the general press, owing to the unfortunate political conditions prevailing, but this unhappy phase will give way to the less sensational but more constructive conditions, when another dunam is made available, another brick is laid, another water-tower is built, another settlement is founded.

The Jewish Homeland was built, and its building must continue, by the determined and heroic efforts of the Yishuv, sustained materially and morally by their fellow Jews the world over. And this is the task of the Zionist Society.

It is the responsibility of the Zionist Society to preach the Zionist gospel, to enlighten the people on the aims, ideals, achievements and purpose of the Jewish National Home, to provide funds for the purchase of more land, and to provide funds for the hands and the implements that bring the fruit of the land.

The West London Zionist Society meets at the Communal Hall, Brook Green, on alternate Tuesdays and provides the local forum for discussion of all aspects of the Jewish Question. The Society, born in the days of the blitz, is now firmly established and has a fine record of achievement. It has given practical support to many facets of constructive work for the Yishuv, for the Hebrew University, for the training of young British Jewry for pioneer work on the land, for the Palestine Maritime League and every activity which strengthens the bond with our brothers in Eretz Israel. The local Women's Zionist Society has done excellent work for Women's and Children's Welfare Work in Palestine.

The Honorary Secretary of the West London Zionist Society is Mr. P. Ferst, 20, Greyhound Road, W.6 (Fulham 3990) and he would be happy to send particulars of the Society's activities to YOU.

HAROLD BAYES.

## HAMMERSMITH AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S ZIONIST SOCIETY

The Executive and Committee have great pleasure in welcoming the introduction of a Communal Magazine, and they wish the Editor and his co-workers every success in its continued production.

As a unit of the Community the Society has been asked to give a report of its activities, and as we are an affiliated branch of the Women's International Zionist Organisation (W.I.Z.O.), we are glad of the opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Community some of its great work, to which we are contributing. In this way a true indication of the nature of our work can be given.

Although the Society has a fair membership, it is only a small nucleus of workers which has been the means of its steady progress and its continued existence. It is felt that there is much greater scope for work in Hammersmith and district and it is hoped that more Jewish women will rally to the cause.

The W.I.Z.O. has been in existence for 27 years, its programme of action being the training of women and girls for productive work in Palestine and the care of mother and child. It has 53 federations, and it has spent more than one million pounds in order to found and maintain in Palestine over 100 institutions for training and child welfare. In addition it is now playing a large part in the relief and rehabilitation in Palestine of women and children from Europe, particularly those who are still languishing in camps.

To help carry out the W.I.Z.O. programme is the *raison d'être* of our Society, and through our own activities—cultural, card afternoons, participation in the Annual Bazaar, etc.—our contribution is made.

In conclusion, may we say that further information and literature, etc., will be gladly supplied on application to the Hon. Secretary.

C.S.

## THE HAMMERSMITH AND WEST KENSINGTON NORWOOD ORPHANS AID SOCIETY

This Society has now resumed its activities for the first time since the beginning of the War.

The Executive and Committee realised that a certain amount of ground work was necessary to re-form the Society, and with this in mind, arranged a Social and Card Evening on the 24th October last. In this way we were able to get in touch with those interested in the Orphanage. At this very successful function, subscriptions were obtained and money raised, and those present had a very enjoyable evening. We were fortunate in having Mr. Levene to speak to us on the work of the Orphanage in its newly constituted form. He made us realise only too well what great work was being done at Norwood, and stressed the point that by increasing our list of regular subscribers we were helping the Orphanage in the best way. We would ask those who do not subscribe to this very worthy cause, which is dear to the heart of every Jewish man and woman, to do so, and help to make up for the war years when the local Norwood Aid Society was in abeyance.

In the year 1947-8 we are arranging some interesting and enjoy-

able functions at which we hope to see you, your family and your friends. Your co-operation and support will make these events successful.

Norwood Orphanage holds pride of place in Jewish Communal life. Help the good work by attending our "Norwood Evenings." You will find them most enjoyable.

The Executive and Committee thank those who have given us their support during the past year, either financially, with gifts, or by active help.

We would particularly like to place on record our thanks to those ladies, who, in spite of the difficulties of rationing, have provided refreshments, the excellence of which has in no small measure contributed to the success of our functions.

