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Purify our hearts to  
serve Thee in truth.

—Prayer Book.

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## THE CHIEF RABBI'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE FOR 5721

I am pleased to send your readers my good wishes for 5721.

We hope that despite the set-back in their efforts to advance the cause of world peace the statesmen of the different nations will continue in the coming year to seek a measure of agreement which will advance the prospects of confidence, security and co-operation among the nations. May 5721 be a year which will witness a further stage in the spiritual, cultural and economic progress of the land of Israel.

As far as the Anglo-Jewish community is concerned, I hope that the coming year will manifest an ever-growing awareness of the need to strengthen traditional Judaism in our midst. We have amongst us elements who seem determined for their own reasons to denigrate those observances of our faith which are meant to ensure the holiness and integrity of Jewish family life. One of the great dangers to the survival and continuity of the Jewish community is intermarriage which, alas, shows no signs of decrease. It is important for the community to shake itself free from the casual and fatalistic approach to the incidence of a threat to its social and religious structure. Responsible sections of our community must support and uphold every endeavour — preventive and constructive — made by religious authority to deal with the problem of intermarriage. I have no doubt in my mind that the greatest deterrent is provided by the manner in which we adhere both to the observance of Sabbath and the other laws of our faith which impress upon us the sanctity and harmony of Jewish family life as well as to the absolute moral requirements of Judaism which give distinction to the quality of our living and daily conduct as true and loyal sons of the Covenant.

May we in a spirit of true penitence and hope, pray for Divine aid to strengthen our resolution to become better Jews and Jewesses in the year which lies ahead.

ISRAEL BRODIE,

*Chief Rabbi.*

## EDITORIAL

It was appropriate that for its seventieth birthday our Synagogue should be re-decorated, and in a manner which brings into bold relief some of the beauties of its architecture. New carpeting will enhance the effect, and when in due course, the lighting and heating are improved, our congregants will have cause for taking a new pride in their house of worship. We can achieve all these objectives only if we have the whole-hearted co-operation of our members. In the pages of "The Brook" will be found a letter from one of the Joint Chairmen of the Synagogue Functions Committee, asking for your support in an effort to make our Seventieth Anniversary Banquet and Ball an outstanding success. As you no doubt know, this is due to take place on Sunday, 30th October. There are also a few words of explanation from the Chairman of the House Committee, as to their objects and aims. Their major concern is to make certain that any improvements necessary to the Synagogue and Communal Halls are carried out with the minimum delay, and to the best advantage of the Congregation.

There is another matter which calls for your earnest consideration. The Ministers of the United Synagogue have viewed with growing concern the steady falling off of the standard of Hebrew and Religious Knowledge among the adults. In an attempt to remedy this serious impairment of our spiritual strength, a concerted effort is to be made by all communities of the United Synagogue to provide courses of basic instruction for their members and their families. There will be two courses of eight lessons commencing during the week immediately after Succoth. The one will be entitled "The How and Why of Judaism," dealing with the basic beliefs and practices of Judaism, and the other will be "Refresh your Hebrew," dealing with Elementary Hebrew and giving an introduction to the Prayer Book. We in Hammersmith would like to feel that we are not behind other communities in the furtherance of these essential aims. We were, after all, pioneers in the field of adult education. It is hoped that our members will avail themselves of the opportunities provided. Details as to date of commencement of the courses will be given during the Festivals. These lessons will be in addition to the usual University of London Extension Lectures, which this year will be given by that eminent scholar Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs, who is already well known and admired in our Community.

This issue contains a speculative, interesting and stimulating contribution from the pen of Mr. Sydney Goodman, and another in light and humorous vein from a former Warden of the Synagogue, Mr. Lionel L. Loewe.

Once more, our thanks are due to all who have helped with the publication of this issue. We extend to them, and to all members and their families, heartfelt and sincere wishes for a happy, prosperous, healthy and peaceful New Year.

