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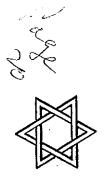
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Without self-praise our first edition of the News Magazine fulfilled the function it set out to do—to let our vast congregation, their families and Hackney Jewry know what the Shul and its attached committees do and do well. Our critics often state we Jews are mercenary, mundane. Our committee men and women work hard, work long hours, not for monetary rewards, not even for "Yichus"—that "sour grape" word that flows glibly off the non-workers' tongue—but for the satisfaction that one does one's duty to the Shul, fellow-Jews and humanity in general.

We have always admired the hard work and selfless devotion given the Shul by such stalwarts as our present and past Honorary Officers, the officers of A.J.E.X., the Ladies Guild, Friendship Club, etc. We are certain you too, will be a valuable member of one or more of the many Committees that will strive to keep our Shul to the forefront in the coming New Year.

We sincerely thank Rev. Dr. B. Joseph, B.A., H.C.F., Rev. J. Klein, the Honorary Officers, Board of Management, Louis Harris and Sol Caplan for their great help, and extend our appreciation to the contributors

JACK GLINERT (Editor).

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TIMES OF SERVICES

(unless otherwise announced)

Friday Evening 1 hour after Sabbath commences except during Summer when it is 8.00 p.m.

A SPECIAL NOTE to all, particularly to those who unfortunately have to say Kaddish, and to those who have Yahrzeit. A Minyan is assured at all Evening Services.

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Court of Law, never. Why then is this prayer introduced?

Of the many explanations the late Dr. M. Friedlander stated: are thus annulled. Not any obligations made to a fellow man. Jewish person concerned and with his consent—and one taken in the Law declares such cannot be cancelled except in the presence of the Outwardly it is a rescinding of vows. Of what kind which

brethren. Still, when Yom Kippur came they longed to join in public prayer. By this declaration transgressors, "Abaryanim," were allowed to pray in Shul on Yom Kippur with their "It arose in connection with those who in the early middle ages refused to join in Communal work or submit to the Laws of the community—or those by their evil actions had shocked their

studies and is a memorial to Jewish suffering and repentance. The second explanation is the fruit of recent historical

God and man eased their conscience—the conscience of crushed when better times arose, those unfortunates feeling perjured before torture or the stake unless they foreswore their faith. It arose in Spain when entire communities were doomed to

and distracted men and women

Kol Nidre realizes the awakening of historic memories,

forging links with the past.

The liturgy has been fortunate in traditional melody—fulfilling the counsel of the 13th century Judah the Pious "Chant your suppliances to God in a melody that makes the heart weep and your praises of Him in one that will make it sing. Thus you will be filled with love and joy for Him that seeth the heart."

(The late) Very Rev. Dr. J. H. Hertz, C.H., Chief Rabbi.

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MIRACLE AND TERROR

By Rev. Dr. B. JOSEPH, B.A., H C.F.

in this article. How would you describe the age in which we live? I would say that it is an age of miracle and terror. There have been tremendous advances in science and technology. To sit before a wooden box and by the manipulation of a few wires and knobs to. mankind, such and similar inventions could be used only for the benefit of be able to see what is happening in all parts of the world is nothing short of miraculous. In medicine, to transplant the use of a kidney from one human being to another is an incredible achievement. News Magazine, there is a question that I would like to put to you Members of the Synagogue! there would be unparalleled advances in store for all Through the medium of this

guest of the German Royal family. ship-builders). It was the country where Walter Rathenau, a Jew where Jews described themselves as Germans of the Mosaic Faith. It was the land of Alfred Mond's forcears. (Mond's family were the founders of Harland-Wolfe, the great North of England firm of place openly in a so-called enlightened century. It was certainly not the work of one man. I refuse to believe that this was the work of a highly civilised country, the place where the great poets and dramatists, Goethe, Schiller and Lessing wrote. It was the country and the Minister of Reconstruction, was the personal friend and our civilization come crashing under our eyes. We have witnessed two world cataclysmic wars. Some of you, like myself, spent many years in the service of King and country. That a cultured civiliworld would have arisen in arms to protest against what took children, prompts me to ask: Where were the hands to do such things? I should have thought that the whole of the Christian These times are also tragically enough an age of terror. On the desks of the statesmen of the world, there are red or "hot" zation—some might say a nation of genius—murdered innocent retire one night and wake up the next morning to find the whole of telephones in case disputes arise among world leaders. We can