MISS DORIS GROSE, *Hon Sec.*

## CHILDREN'S SECTION

Dear Girls and Boys,

Some time ago it was decided to have a Magazine in connection with our Synagogue. When the question of the contents was discussed, it was agreed that there should be a page or two which you could look upon as your own. This seemed only right, for, as you may have noticed, our religion caters as much for young people as it does for adults. I am already an uncle of several nieces and nephews, so I hope you will all adopt me as a new uncle that I may talk to you through the pages of this Magazine. I hope, too, that we shall become close friends through this chat and that you will write and tell me how you like it and ask me anything you would like to know about our religion. Don't you think it is very fitting that this new Magazine should be published in time for the New Year? It seems very appropriate to me, and just as we always wish our friends a Happy New Year, let us begin by wishing "Success to the Magazine."

At this time of the year I feel I must touch on some of the symbols and ceremonies you will be seeing when you come to the Festival services. On Rosh Hashanah the sounds of the Shofar will echo through the Synagogue, and what a stirring call it makes to us all! What a reminder to us that we are God's people and that our lives are not complete unless we devote some part to the service of God. Have you noticed how full the Synagogue is on the Solemn Days? It is as if no Jew can resist that call which draws him towards his place of worship and compels him to join with his fellow Jews in prayer.

These sad and solemn days are followed by that lovely Festival we call Succoth. The Tabernacle erected at every Synagogue and in some homes, shows us some of the simplicity of our religion, in which the beauty of Nature plays such a big part. Though the frail structure reminds us of the little huts our forefathers used during their wandering through the wilderness, the covering of leaves on the roof and the fruit and flowers that decorate the interior remind us very forcibly that the everyday life of each one of us is very dependent on Nature, which, as you all know, is the work of God.

This period which has so many important days crammed into a small space, finishes with that most joyous of our Festivals—"Simchat Torah." It is the day on which we show our great pride and joy in the possession of the Torah, when we realise that we really are the "People of the Book." You will have learnt that on that day we finish reading the Torah and commence again immediately so that there should be no break in the continuity of our reading. If every boy and girl read the Bible regularly, they would really know what our religion is and be able to understand the Jewish laws. We cannot be Jewish in the Synagogue and forget all about it once we are outside. There must be no end to our Jewishness, but it must be a continuous thing that is with us every moment of our lives.

In this age of wonderful discoveries and inventions we often lose sight of the great value of some of those simple things we take for granted. Have you ever stopped to wonder how people managed before the days of paper and printing? We know that in the early days of our people those who wished to learn, to get something explained, or even just to hear a story, would flock to the Rabbis and teachers and listen to what they had to say. Only by word of mouth could any news or information be passed on. We, today, are much more fortunate—we have paper and books, ink and printing, and so we can read what someone has said many miles away. And that, I hope, is what this Magazine is going to do for us. Keep us in touch with the other members of this Congregation, draw us all together in its pages, give us news of our people, and help us to discuss things with each other.

I have mentioned only a few of the many things I hope to discuss with you, but my space is used up. I hope I shall hear from some of you soon, because I do want you to remember that this is your page, and any ideas and suggestions will be very welcome indeed.

I will conclude with best wishes to you all for a very Happy New Year.

UNCLE.

### HABONIM.

A Gedud has been meeting at the Communal Hall during the past year. Although the enthusiasm of the children attending has been great, the numbers have been rather disappointing.

It was in 1929 that the Habonim began its activities in London, taking the form of a Jewish Scouting Movement. It later acquired a Hebrew and Palestinian atmosphere, and it aimed at providing a Jewish movement in which a youngster could develop his Jewish knowledge and consciousness in a joyful and interesting manner, and at the same time, take a pride in the development of Jewish life in Palestine.

The local group will meet on alternate Tuesdays from 5.30 p.m. in two sections.

### SYNAGOGUE ITEMS

#### Covenants

Those members who have signed Covenant, the nature of which will be explained to you by the Secretary on request, are helping the Synagogue to augment considerably its income at no additional cost or liability to themselves. They are thus proving benefactors to the Congregation.