## WHAT! ANOTHER COMMITTEE?

If not only do you open the pages of "The Brook" but even read the contents, it is likely that you are interested in matters concerning the running of the Shool.

A few months ago, following a suggestion from one of its members, the Board of Management agreed to appoint a small House Committee. The duty of this committee was to maintain surveillance over the structure and contents of the Synagogue and halls and with the concurrence of the Hon. Officers to take such action as considered necessary or in appropriate cases to make recommendations to the Board.

It will be appreciated that the main purpose of this proposal is two-fold. On the one hand it means that carefully considered action can be put into effect with less delay than would be necessitated by waiting for a full meeting of the Board of Management. On the other hand, the activities of this new committee will considerably aid the Officials and Hon. Officers in their work.

As you may well imagine the House Committee has found itself confronted with a task of not inconsiderable magnitude. Nevertheless, it has been encouraged rather than daunted by this, and it is probably true to say that during the short time of its existence the Committee has set a glowing example of the constructive work that can be achieved by a small number of willing and enthusiastic workers.

Almost at the beginning of its appointment the Committee was faced with the formidable business of considering the redecoration of the Synagogue. This meant considering and recommending that a multitude of small jobs be carried out at the same time, with a view to improving amenities for the congregation, beautifying the Shool, and maintaining the fabric of the building. It is not our intention to mention in detail the points in question but it is hoped that the overall improvements will be gradually noticed by worshippers. The main consideration however was that of the colour scheme to be adopted. In this the Committee was spurred on rather than deterred by the sure knowledge that whatever scheme was approved would undoubtedly be met with a greater or lesser amount of adverse criticism!

The Committee had to decide for example whether to maintain the "traditional" yellow and chocolate decor—how traditional such decoration may be in fact is perhaps dubious—or whether to recommend a scheme which would be more in keeping with present-day ideas. Much thought and consideration was given to this problem. Colours and colour schemes were looked at, other

Shools which have been recently built or decorated were visited, and certain lines of thought became apparent.

It should be made abundantly clear that the Committee has eschewed any question of acting in an individual or personal capacity. The members have regarded themselves in this as in all their activities and deliberations, as being in the position of trustees of the congregation. They have tried to act as they think the majority of the congregation would wish, continually mindful that to produce a scheme of decoration which would be completely acceptable to all members is a consummation to be wished for.

Finally, the Committee recommended that the Board of Management adopt a colour scheme which would have two main objects. First to lighten the general appearance of the Shool and secondly to heighten and emphasize the existing beauty of the building. At the same time, and all the time, sight must not be lost of the fact that it is our Synagogue which is being decorated.

It is significant that the House Committee was completely unanimous in recommending the scheme which was also adopted by the Board of Management and which has been put into effect.

Naturally we hope you like it. Nevertheless you may perhaps not find all of it equally pleasing. The House Committee will be eager and interested to receive any genuinely constructive criticism which, in all fairness, means something more than "I just don't like it!"

And now, what of the future? Suffice it to say at the moment that the House Committee has begun to draw up a long term scheme of requirements and when this has been completed it will prepare a plan of action having regard to the financial commitments involved and the relative priorities. At the same time there are numerous and continuing routine matters which require and receive the Committee's attention.

Meantime, we shall be delighted to receive a donation so that the seating may be renewed and the lighting improved.

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#### CHASAN TORAH AND CHASAN BERESHITH

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Jack Mitchell and Mr. Hyman Gelpsmen, who are to be Chasan Torah and Chasan Bereshith respectively. Both Chasanim are highly respected members of the congregation, who have in many ways shown their deep loyalty and attachment to the Hammersmith Community. Mr. Mitchell's association goes back over fifty years; which accounts for his readiness at all times to support our endeavours. Mr. Gelpsmen likewise has a long record of zealous service to the Synagogue, mostly quietly and unobtrusively. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Gelpsmen and their families good health, happiness and prosperity.