History is a dialectic process through which the divine spirit is in ever greater measure realised and apprehended, a gradual unfolding of the spirit of God in the world, the slow but certain triumph of that spirit over brute force, the Victory of Right over might, in most important of a long line of German philosophers since Kant. ning through history. This view was adumbrated by Hegal, the so a nation pays for its criminal folly. There is a moral thread run-Just as an individual pays for any criminal act that he does,

other words a spiritual evolution.

One of the underlying spiritual concepts of this solemn season of our calendar is the Brotherhood of Man. To ostracize a Hebrew prophet Malachi said in words that have become immortalized: "Have we not all One Father, hath not one God created his politics—these are all a denial of the Brotherhood of Man. We do not have to be told by others what human brotherhood is. The cause of his colour or to be predjuiced against a man because of us all?" We do not have to turn to the Magna Carta for definitions Jew because of his religion, to discriminate against a person be-

of human liberty. All these are formulated in the Mosaic code, and were spoken by a Divine Voice. "Justice, Justice, shalt thou pursue." "In righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour." We do not have to turn to the Charter of Human Rights. Our charter was already formulated centuries ago in the Book of Micah: "It hath been told thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Read the sublime passages of the New Year liturgy care-

were the people who first proclaimed these teachings to which lip service is paid to-day by a sick society. We were the people who, amid unparalleled natural phenomena, first exclaimed in response to a Divine Fiat: We will do and we will obey. An age of miracle teachings that are now incorporated in international charters. fully and you will find that we were the first recipients of these

and terror! Do you agree?

Every Blessing to you all for the New Year and to all your

B. JOSEPH

The Publications Committee of the United Synagogue have much pleasure in announcing the publication of the :—
COMPANION TO THE MACHZOR

written by the Chief Rabbi. for Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur, cross-referenced to the Routledge and De Sola editions of the Machzor. It contains a preface This is a short and simple commentary of 64 pages on the prayers

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Letters to the Editor

From THE MAYOR OF HACKNEY

of our Borough. May I begin by congratulating the producers of this Magazine on just one more example of the enterprise and initative which has made the Hackney Synagogue such an energetic force in the life

made by Jewish people in numerous spheres. social and political scene, a part of the tremendous contribution From its ranks have come many citizens, active in Hackney's

Ours is a Borough in which have come together different races, religions and creeds, each with something to offer to a commutual understanding. munity that is a living example of the blessings of tolerance and

In April of next year we join with our neighbours, Stoke Newington and Shoreditch, to form a large new Borough. May to the new Hackney as it has for so long made to the old. the Hackney Synagogue continue to make its unique contribution

From HERBERT BUTLER, j.p., m.p.

(Member of Parliament Hackney Central)

House of Commons

Local News Magazines always impress because of the potency of the medicine they purvey. How much more important are the doings of the Cohens, the Kelleys and the Smiths, than the prognostications of the K's the J's and the H's, when one seeks relaxation and relief.

of the many activities, of blood donors, workshops for the elderly, meals on wheels for the elderly, Oxfam and war on want, and all These journals contribute to life and provide the urge and "know how" of family life. How many of our citizens know the various facets of civic life.

Unless we record the hopes and aspirations of those who are in the thick of these day to day jobs, we ignore the essence of

I know that our people want news of each other, and long may your journal cater for the lively interest of man in man.

From THE EDITOR OF THE HACKNEY GAZETTE

In this, the Centenary year of the Hackney Gazette it gives me very special pleasure to send greetings to the readers of the Hackney Synagogue News Magazine.