A register is kept in the office of Jahrzeits. A reminder is sent each year. Entries in the register are made on request and you are therefore advised to inform the Secretary of any if you wish to have entered.

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Selichoth are said every morning between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at 7.15 a.m.

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The Hon. Officers appeal to all worshippers to help in preserving the decorum during services. Remember, one single person can disturb the devotion of a whole congregation!

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For an enjoyable evening do not miss the West London Zionist Society Dance on Sunday, October 19th, 1947, in the Communal Hall.

### DISCUSSION GROUP.

Largely due to the initiative of Mr. Harry Topper, through Riverpark, a Discussion Group has functioned successfully at Rev. Venitt's residence since last October.

See back cover for times of meeting. All Welcome.

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October Programme

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Grand Opening Dance and Social Evening. 3s. 6d. (including refreshments). 7.30—11.30 p.m.

Thursday 16th—

Card Evening. Prizes. Tickets 2s. 6d. 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 23rd—

Quiz, Question and Query. Popular Social Evening—Come along and let us entertain you. 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 30th—

Lecture of absorbing interest on the Anglo-Jewish Communities Historical Background, by Mr. Albert M. Hyamson. O.B.E.

Refreshments served at all functions.

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Tuesday, December 23rd, 1947, at 7 p.m.

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OCT. MARCHESHVAN		SPECIAL DAYS	MARCHESHVAN—30 DAYS		NOTES
			PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	
15	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day			
17	3	Sabbath Eve	Noach	Isr. 54, 1-55, 5	In 4.30 p.m. Out 5.42 p.m.
18	4	Sabbath			In 4.30 p.m. Out 5.28 p.m.
24	10	Sabbath Eve	Lech Lecho	Isr. 40, 27-41, 16	In 4.0 p.m.
25	11	Sabbath			
31	17	Sabbath Eve			
NOV.					
1	18	Sabbath	Vayeero	2 Kings 4, 1-37	Out 5.16 p.m. In 4.0 p.m.
7	24	Sabbath Eve	Chaye Sarah	1 Kings 1, 1-31	Benediction of Kistlev Out 5.5 p.m.
8	25	Sabbath			
13	30	Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 1st day			
NOV. KISLEV		SPECIAL DAYS	KISLEV—30 DAYS		NOTES
			PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	
14	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day			
15	2	Sabbath Eve	Toledoth	Malachi 1, 1-2, 7	In 3.30 p.m. Out 4.55 p.m.
21	8	Sabbath			In 3.30 p.m. Out 4.48 p.m.
22	9	Sabbath Eve	Vayetzeh	Moser 12, 13-14, 10	In 3.30 p.m. Out 4.42 p.m.
28	15	Sabbath	Vayishlach	Hosha 11, 7-12, 12	
29	16	Sabbath			
NOV.					
21	21	Sabbath Eve	Vayeshev	Amos 2, 6-3, 8	Tal Umatar in Evening In 3.30 p.m. Benediction of Tebeth Out 4.39 p.m.
5	22	Sabbath			First Light in Evening
6	23	Sabbath			Two Lights in Evening
7	24	Chanukah Eve			Three Lights in Evening
8	25	Chanukah, 1st day			Four Lights in Evening
9	26	Chanukah, 2nd day			Five Lights in Evening
10	27	Chanukah, 3rd day			Six Lights before Sabbath In 3.30 p.m.
11	28	Chanukah, 4th day			Out 4.39 p.m.
12	29	Chanukah, 5th day			Seven Lights after Sabbath
13	30	Chanukah, 6th day Sabbath Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tebeth, 1st day	Miketz Three scrolls	Zech. 2, 14-4, 7	