## Spring and Autumn Lectures, 1960

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Our core of members who are filled with the spirit of religious enthusiasm and cultural thirst found a rewarding medium in the special lectures on "The Jewish Liturgy" which were delivered during May.

Dr. I. Fishman inaugurated the series with an historical survey of the symbolism of the "Pesach Hagadah." Rabbi S. B. Leperer delineated, with a wealth of Jewish historical and literary sources, the salient features of the "Selichot" and followed this with a brilliant survey of the liturgy of the "Kol Nidrei" and "Yom Kippur" services. Rabbi A. Finkel, a dynamic representative of the transatlantic orthodox school, who recently received his rabbinic ordination from the hands of the great American religious leader, Rabbi Soloveitchik, gave a comprehensive survey of the background of the "Yomim Tovim" liturgy. Mr. Raymond Appel, B.A., LL.B. of Jews' College, who deputised for Rev. A. Rosenfeld, gave an illuminating address on "The Reading of the Law."

We are privileged to bring to the notice of the Hammersmith community the forthcoming important series of lectures to be given in the autumn by Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs, on "Jewish Religious Thought."

Both in Manchester and in London, Rabbi Dr. Jacobs has acquired the reputation of being a philosopher, writer and speaker of profound spiritual depth and originality. His ministerial posts as Rabbi of the Manchester Central Synagogue, since 1954 of the New West End Synagogue, have brought him in contact with the realities of current communal trends. His literary outpourings on the fundamentals of Hebraism, as exemplified by his books on "Jewish Prayer" and "Jewish Values" bear the stamp of an individual of rare spirit. He has recently left the agitated arena of communal ministration to enter the more sequestered academic environment of Jews' College where he is undertaking the dedicated task of lecturer and tutor.

The eternal verities of the Jewish Faith have been in every generation a source of difficult approach by those who appreciate the finite limitations of the human mind. Rabbi Dr. Jacobs, with a mature understanding of these complexities, will endeavour in this unique course of lectures to clarify many problems of faith and belief in the approach of man to God.

We are fortunate in having as our lecturer an individual with the outstanding qualities of burning sincerity and passionate zeal for Judaism. This series of weekly lectures will commence on Monday, October 17th, 1960. No congregant can afford to miss this rare opportunity. All are welcome.

## HAMMERSMITH & WEST KENSINGTON SYNAGOGUE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

### 70th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET & BALL

Joint Chairmen:  
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THE EMPIRE ROOMS,  
Tottenham Court Road, W.1  
SUNDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1960

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J. BRAND, Esq.

Dear Member,

The leaflet enclosed with recent correspondence of the Synagogue gave details of our Banquet and Ball to be held on SUNDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1960, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Foundation of our Synagogue.

Mr. R. L. Curtis and I have accepted the office and task of joint chairmen for this year's Function and we are, with the assistance of an enthusiastic and hard-working Committee, eager to make this event—as all previous functions at Hammersmith—a social and financial success.

You will notice during the High Festival Services the wonderfully re-decorated and re-carpeted Synagogue, the appearance of the Communal Hall and modern kitchen. These are all results of previous functions, and this year we want to go further; we would like to see every amenity for our community and our children. All this can come from the proceeds of our Anniversary Banquet.

This is your Synagogue and your Function—please take an ACTIVE PART—enjoy the preparations as we all on the Committee enjoy doing work for our community.

You can help by obtaining advertisements, Children's names and Signatures for our Souvenir Brochure; by selling Raffle Tickets; by collecting Tombola Gifts and by taking tickets for the function. Mr. Freedman will be only too pleased to give you all details. Please contact him.

Yours sincerely,

F. J. GERTLER.

## History - and Hammersmith Shul

by Sydney Goodman

The words "if" and "perhaps" are the great imponderables of history. If only a British sniper had shot a certain Adolf Schickleguber through the head in World War I, then perhaps World War II might never have occurred. If only Jews had practised a greater measure of unity some 2,500 years ago then perhaps there would have been no need for the State of Israel to have existed.