The past one hundred years have seen a great transformation in Hackney as far as the Jewish population is concerned. In 1864, there were just a handful of Jews in the borough, but today the ife in the British Isles. borough constitutes one of the most flourishing centres of Jewish

Not only are Jews from all walks of life taking a healthy and positive share in the various civic activities of both Hackney and Stoke Newington, but they have always manifested a deep sense of responsibility for spiritual, educational and physical needs of the community as a whole.

Thus, Jews have served with distinction as Councillors and Mayors of the borough; Jewish life has flourished and set a good example as is evidenced by the large number of Synagogues in the locality and the activities for youth, the sick and all who are in need of care and protection.

J. C. BUCHER

Editor

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THE STORY OF ISRAEL

"Get thee out of thy country... unto the land I will show thee ...". Thus spoke God to Abraham four thousand years ago and the history of the Jewish people and the story of the Promised Land commenced.

After living in Palestine for several generations, the descendants of Abraham went to Egypt. There they were slaves to Pharoah until Moses led them out, through the wilderness, back to Palestine. The journey took 40 years.

Palestine. The journey took 40 years. Under Joshua, they crossed the Jordon and entered the Promised Land. The country was conquered and divided among the twelve tribes. At first they were ruled by "judges" such as Deborah and Samson, Jephtha and Gideon.

Saul became the first king of Israel. His successor was David, anointed by Samuel. This former shepherd boy led the armies of Israel in many battles. He captured Jerusalem and made it his capital.

King Solomon, David's son, expanded the kingdom and built the Temple in Jerusalem. He became ruler of a vast territory. His navy sailed the world, bringing home treasure and wealth. He was also famed for great wisdom.

When Solomon died, the country was devided into two kingdoms—the northern was called Israel and the southern, Judea. The north fell to the Assyrians and, later, Judea was conquered by the Babylonians. The date: 586 B.C.E.

After years if exile in Babylon, 40,000 Jews returned to Jerusalem. Working with their weapons in one hand and their tools in the other, they built the walls of the city and erected a new Temple.

Under Ezra and Nehemiah, the Jewish State was re-established. Peace reigned until the Greeks conquered the land and forbade the Jewish religion. Led by the Maccabees, the Jews drove out the enemy and again became free.

Independence was brief. In 70 CE, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. Just before the end, the famous Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakai left the city and founded a School of Learning in Yavneh.

Sixty years later the Jews again tried to free themselves. This time Bar Kochba led the war. The revolt lasted three years but was finally crushed by powerful Roman armies. Jews were scattered far and wide.

Through the centuries which followed, in all countries of their dispersion Jews continued to think of Zion. They wrote and dreamed about returning to their own land and prayed for an end to their bitter exile.

In the nineteenth century the Zionist movement was founded Small groups of Jews returned to Palestine. They worked hard on the land and built settlements. Many fell ill but still they persisted. The J.N.F. began to buy land.

Slowly the land was reclaimed. More settlements were founded; forests, vineyards and orange groves were planted. In

to the Jews as their National Home once again. 1917 Britain issued the "Balfour Declaration," promising Palestine

Second World War. remaining on the continent died under Nazi persecution during the Modern towns, such as Tel Aviv, grew up. More and more Jews came, thousands of them from Europe. But six million Jews

Government met in Tel Aviv and proclaimed the independence of the new "State of Israel" means, they could After 1945, survivors of the war came to Palestine by any they could __In May 1948, 5 lyyar 5708, a Provisional

State and attacked and destroyed many settlements. Israel resisted and fought bravely. Finally, an armistice was pro-Neighbouring Arab countries declared war on the small The army of

claimed and the War of Liberation came to an end.

The "Ingathering of the Exiles" continued on a massive scale. Hundreds of thousands of Jews from all countries of the world flocked into Israel, finding homes in the towns and villages. Every Jew was welcomed.

som as the rose. deep into the South to redeem the land and make the desert blos-New industries were started, more settlements built on the borders of the country and further forests planted. Pioneers went