TISHRI—30 DAYS

SEPT.	TISHRI	SPECIAL DAYS	PORTION	READINGS	HAPHTORAH	NOTES
14		New Year 5708	Gen. 21, Num. 29, 1-6	1 Sam. 1, 1-2, 10		In 6.0 p.m.
15	1	New Year 1st day	Gen. 22, Num. 29, 1-6	Jer. 31, 2-20		Out 6.53 p.m.
16	2	New Year 2nd day				Out 6.51 p.m.
17	3	Fast of Gedaliah	Vayeleich	Hos. 14, 2-10		In 5.30 p.m.
18	4	Sabbath Eve		Joel 2, 15-27		Out 6.45 p.m.
19	5	Shabbas Shuvah				In 5.40 p.m.
20	6	Shabbas Shuvah				Kol Nidrei 5.50 p.m.
23	9	Atonement Eve	Lev. 16, Num. 29, 7-11	Isa. 57, 14-58, 14		Out 6.35 p.m.
24	10	Day of Atonement	Afternoon: Lev. 16	Afternoon: Jonah Micah 7, 18-20		
26	12	Sabbath Eve	Haazeenu	2 Sam. 22, 1-51		In 5.30 p.m.
27	13	Sabbath	Lev. 22, 26-23, 44	Zech. 14, 1-21		Out 6.28 p.m.
28	14	Tabernacles Eve	Num. 29, 12-16	1 Kings 8, 2-21		In 5.30 p.m.
29	15	Tabernacles, 1st day	As 1st day			Out 6.21 p.m.
30	16	Tabernacles, 2nd day				
			Ex. 33, 12-34, 26	Ezek. 38, 18-39, 16		In 5.0 p.m.
OCT.			Num. 29, 26-31			Ecclesiastes
3	19	Sabbath Eve	Deut. 14, 22-16, 17	1 Kings 8, 54-66		Out 6.12 p.m.
4	20	Shabbas Chol Hamoad	Num. 29, 35-30, 1	Yizkor (Memorial Service)		Festival in 5.0 p.m.
5	21	Hoshanah Rabbah	Deut. 33, 1-34, 12	Joshua 1, 1-18		Out 6.6 p.m.
6	22	Shemini Atzereth	Gen. 1, 1-2, 3			
7	23	Simchas Torah	Bereshith	Isa. 42, 5-43, 10		In 5.0 p.m.
10	26	Sabbath Eve				Benediction of Marcheshvan
11	27	Shabbas Bereshith				Out 5.59 p.m.
14	30	Rosh Chodesh, 1st day				

Marriages may not be solemnised on September 17th, 23rd, 28th—October 7th inclusive.

TEBETH—29 DAYS

DEC.	TEBETH	SPECIAL DAYS	PORTION	READINGS	HAPHTORAH	NOTES
14	1	Chanukah, 7th day				Eight Lights in Evening
15	2	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day				In 3.30 p.m.
19	6	Chanukah, 8th day				Out 4.40 p.m.
20	7	Sabbath Eve	Vayiggash	Ezek. 37, 15-28		Out 4.42 p.m.
23	10	Sabbath				In 3.30 p.m.
26	13	Fast of Tebeth				Out 4.44 p.m.
27	14	Sabbath Eve	Vayeichi	1 Kings 2, 1-12		
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JAN.	20	Sabbath Eve				In 3.30 p.m.
2	21	Sabbath	Shemos	Isa. 27, 6-28, 13		Out 4.51 p.m.
3				29, 22, 23		
9	27	Sabbath Eve				In 4.0 p.m.
10	28	Sabbath	Vo-era	Ezek. 28, 25-29, 21		Benediction of Shebat
						Out 4.59 p.m.

Marriages may not be solemnised on December 23rd

SHEBAT—30 DAYS

JAN.	SHEBAT	SPECIAL DAYS	PORTION	READINGS	HAPHTORAH	NOTES
12	1	Rosh Chodesh				In 4.0 p.m.
16	5	Sabbath Eve				Out 5.9 p.m.
17	6	Sabbath	Bo	Jer. 46, 13-28		In 4.0 p.m.
23	12	Sabbath Eve	Beshalach	Judges 4, 4-5, 31		Out 5.19 p.m.
24	13	Sabbath Shira				
26	15	New Year for Trees				
30	19	Sabbath Eve	Yisro	Isa. 6, 1-7, 6-9, 5, 6		In 4.30 p.m.
31	20	Sabbath				Out 5.30 p.m.
FEB.						
6	26	Sabbath Eve				In 4.30 p.m.
7	27	Sabbath	Mishpatim	Jer. 34, 8-22, 33, 25, 26		Benediction of Adar Rishon
10	30	Rosh Chodesh, 1st day				Out 5.42 p.m.