These two words "if" and "perhaps" are enough to fire the imagination of the student of history indefinitely, for the possibilities are tremendous.

In the history of our own Synagogue for example, events which took place just over 300 years ago, have some bearing on our existence today. It concerns a man quite unknown in the community and even quite unknown in English history, yet inexorably bound up with the Hammersmith community. The name of the person concerned was Miles Syndercombe.

England in the year 1649 was a country ravaged by civil war. On the one hand was Charles I and on the other Oliver Cromwell. After Charles was executed Cromwell became Lord Protector in 1653, and in a country so divided it is not surprising that certain elements wished to get rid of Cromwell.

By 1655 the plots were thickening, and a certain Miles Syndercombe was discharged from the Army by General Monck as being "a busy and suspicious person and one who was forward to promote ill designs." No sooner had the General got rid of him than he discovered that Syndercombe was one of the chief agents in the plot to assassinate Cromwell.

In that same year, however, Manasseh Ben Israel presented his petition to the Protector to re-admit the Jews to England, and at this point it is worth reflecting what might have happened to the Jewish Community if Syndercombe's plot had succeeded. For with Cromwell dead, the Jews might not yet have been allowed back until perhaps many hundreds of years later, and once back they might not have been allowed to settle anywhere, but might have been herded in a Ghetto. In which case of course perhaps Hammersmith Synagogue might not have existed.

In fact, however, Miles Syndercombe's plot progressed. He hired a house from which he directed operations to kill Cromwell. He tried to kill him on the way to Hampton Court and on another

occasion he tried at Whitehall. In January, 1657, Cromwell acted. He had Syndercombe arrested, tried and sentenced to death. Syndercombe was taken to the Tower of London but the night before his execution, he took poison given him by his sister, and in the morning was found dead. His corpse was dragged through the streets to the gallows behind a horse, and he was buried at the foot of the gallows as befitted a suicide, and a stake was driven through his heart.

Now if Syndercombe's plot had been successful, things might have been very different for Jews in general and Hammersmith in particular, but by a curious coincidence the house where Syndercombe plotted stood only a few hundred yards from the site of Hammersmith Synagogue, on Shepherds Bush Green. For there were no houses in between then. Even as late as 1830 Hammersmith was still only a hamlet.

Yet history has one more card to play, this time the Joker for in the very same year as Hammersmith Synagogue was erected in 1890, workmen demolished Syndercombe's House on the Green. History had a wonderful sense of timing, for the wheel had turned the full circle.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, 16th October, 8.0 p.m.—Reception to Chasan Torah and Chosan Bereshith in the Synagogue Hall.

Monday, 17th October, 8.30 p.m.—First Lecture of the University Extension Course. Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs on "Jewish Religious Thought."

Thursday, 20th October, 8.30 p.m.—Classes will commence as follows:—

- (1) The How and Why of Judaism (Rev. I. L. Abrams).
- (2) Refresh your Hebrew (Rev. S. Venitt).
- (3) Modern Hebrew Conversation Group  
(under teacher from the Zionist Federation).

Sunday, 30th October.—Synagogue's 70th Anniversary Banquet and Ball at the Empire Rooms.

Tuesday, 15th November, 8.15 p.m.—Ladies' Guild Annual General Meeting.

## MEMOIRS OF A MACHER

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The book which has been sent to me for review gives me an opportunity, which I gladly embrace, of giving my readers an insight into the life and character of one who was a fine example of a type traditional in Anglo-Jewry, a type which, fortunately, shows no sign of obsolescence. It is called "The diaries of Hymie de Vere-Cohen," edited by Harold Hochmus and published by Mechullah Bros. Ltd. Price 25s.