Aaron David Gordon

was no longer young; he was already 48 years of age and was by no means physically fit for such a hard life. Nevertheless, he persisted and at last got himself a job as a hired labourer. He worked at this to redeem the soil of Eretz Yisrael. In those days many of the Jewish settlers employed Arabs to till their fields and cultivate their crops, and this to Gordon was entirely wrong. He was convinced "There is no work for you here! Arab labour is cheaper!" It was the year 1904 and Aaron David Gordon had just arrived in Palestine from Russia. He had come there to work with his own hands for a time, but when he learnt in 1907 about the establishment at Degania of a communal estilement, a Krutzah or Kibbutz as we call if the Jews themselves worked on the land. Because he felt so deeply about this, he—who could have had a brilliant career as a writer and teacher—chose to become an agricultural worker. He that Palestine would only be rebuilt and the Jewish nation reborn it today, he went to join it.

should live and work together as a group, and that nobody should receive any payment for his work. Degania, called the 'Mother of This was a entirely new experiment for Palestine and introduced a completely new way of life. The idea was that people Kvutzot, became the example for the many similar settlements later to be set up on Jewish National Fund land.

Here, Gordon was in his element. Here he could work with

'From everybody according to his ability, to everybody according to his needs.' His influence was particularly strong on young people, and a youth movement called 'Gordonia' was named after the Kvutzah movement the famous watchword it still preserves: and women who came to learn from him. It was he who gave to his hands, write and teach. Many were the talks he had with men

> trees he loved so well. A.D. Gordon lies buried at Degania amongst the flowers and

Maimonides

ers, all awaiting his return from his daily visit to the Sultan's palace, all sorts of people, Jews and Gentiles, nobles, judges and common-The rays of the hot afternoon sun were beating down on the dusty streets of Cairo as the great sage and physician, Moses ben Maimon entered his house. The antechamber was crowded with

chim or 'Guide for the Perplexed,' which took ten years to write, is an important book on Jewish Religion. He also wrote a book called the Yad Hachazakah or 'The Mighty Hand,' in which he until finally they settled in Cairo. By this time Moses was already thirty years of age and as the family had lost all their wealth—they were jewellers by trade—he had to find a way of earning a living. At first he joined his brother David in the jewellery business, but after David died in a shipwreck he decided he would rather be a to consult him and ask his advice.

Rabbi Moses ben Maimon—Maimonides, or Rambam as he is often called from his Hebrew initals—was born in Cordova. Spain. Even as a lad he loved learning. He had hardly begun to doctor. It was not long before his skill made him well-known and soon he was appointed Physician to the Sultan. Nevertheless he found the time to carry on his Jewish studies. He became one of the greatest Rabbinic authorities. His famous work Moreh Nevuwhere his tomb has become a shrine. Arabic but these were later translated into Hebrew. When he died his body was brought to Tiberias, on the shores of Lake Kinneret collected and set in order all the laws contained in the Talmud and study seriously when his family was forced to flee because of Moslater Rabbinic writings. Maimonides wrote many of the works in lem oppression and so they wandered about from place to place

many people used to say: 'From Moses unto Moses, there was none like unto Moses.' In honour of his great reputation as a scholar and teacher

must have been exceptional to deserve such a tribute! And so he was, for Rashi was one of the greatest Rabbis of all time and his arise in Israel." The man to whom these words were addressed "Thanks to you, this age is not orphaned and many like you

known from his Hebrew initals—lived and worked in his birth-place, Troyes, a small town in Northern France. From an early age name is as well-known today as it was in the eleventh century. Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac—or 'Rashi' as he is generally to Germany in order to study at the famous Talmudic schools of the Talmud. As soon as he could he left home and family, and travelled he had made up his mind to perfect himself in the study of the

scholar, he returned to Troyes. In order to earn a living he became a wine-maker, just as many Jews were in that part of France. But his business did not prevent him from devoting time to the study of the Bible and the Talmud. Soon his fame spread throughout became a famous centre of Talmudic learning Europe and hundreds of pupils flocked round him. His hometown At the age of 25, when he was already recognised as a great

complicated parts of the Talmud. Sometimes he even translated various words into French to make the meaning clearer. Ultimatesit and explain the meaning of difficult words and phrases, and teach with such care that all his pupils could understand the most ly he wrote down all his notes and explanations, and to this day his commentaries on the whole of the Bible and Talmud are still plained the difficult passages. There were no written explanations—which we call commentaries—available. Rashi, therefore, used to tains his commentary. used. In fact every copy of the Talmud which is now printed con-Talmud used to go to great teachers in order to learn how they ex-In those days students who wished to study the Bible or the

By Courtesy of J.N.F.