**ADAR RISHON—30 DAYS**

FEB. ADAR I SPECIAL DAYS

PORTION READINGS HAPHTORAH

NOTES

11	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day					
13	3	Sabbath Eve	Terumah	1 Kings 5, 26-6, 13		In 5.0 p.m. Out 5.54 p.m.	
14	4	Sabbath				In 5.0 p.m. Out 5.54 p.m.	
20	10	Sabbath Eve	Tetzaveh	Ezek. 43, 10-27		In 5.0 p.m. Out 5.54 p.m.	
21	11	Sabbath				In 5.0 p.m. Out 5.54 p.m.	
27	17	Sabbath Eve	Ki Sissa	1 Kings 18, 1-39		In 5.0 p.m. Out 5.54 p.m.	
28	18	Sabbath				In 5.0 p.m. Out 5.54 p.m.	
MAR.							
5	24	Sabbath Eve	Vayakhel	2 Kings 12, 1-17		In 5.30 p.m. Benediction of Adar II	
6	25	Sabbath				Out 6.28 p.m.	
11	30	Rosh Chodesh, 1st day					

**ADAR SHENI—29 DAYS**

MAR. ADAR II SPECIAL DAYS

PORTION READINGS HAPHTORAH

NOTES

12	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day				
13	2	Sabbath Eve	Pekudei	1 Kings 7, 51-8, 21		In 5.30 p.m. Out 6.41 p.m.
19	8	Sabbath				In 6.0 p.m. Out 6.52 p.m.
20	9	Sabbath Eve	Vayikra	1 Sam. 15, 2-34		Out 6.52 p.m. Megillah read
24	13	Sabbath Zachor Fast of Esther				Megillah read
25	14	Purim				Megillah read
26	15	Shushan Purim				In 6.0 p.m. Out 7.4 p.m.
27	16	Sabbath Eve	Tzav	Jer. 7, 21-8, 3, 9, 22, 23		In 6.0 p.m. Out 7.4 p.m.
APRIL						
2	22	Sabbath Eve	Shemini	Ezek. 36, 16-38		In 6.0 p.m. Benediction of Nisan
3	23	Sabbath Parrah				Out 7.16 p.m.
9	29	Sabbath Eve				In 6.30 p.m. Out 7.16 p.m.

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**NISAN—30 DAYS**

APRIL NISAN SPECIAL DAYS

READINGS

NOTES

PORTION HAPHTORAH

10	1	Sabbath Hachodesh	Tazria (Three scrolls)	Ezek. 45, 16-46-18		Out 7.29 p.m.
16	7	Rosh Chodesh				In 6.30 p.m. Out 7.42 p.m.
17	8	Sabbath Eve	Metzarah	Mal. 3, 4-24		Cessation of Eating Leavened Food 9.15 a.m.
23	14	Fast of First Born				In 6.30 p.m. Seder First Night
24	15	Sabbath Eve	Ex. 12, 21-51 Num. 28, 16-27	Josh. 5, 2-6, 1		Sabbath Out 7.55 p.m. Commence Omer Count- ing in Evening
25	16	Passover, 1st Day				Second Seder Night Out 7.57 p.m.
26-29	17-20	Passover, 2nd day	Lev. 22, 26-23 44	2 Kings 23, 1-9, 21-25		Festival in 6.30 p.m. Sabbath in 7.0 p.m.
29	20	Chof Hamoed	Ex. 15, 17-18, 26 Num. 28, 19, 23	2 Sam. 22, 1-51		
30	21	Eve of 7th day				
	21	Passover, 7th day				
MAY						
1	22	Passover, 8th day and Sabbath	Deut. 14, 22-16, 17 Num. 28, 19, 25	1 Sam. 10, 32-12, 6		Songs of Songs read Yizkor (Memorial Service) Out 8.8 p.m.
7	28	Sabbath Eve				In 7.0 p.m. Benediction of Iyar
8	29	Sabbath	Acharei Mos	1 Sam. 30, 18-42		Out 8.22 p.m.
9	30	Rosh Chodesh Iyar, 1st day				

Marriages may not be solemnised April 23rd to May 1st inclusive.