It is a pity that the word "macher" is sometimes misunderstood. The term "busybody," by which it is often translated, is only used by spiteful people who like to denigrate their own community, and is quite erroneous. In reality it signifies that which every right-minded member of our community aspires to be, namely, a Communal Worker, and of course success in that field is measured solely by the number of committees on which the Worker sits. de Vere-Cohen's motto, as is now known from the Diaries, was "NEVER RESIGN," and that may account for the fact, that at his death he was a member of three national councils, five provincial councils, nine executive committees, eleven general purposes committees and eighteen sub-committees. He was President of the Burial Society, Vice-President of the Resurrection Society, and a Life Member of BAB (The Board for the Affairs of Bochavs). He once confided to a friend that his life's ambition was to beat all his rivals by occupying twenty-three square inches of space in the Jewish Year Book, and this truly noble aim he came near to achieving. Perhaps his greatest success was the foundation of MAHAM; this was the Machzike ha-Machzikim, a society for raising the standard of piety in other people's congregations. This required him to sit on Committees of (numbering from right to left) the Federation, the United Synagogue, the Reform Synagogue and the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, and such was his broad-minded adaptability that he could daven with equal kavonah in all four of them.

It was only natural that one who had such a wide, indeed panoramic, view of Communal Affairs could not always allow himself to be distracted by the more routine and factual details of day-to-day administration, and this sometimes put him at a disadvantage with envious rivals. When, for example, as Honorary Treasurer of S.O.T.S.T.S. (Society of Osekin Le-Tsoreche Tsibbur) he was presenting his annual budget it was pointed out by some carping critic that owing to his having overlooked a decimal point he was ten thousand pounds out in his accounts. His devotion to the Society, of course prevented him from resigning, but (owing to ill-health) he was precluded from any further dealings with the

tiresome details of that body's finances. Another example occurred when the annual report of N.A.S.H. (the National Association of Shmoosers) which he, as Honorary Secretary, had published, was found to contain between its covers the annual report of B.O.S.H. (the Board of Shamashim) which he had sent to the printers by mistake. Here again he was too public-spirited to resign, but thenceforward the preparation of the report ceased (owing to his ill-health) to be one of his burdens.

In all such crises he adopted the same lofty and idealistic attitude. When a vote of no confidence in him was moved he would say, in prophetic and menacing tones, that to vote for it would be to **split the community**; a shudder would pass through the awe-stricken meeting, and Hymie de Vere-Cohen would emerge with a comfortable majority.

It will be readily understood that such widespread connections gave Hymie considerable power, of an informal and unofficial nature, in communal affairs, a power which he used wholly in the public interest, so that he could never be accused of "committee-rigging." If, therefore, he was able to give his daughter, by way of Nedan, a seat for her husband on two boards and three sub-committees, it was only because he discerned that the advancement of his son-in-law (a rising young masher of great promise) would be for the common good.

Hymie never spared himself; no labour that he deemed to be in the public interest was too great for him, and he continued to bear the burden until, shortly after his daughter's marriage, he died (owing to ill-health).

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#### HAMMERSMITH SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY

The Committee are proud to announce that they have now added to the lists the following books of outstanding merit.

EXODUS by Leon Urin

THIS IS MY GOD by Herman Worik

JEWISH VALUES by Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs

JEWISH PRAYER by Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs

and many others.

These books can be borrowed on Thursday evenings, when our Honorary Librarian, Miss R. Longhorn, is in attendance, or by arrangement with Rev. S. Venitt.