Miss Rita HOPPEN (Daughter of a Member) of 32 Barclay House, Frampton Park Estate, E.9 has won the Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. She is the first Jewish girl to be awarded all three medals, being presented with the Gold Medal, at Buckingham Palace by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh.

She is a member of the Cambridge & Bethnal Green Associ-

ated Clubs, Martello Street, E.8

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THE JUNIOR SYNAGOGUE

(Officiant and Superintendent)

Last year in this News Magazine, I gave a full account and

description of the Services and their aims

on Sabbaths and Festivals. In the year under review, Services have been held regularly

a Parochet and Desk Cover for the Ark and Reading Desk, also a supply of the new edition of the Authorised Daily Prayer Book. The Honorary Officers of the Synagogue have made available

The two boys trained by me, acting currently as Reader at alternate services, are Lewis Glinert and Harvey Leibovitch, who both carry out their duties efficiently and with dignity.

gogue as Chaten Torah and Chaten Bereshit respectively, and the two girls as Eshes Chayil were Trude Cornberg and Marilyn Gardin These two were also chosen to represent the Junior Syna-

Once again I appeal to all parents, to ensure the regular attendance of their children, both girls and boys, at these Services. Only in this way, apart from learning at Hebrew Classes, can they ensure for their children a practical and intelligent knowledge and appreciation of the Synagogue and its Services, and what part it

the Minister, Rev. Dr. B. Joseph, who visits us whenever possible and joins with us so enthusiastically in our Services. Also my thanks and appreciation to the Honorary Officers of the Synagogue, Messrs G. Katz, M. Singer and S. Yentis, who help by their active should play in their lives. as Jews.
I cannot end this report without expressing my thanks to interest and encouragement.

Situations Vacant for Jewish Youth

Wanted-Hundreds of Young Jewish men and women, aged 15 physically handicapped, hospitals, spastic children, etc. Jewish and Gentile, throughout Greater London. No pay, experience not neccessary. Suit young Jewish people with a desire to devote part of their free time to activities and there is pleasant companionship to be found and new untary service projects for the elderly, the blind, the with a constructive and worthwhile purpose. friendships made amongst fellow workers. irregular hours—but the rewards are very considerable to 23, for satisfying and varied work in the form of vol-Previous

J. Y. V. S.

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to give service to individuals and communities, Jewish or Gentile, who may be in need; by means of worthwhile, absorbing and challenging forms of voluntary communal service in this country and abroad. to harness the tremendous and enthusiastic desire of Jewish youth J.Y.V.S. was formed in 1962 to provide a national network

which, for any reason, might be found personally distressing.

Most of the calls for service come from members' immediate J.Y.V.S. members are never asked to undertake any project

localities; to assist the elderly, the lonely, the infirm, the house-

bound, the needy, the orphan, the blind or the hospital bound. But a number of other projects so varied that they cannot be easily listed under any heading, have been undertaken by J.Y.V.S. members. Much of the work is carried out at the request of the various national welfare organisations, Jewish or Gentile, such as W.V.S. Red Cross, Jewish Blind Society, Jewish Welfare Board and British Fund etc.

Individual people have befriended and visited regularly the elderly; groups of members visit regularly homes and hospitals in the area to serve meals, entertain patients and relieve the staff etc. flats have been redecorated. These are a few examples of the services the members of J.Y.V.S. are able to give.

PLEASE APPLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about membership, to the North London Group Area Agent.—Mr. Harold Marco, 7 Waller House, Mildmay Road, N.16 or

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MEMBERSHIP

The general outline of the membership Drive for 1964/65 has now been circulated to all members, and the result is going to depend largely upon the combined efforts of the Committee members and the members of the Synagogue.