MAY	YAR	SPECIAL DAYS	YAR—29 DAYS PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	NOTES
10	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day			
14	5	Sabbath Eve			In 7.0 p.m.
15	6	Sabbath	Kedushim	Amos 9, 7-15	Out 8.34 p.m.
21	12	Sabbath Eve			In 7.0 p.m.
22	13	Sabbath	Emor	Ezek. 44, 15-31	Out 8.47 p.m.
23	14	Sabbath			Pesach Sheni
27	18	Second Passover			Scholarly Feast
28	19	Lag Ba'Omer			In 7.0 p.m.
29	20	Sabbath Eve	Behar	Jer. 32, 6-27	Out 8.58 p.m.
		Sabbath			
JUNE					
4	26	Sabbath Eve	Bechukossei	Jer. 16, 19-17, 14	In 7.0 p.m.
5	27	Sabbath			Benediction of Sivan
					Out 9.7 p.m.

Marriages may not be solemnized May 11th to May 26th, May 28th to June 7th inclusive, owing to Sefirah (Counting of the Omer)

JUNE	SIVAN	SPECIAL DAYS	SIVAN—30 DAYS PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	NOTES
8	1	Rosh Chodesh			
11	4	Sabbath Eve			
12	5	Sabbath	Bamidbar	Hosea 2, 1-22	In 7.0 p.m.
13	6	Shevuoth Eve	Ex. 19, 1-20, 23	Ezek. 1, 1-28, 3, 12	Out 9.14 p.m.
14	7	Feast of Weeks, 1st day	Num. 28, 28-31		Feast of Weeks in 9.14 p.m.
		Feast of Weeks, 2nd day	Deut. 15, 19-16, 17	Habaq. 3, 1-19	
			Num. 28, 26-31		Book of Ruth read
18	11	Sabbath Eve			Yizkor (Memorial Service)
19	12	Sabbath			Out 9.16 p.m.
25	18	Sabbath Eve	Naza	Judges 13, 2-25	In 7.0 p.m.
26	19	Sabbath	Behaalosecha	Zech. 2, 14-4, 7	Out 9.18 p.m.
					In 7.0 p.m.
JULY					
2	25	Sabbath Eve	Shelach	Ioshua 2, 1-24	In 7.0 p.m.
3	26	Sabbath			Benediction of Tammuz
7	30	Rosh Chodesh, 1st day			Out 9.17 p.m.

JULY	TAMMUZ	SPECIAL DAYS	TAMMUZ—26 DAYS PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	NOTES
8	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day			
9	2	Sabbath Eve			
10	3	Sabbath			In 7.0 p.m.
16	9	Sabbath Eve	Korach	I Sam. 11, 14-12, 22	Out 9.11 p.m.
17	10	Sabbath	Chukas	Judges 11, 1-33	In 7.0 p.m.
23	16	Sabbath Eve	Belok	Micah 5, 6-6, 8	Out 9.3 p.m.
24	17	Sabbath			In 7.0 p.m.
25	18	Fast of Tammuz			Out 8.52 p.m.
30	23	Sabbath Eve	Pinchas	Jer. 1, 1-2, 3	Out 8.50 p.m.
31	24	Sabbath			In 7.0 p.m.
					Benediction of Menachem
					Ab
					Out 8.40 p.m.

Marriages may not be solemnized July 25th to August 5th inclusive (Three weeks)

AUG.	AB	SPECIAL DAYS	AB—30 DAYS PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	NOTES
6	1	Rosh Chodesh			
7	2	Sabbath Eve			
13	8	Sabbath	Matos-Massei	Jer. 2, 4-28, 3, 4	In 7.0 p.m.
14	9	Sabbath Eve	Devarim	Iso. 1, 1-27	Out 8.26 p.m.
					In 7.0 p.m.
					Fast of Ab 7.20 p.m.
15	10	Fast of Ab			Sabbath out 8.11 p.m.
20	15	Sabbath Eve			Lamentations (Eicho)
21	16	Sabbath Nachamu			read in Evening Service
27	22	Sabbath Eve	Vaeschanan	Iso. 40, 1-26	Out 8.8 p.m.
28	23	Sabbath	Ekev	Iso. 49, 14-51, 3	In 6.30 p.m.
					Out 7.55 p.m.
SEPT.					In 6.30 p.m.
3	29	Sabbath Eve			Benediction of Elul
4	30	Sabbath	Re-eh	Iso. 66, 1-24	Out 7.39
					In 6.0 p.m.
					Out 7.22 p.m.