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Sincerest good wishes for the New Year are extended to the Ministers, the Honorary Officers, the Board of Management and to all Congregants, relatives and friends by:—

- Mr. and Mrs. J. Arram and Family, 37, Uxbridge Road, W.12.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. Bayes and Family, 3, Eversfield Road, Kew.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Bondt and Steven, 26, Bede House, Manor Fields, S.W.15.
- Joy and Jeffery Brand, 73, Barons Keep, W.14.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins and Jillian, 20, Hamlet Court, W.6.
- Mr. and Mrs. M. Cutler and Family, 146, Shepherd's Bush Road, W.6.
- Dr. and Mrs. L. Freeman and Daughter, 46, Sutton Court Road, W.4.
- Dr. & Mrs. A. M. Filer, 3, Shepherds Bush Road, W.6.
- Mr. & Mrs. H. Gelpsmen & Family, 45, Caithness Rd., W.14.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. Goodman, 10, Richmond Mansions, S.W.5.
- Dr. and Mrs. F. Hodes and Family, 7, Oakwood Court, W.14.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Levy, 212, Goldhawk Road, W.12.
- Mr. & Mrs. M. Mitchell & Family, 33, Marlow Court, N.W.6.
- Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Parker and Son, 86, Brook Green, W.6.
- Mr. and Mrs. M. Schwartz and Family, 117, West Kensington Court, W.14.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. Sharpe, 6, Argyll Mansions, W.14.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Shenfield and Daughter, 37, Kensington Hall Gardens, W.14.
- Dr. and Mrs. E. Sommer and Family, 49, Latymer Court, W.6.
- Dr. L. Sommer and Family, 1, Palace Mansions, W.14.
- Mr. George I. Topper and Family, 84, Watchfield, W.4.

The Hon. Officers and Board of Management extend their Compliments and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all Members of the Congregation and their Families.

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The Reverend and Mrs. S. Venitt and Family wish to convey their sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to their relatives, friends and members of the Synagogue.

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The Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Forscher and Ruth, wish to convey their warmest greetings for the New Year to the Honorary Officers, to the Board of Management, and to all members of the Congregation and their families.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Busky and Daughter extend cordial greetings to all members of the Congregation and members of the Choir.

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### THE SUCCAH

will be ready for decorating on

Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th and 5th October.

Gifts of flowers, foliage, wine, etc., will be gratefully accepted, also donations towards the purchase of cakes.

It will be greatly appreciated if members could send their gifts on those days, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Offerings from all members of the Congregation will help to make the Succah celebrations worthy of this festival, and emulate the wonderful effort made last year.

## West London Young Zionist Society

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Since its inception last March, the West London Y.Z.S. (which is affiliated to the Federation of Zionist Youth) has made very steady progress. Its formation has filled a long-standing need for a youth group in the area with predominantly cultural aims. This does not mean that there are no social activities: indeed our party held in conjunction with the Ealing Y.Z.S. attracted some seventy-five FZY-niks and our ramble on Whit Monday was acclaimed a great success by visitors from other societies.

Our first few meetings were devoted to lectures on the history of Zionism to give members a sound background to present day aims and problems: since then we have had lecturers speaking on such varied subjects as "Life on a Kibbutz," "Jewish Music," "Israeli Art" and "The Sinai Campaign." Interspersed with these talks, which have invariably produced a lively barrage of questions, we have held discussions, a Film Show, debates with other Societies and a records evening.

Meetings are held at 8.15 p.m. every Monday at the homes of members: we cater for all between the ages of 17 and 25, living anywhere in West London. We are already renowned for the strength of our tea and welcome all who are prepared to try it. For further details, including venues of future meetings, please contact Miss Susan Kennedy, 9 Heber Mansions, Queens Club Gardens, W.14. FULham 5392.

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### WEST LONDON STUDY GROUP

A Youth Study Group is to be organised with headquarters at the New West End Synagogue Centre, Herbert Samuel Hall, Bark Place, W.2. It will meet each Sunday Evening from 6 - 7.30 p.m., and its programme will be part study and part social.

The group will be a branch of the Youth Study Group Movement which today is one of the most flourishing Jewish Youth groups in the country.

The movement is open to all young people from 14-18 years.