Many people may consider that an overall membership figure of 1100 is satisfactory from the point of view that a large number of Jewish families have moved out of the district in recent years, but this is only adopting an apathetic attitude. We cannot afford to do this, as a Constituent Synagogue of long standing,

of any Synagogue, and we would like to contact these people. This ivities and welfare of the congregation. There are still a number of Jewish men and women living in this district who are not members

is only just one of the ways the members can assist, by advising the Synagogue Secretary of the names and address of such persons.

You will recall from the letter you recently received that a special evening was being arranged, when prospective Young please pass these details on to young people who you know will be the officials, to learn about enrolment. The date has now been fixed for Tuesday, 27th October, 1964 at 8.15 p.m. Would you Adult Male and Female members could come along to meet the the Hon. Officers, members of the Board of Management, and interested. Would you

above the status of just being a place of worship. continue to serve the congregation on all occasions, and remain uous support by members in all its spheres that the Synagogue will Synagogal affairs and activities do not begin, nor end, with the duties of the Hon. Officers and officials, and it is with contin-

all times, and feel sure that when you reflect upon the excellent record of the Hackney Synagogue, and the accomplishments in recent years, you will not fail us. The success of any project cannot be assured if the campaigning is left to the usual mere handful of hard working volunteers. The Membership Committee appeals for your support, at

Wishing you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

L. ISAACS,

Chairman

COMMUNAL SEDER COMMITTEE

Dear Member,

possible the Seder Services, and to ensure they are a success. This can be confirmed by the many people who have attended these Services and to ensure they are a success. That is to say, receiving support from Synagogue members for functions to raise the necessary funds: receiving donations from many sources by way of gifts in kind and money, in order to make vices, which were superbly conducted by Rev. Joel Klein and wonthe fact that the Seder Committee receives-in the first instance However, such pleasure would indeed be short-lived were it not for statement than the members of the Communal Seder Committee. pleasure from giving than receiving, and who better to qualify that There is a deal of truth in the saying that one derives more

before Pesach, and we are pleased to say that we are presenting in the Synagogue Hall, a concert given by the LONDON JEWISH MALE CHOIR, of world wide reputation, on Shabbat Chanukah, December, 5th 1964 to raise funds for Pesach 1965. Please make a derfully catered for in a first class style.

Preparations by the Committee are begun many months note of this date, and tell your friends, as we would not want you to find we cannot find a seat for you. to be disappointed by arriving on the evening of the concert only

being directly responsible to the United Synagogue for our act

port our efforts for 1965, and would like to thank those who have been most generous with their aid on previous occasions. Together with members of the Seder Committee he extends good wishes for a Healthy, Peaceful, Happy and Prosperous New Year. Our esteemed Chairman Mr. S. Yentis hopes you will sup-

Yours sincerely,

L. ISAACS,

Hon. Secretary

HACKNEY'S J.P.A. COMMITTEE

new-comer during his first year in Israel, £600 sterling. We are responsible for fifteen thousand such arrivals. The target hence Immigration this year is expected to reach a record figure of almost one hundred thousand. Our J.P.A. funds go to the Jewish Agency which is responsible for one third of the needs of every for Great Britain is three million pounds.

dous strain on Israel's resources. Houses must go up at the rate of fifteen thousand per year. Development projects must be cut underway to strengthen the country's economy and give the new-comers tal network extended, synagogues too. Schools and training centres must be expanded, the hospi-The population increase of these proportions puts a tremen

Israel. If we embarrass these countries by giving too much information, the visas will stop. This has already happened in previous years. "Better get the Jews away than exploit their publicity value." They come from all countries. But two thirds of last years arrivals were from Eastern Europe and North Africa. There is a news blackout on more details because exit visas depend on secret arrangements with countries inside power blocks, unfriendly to

and pocket money. Mostly, it is an inspiring process turning refugees into useful citizens of an exciting young country. But there are the heartaches, the sick to be hospitalised, the misfits to be placed in the care of social workers. There are literally 26 steps to this procedure. They relate to the down-to-earth business of moving, living, eating, housing, working and schooling. There are little things like food packages