Marriages may not be solemnized August 6th to August 15th inclusive (the Nine Days)

SEPT.	ELUL	SPECIAL DAYS	ELUL—29 DAYS PORTION	READINGS HAPHTORAH	NOTES
5	1	Rosh Chodesh, 2nd day			Commence the Blowing of the Shofar
10	6	Sabbath Eve			In 6.0 p.m.
11	7	Sabbath	Shofetim	Isa. 51, 12, 52, 12	Out 7.5 p.m.
17	13	Sabbath Eve			In 5.30 p.m.
18	14	Sabbath	Ki Setzeh	Isa. 54, 1-10, 54, 11-55, 5	Out 6.49 p.m.
24	20	Sabbath Eve			In 5.30 p.m.
25	21	Sabbath	Ki Soreh	Isa. 60, 1-22	Out 6.33 p.m.
26	22	Sabbath			Commence Selichoth
OCT.					
1	27	Sabbath Eve			In 5.0 p.m.
2	28	Sabbath	Nitzavim	Isa. 61, 10-63, 9	Out 6.16 p.m.
3	29	NEW YEAR 5709			Commences at 5.0 p.m.

Marriages may not be solemnised on New Year's Day 5709

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## Western Area Jewish Centre.

To the Secretary

Dear Sir,

I desire to be enrolled as a member of the above Centre.

Name .....

Address .....

Date of Birth (if under 21) .....

Proposed by..... Date of application.....

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## Western Area Jewish Centre.

(Junior Section)

Rev. Venitt is anxious to contact personally all young people in the Community between the ages of 13 and 17.

Please insert names and addresses and return immediately.

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## ORGANISATIONS.

**Hammersmith Synagogue Ladies' Guild.** Meet alternate Tuesdays in the Communal Hall. Hon. Sec. : Mrs. H. Caplan, 61, Lowther Road, S.W.13. Tel.: RIV. 5878.

**Western Area Jewish Centre** (Incorporating Riverpark Jewish Youth Club). All communications to the Organising Secretary, Mr. M. Sharpe, 71, Brook Green, W.6. Tel.: RIV. 1405.

**Riverpark Jewish Youth Club.** Hon. Sec. : Miss Thelma Harris, 60a, Mill Hill Road, Acton, W.3. Tel.: ACOrn 5926.

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**West London Zionist Society.** Hon. Sec. : Mr. P. Ferst, 20, Greyhound Road, W.6. Tel. : FUL. 3990.

**Hammersmith and West Kensington Districts—Norwood Aid Society.** Hon. Sec. : Miss Doris Grose, 10, Watchfield, W.4. Tel. : CHI. 0073.

**Hammersmith and West Kensington Mutual Benefit Society.** Secretary : Rev. B. Paletz, 18, College Court, W.6. Tel. : RIV. 4728.

**Western Area Defence Committee.** Hon. Sec. : Mr. H. H. Topper, 15, Dunsany Road, W.14. Tel. : RIV. 6717.

**Habonim.** Meet Mondays 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Apply for particulars to the Minister.

**Religion Classes** (Supt. : Rev. S. Venitt, B.A.).

Classes meet every

Sunday	...	...	10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday	...	...	5.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
Thursday	...	...	5.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

## Times of Services.

### WEEKDAYS.

Morning	...	...	7.30 a.m.
Evening	...	...	By arrangement.

### SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

8.30 a.m.

### SABBATH AND FESTIVALS.

Evening	...	...	At the commencement of Sabbath. During Summer Months 8 p.m.
Morning	...	...	9.30 a.m.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Sabbaths	...	...	11.30 a.m.
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**A Study and Discussion Group** is held at the Minister's residence (71, Brook Green), 90 minutes before Mincha.

**Sabbath Afternoon Service**—One hour before termination of Sabbath. This is followed by a Shiur and Evening Service.

The Secretary can be seen on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or by appointment.

The Ministers can be seen by appointment.

Rev. S. VENITT, B.A. ... RIV. 7601.

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