The first meeting will be an **Inter-function** with other London groups at 7.30 p.m. on October 2nd at the Herbert Samuel Hall, Bark Place, W.2. Those wishing to attend from Hammersmith and District should contact Miss Pamela Venitt (the Hon. Secretary) who will also give further details of the Group's activities. (Riverside 7601.)



## SYNAGOGUE NOTICES

A **Yahrzeit Register** is kept in the Synagogue Office. The Secretary is prepared to record entries at your request and to send you a reminder each year.

The newly decorated and curtained **Communal Hall** together with its up-to-date and spacious kitchens is available for hire by private individuals. The Secretary will be pleased to let you know the terms.

Despite repeated notices in 'The Brook' it still happens from time to time that meetings of different **local societies and committees** have been arranged independently to take place on the same date. As a number of people are on more than one committee it is obviously desirable that clashing should be avoided. The Synagogue Secretary maintains a central diary of dates of meetings **which are notified to him** and Secretaries of local organisations are sincerely requested to remember this and to advise the Synagogue Secretary of all meeting dates as far in advance as possible.

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**DO YOU PAY INCOME TAX** at the standard rate of 7/9d. in the £ or more? If so, you can sign a Deed of Covenant, and at no extra cost to yourself, enable the Synagogue to improve its financial position considerably. If you are able and willing to help in this way do please get in touch with the Financial Representative or Secretary.

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**MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNED A DEED OF COVENANT** are cordially thanked for their valuable financial assistance to the Synagogue in this way. If you have NOT yet signed a Covenant you should know that this assistance is welcomed by both the members and the Synagogue—the latter obtains additional income at no extra cost to the member.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Synagogue in the last year, and we extend to them a hearty welcome:—

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Amias.	Mrs. P. Lipman.
Dr. & Mrs. A. G. Amias.	Miss M. M. Muslin.
Mr. & Mrs. S. Adelman.	Mr. & Mrs. R. Perry.
Mrs. F. Brown.	Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Lee.
Miss H. W. Salomons.	Mr. & Mrs. H. Levy.
Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Selman.	Mr. & Mrs. J. Miller.
Mr. & Mrs. M. Katona.	Mrs. D. Vrahimis.
Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Abrahams.	Mr. & Mrs. V. S. Winton.
Mr. & Mrs. S. Leigh.	Mr. & Mrs. N. H. Kleiner.
Mr. M. Cooper.	Mrs. H. Allan.
Mr. & Mrs. I. Hyama.	Miss M. Allan.
Mr. S. Briski.	Mr. & Mrs. G. Turgel.
Mr. & Mrs. S. Gilmour.	Mr. & Mrs. D. Green.
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Mr. & Mrs. B. Landau.	Mrs. R. Goldman.
Mr. & Mrs. H. Lewis.	Mr. & Mrs. M. Stoll.

## WEDDINGS

The following marriages were solemnised at this Synagogue during the course of the year:—

Michael John Mann to Sandra Jean Bendel.  
Isaac Wolfe to Minnie Atkin.  
Maurice Woolfe Albert to Joy Rose.  
Harold Levy to Norma Share.  
David Lovell to Alice Gertler.  
Franklin Julian Bulkan to Marion Gallant.  
Martin Philip Wax to Barbara Leff.

## BARMITZVAHS

The following boys celebrated their Barmitzvah at this Synagogue during the course of the year:—

Maurice DeVries.	John Alexander.	Richard Burnard.
Peter Bernard.	David Phillips.	Simon Caplan.
Irving Grose.	Dennis Kurzon.	Martin Gordon.
Michael Lawrence	Philip Easterman.	Melvin Lewis.
Goodman.	Kenneth Segal.	Laurence Aston.

To the above, and to all members and their families who had celebrations during the year, we extend hearty congratulations.