a clamour of Cuban Jews to reach Israel. Antisemitism is growing throughout South America. The future of Russian Jewry is a huge The problem is that the Jewish Agency cannot foretell its commitments for the future with any degree of certainty. For France. But none of us can say how long they will stay there. Already, antisemitism is growing in that country and this will probably be reflected in a move to Israel. Castro last year resulted in example, masses of Algerians who are at the moment living in academic occupation. question mark. For these reasons, Jewish Agency budgeting is an will be required. Nobody can really tell how much money

thousand immigrant families are living seven persons to a room. The The priority number one is housing, something like thirty

blems for the future. This is the old story of creating two nations Israelis are consequently worried lest this store up grave social pro-

on the borders are not yet on their feet. If they are neglected, the ment and the Agency to divert funds originally earmarked for agricultural development. As a result many of the new villages established settlers may well leave and drift to the towns. The pressure of immigration has compelled both the Govern-

it has reluctantly taken it away from housing and settlement subsidary. The Agency and the Jews of the world are not responsible more of Israel's own resources are being used for security purposes. The Government has had to find this money somehow, and Nasser, is busily empire building, and as a consequence more and agency's efforts in housing and settlement. But Israel's enemy than ever this year. for Israel's security, but, this means that we must raise more money Hitherto, the Israeli Government itself subsidised the

to the Agency. It is that a small proportion be allocated to a special fund to help the British settlers in Israel. This the Agency is glad to do, for Israel desperately needs Western Immigrants and realises that if they are to stay they must be helped in speeding the transition to a new way of life. Now let me tell you something about Anglo-Jewish immi-The J.P.A. makes one proviso only in handing over funds

smaller expense ratio than any fund raising body, Jewish and non-Jewish in the world. The total cost is only 6%. The campaign is controlled by a group of Britain's leading business personalities, and themselves the J.P.A.s top contributors. They apply this strictly business approach to all J.P.A. activities. Finally and as a message proud one. There is nothing to explain away. But she wants us to remember that a Jewish refugee in search of a permanent home cost of collecting in this money in Great Britain. All contributors to the J.P.A. should be proud of the fact that this organisation has a is OUR responsibility as much as hers. to the Jewish people of Hackney let me say that we are not involved in the bottomless pit of charity. Israel has a brief history but a Then let me tell you something about the method and the

HACKNEY J.P.A. COMMITTEE. JACK BARDEN

Chairman

HACKNEY JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION

J.N.F. Commission to contribute to your magazine and I wish to Once again it is my privelege as chairman of the Hackney

thank the Editor and his colleagues for the opportunity.

The JEWISH NATIONAL FUND PROJECT 1964-5 is MA'ALOT. The Jewish National Fund of Great Britain and Ireland have accepted this project as a challenge, and have pledged

security in the region, it is located 2,000 ft above sea level in the Western Galilee. the sum of £1,000,000 over a period of two years.

Ma'alot was founded in 1957 with the intention of increasing

The population is now 3,000 mainly North African immigrants and the facilities offered are 3 Schools (State, Religious and Secondary), 4 Kindergartens, 3 Synagogues, 2 Sports Grounds, Youth Club, Cultural Centre, Public Library and Gymnasium.

The object in the area is to absorb more immigrants, improve

the security, to improve employment and to retain a large area of

Israel for intensive agriculture

this wonderful objective and we are looking to you for support. We of the Hackney J.N.F. have agreed to play our part in

readers to come forward, join our commission and take an active part in this urgent work which gives so much satisfaction.
PLEASE NOTE TWO MAJOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS We have had a wonderful year having once again reached a record figure of nearly £5,000 collected for 1963/4 and I would like we must go ahead to greater achievements, and we appeal to all our to take this opportunity of thanking all who have helped, However

International Football Match. CHELSEA v. BENFICA. Wednesday, October, 7th 1964 at 8 p.m. Fifth Annual Dinner & Ball. New State Ballrooms. Willesden, N.W.6 on Sunday December 6th, 1964 All enquiries to I. SIMIA (Chairman.) 1 Well Street, Hackney, E.9