ABRIDGED JEWISH CALENDAR for 1960 - 61

(5721)

New Year 5721, 1st Day	...	Thursday	22nd September.
New Year, 2nd Day	...	Friday	23rd September.
Fast of Gedalia	...	Sunday	25th September.
Eve of Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)	...	Friday	30th September.
Day of Atonement	...	Saturday	1st October.
Tabernacles, 1st Day	...	Thursday	6th October.
Tabernacles, 2nd Day	...	Friday	7th October.
Hoshana Rabba	...	Wednesday	12th October.
Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly	...	Thursday	13th October.
Rejoicing of the Law (Simchat Torah)	...	Friday	14th October.
Chanukah, 1st Day	...	Wednesday	14th December.
Fast of Teveth	...	Thursday	29th December
Fast of Esther	...	Wednesday	1st March.
Purim	...	Thursday	2nd March.
Shushan Purim	...	Friday	3rd March.
Fast of the Firstborn	...	Friday	31st March.
Passover, 1st Day	...	Saturday	1st April.
Passover, 2nd Day	...	Sunday	2nd April.
Passover, 7th Day	...	Friday	7th April.
Passover, 8th Day	...	Saturday	8th April.
Lag B'Omer	...	Thursday	4th May.
Pentecost, 1st Day	...	Sunday	21st May.
Pentecost, 2nd Day	...	Monday	22nd May.
Fast of Tammuz	...	Sunday	2nd July
Tisha B'Av.	...	Sunday	23rd July.

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## ORGANISATIONS

**Hammersmith Synagogue Ladies' Guild.** Meets every Tuesday in the Communal Hall. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. H. Wynbergen, 73 Finlay Street, S.W.6. Tel.: REN, 4564.

**Western Area Classes Parents' Association.** Hon. Sec.: Mrs. D. H. Velleman, 125A Earls Court Road, S.W.15. Tel.: FRE 7171.

**Hammersmith Friendship Club.** Meets every Wednesday in Communal Hall. Hon. Secretary. Mrs. R. Nelman, 25 Lena Gardens, W.6. Tel.: RIV 2127.

**Hammersmith, Shepherds Bush & Chelsea District Defence Committee (under the auspices of Board of Deputies of British Jews).** Hon. Sec.: Miss H. Berk, 17 Elgar Court, Blythe Road, W.14. Tel.: SHE 2770.

**Hammersmith and West Kensington Branch of the Norwood Charity Trust.** Hon. Sec.: Miss J. Lichtblau, 27 Wavendon Avenue, W.4. Tel.: CHI 2207.

**Wessex Junior Youth Club.** Hon. Sec., Miss J. Barton, 128 Clitherow Avenue, Hanwell, W.7.

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

**Jewish Lads' Brigade—Hammersmith Coy.** All enquiries to Brigade Secretary, 240a Amburst Road, N.16. Tel.: CLI 1068.

**Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women (Hammersmith and District Branch).** Hon. Sec.: Mr. M. Coen, 43 Hamlet Gardens, W.6. Tel.: RIV, 4335.

**Hammersmith and West Kensington Synagogue Library.** Hon. Sec. and Librarian: Miss R. Longhorn, 24 Linkenholt Mansions, W.6. Tel.: RIV 8577.

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### WEEKDAYS

Morning ... .. 7.30 a.m.  
Evening ... .. 7.00 p.m. (Sundays excepted.)

### SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8.30 a.m.

### SABBATHS AND FESTIVALS

Evening ... .. 15 minutes after the commencement of  
Sabbath.  
During Summer Months, 7.0 p.m.  
Morning ... .. 9.30 a.m.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sabbaths ... .. 11.15 a.m.

### Western Area Regional Religion Classes

(Supts.: Rev. S. Venitt, B.A., and Rev. I. L. Abrams)

Classes meet every—

Sunday ... .. 10.00 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.

The Secretary can be seen on weekdays between 10 a.m.  
and 1 p.m. or by appointment. (Tel.: RIV. 1405).

The Ministers can be seen by appointment.

Rev. S. VENITT, B.A., 69, Brook Green, W.6.  
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