THOUGHTS ON AN ISRAELI VISIT

Ovatanu, the land of our fathers. In our prayers we thank the Lord for many blessings—in our hearts we should be grateful (a) we have a Jewish Homeland and (b) it is so easy to get there. My first visit was not so comfortable by to-day's standards but it cost me in Israel. To me, the fulfiment in every Jewish life is a visit to Eretz Travelling I felt a stranger in France and Egypt but NOT

from Poland, Yemen or Roumania, "Koolanu Uchim," we were all brothers. I was surprised at the number of Hebrew words I knew from the Yiddish—but found the Israeli (sephardic) pronunciation crystal clear. I must confess I still daven in private now I was Home and although my neighbours may have come Poland, Yemen or Roumania, "Koolanu Uchim," we were

(but let it not be known in Gath) in Sephardit.
In the smaller towns a wire boundary allowed one to carry on Shabbat, and the Cohanim mounted the Bimah every Shabbat

and every day in Jerusalem.

I must admit that because the Israeli's only keep (as is ordained) only one day Yomtov i.e. Pesach, the 1st and 7th day—I felt a bit of a goy eating Chometz the day after the 7th and keeping only one Seder. But two days Rosh Hashonah are religiously

And when one mentions the not so religious Yishuv, I recollect the liturgy of Rabbi Yomitov of York said on Yom Kippur "For as the Potter mouldeth the Clay...." The material in Israel is always there—not assimilated as elsewhere. The material to rebuild Jewry.

miracles or Shechem (now in Jordan held territory) the scene of where David slew the Giant, Mount Carmel where Elijah worked Jacob's sons' warfare. The Bible took on a new meaning, when I visited the place

The prayers took on a new meaning (Rev. J. Klein will bear me out) when as a Chalutz we walked to work singing the melodious captions from Psalms, Thach or Siddur.

Thousands of Jews this year have gone to Bournemouth, Spain or Italy. A little more effort, a little more saving would enable us all to enjoy the "Kvell" when the EL-AL plane noses down above Allenby Street to the Lydda Airport, or the elation as Mt. Carmel looms on the horizan after a fabulous Zim trip—to hear the words of each and everyone—to hear the never tiring word "Shalom." May we say "LESHONAH HABAH BEYERUSHAL-AYIM."

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HEBREW CLASSES

worsening, has been of grave concern to our classes committee. Children of the age of 13 leave the Hebrew classes with a minialmost completely forgotten. mum of Jewish knowledge which, after a few years or even less is and Jewish education in particular is very low, and is steadily The fact that the standard of Religious Education in general

extra classes, with the hope that parents of our children will do their utmost to encourage their children to attend. It is with this concern in mind that we have instituted two

has as it's syllabus, the knowledge needed for the required standard of the school certificate. We do not intend to carry out the lesson in a rigid manner. We try to make it as enjoyable and as interesting as possible. These two classes are held on Sunday mornings. One class

The second class is called (אשת חידא) ESHES CHAYIL. It is specially arranged for girls, dealing with subjects of special

interest to them.

these clases successful, by sending their children.
Once again we are proud to announce that we gained a We tried our best to have these classes recognised by the London Board of Jewish Education but without success. Nevertheless, the classes committee considered them sufficiently imporwhether they belong to this Synagogue or not will help to make tant to warrant their institution, and we earnstly hope, that parents

number of important successes in the junior examination of the London Board of Education. Marylin Gardin gained special dis-

tinction by coming fourth place amongst over 400 competitors.

The annual prize giving was attended by a large gathering.

The guest speaker was Mr. Gee, treasurer of the United Synagogue. Mrs. Gee distributed the prizes. The children's performances both

Society who help so much in making Purim and Chanukah so enjoyable for the children, and also to the classes committee of on and off stage during the proceedings were enjoyed by all.

Appreciation for their hard work must go to the Ladies' co-operation I have received during the past year. whom I must single out its chairman Mr. Singer for the excellent

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ings to theatres and seasides which were always enjoyable. which we have set out to do. Since our last report, we have had outfriendship and happiness to the members on Monday Evenings The Friendship Club is now in its 15th year and it retains

kindled the candles in the presence of 150 people including the Mayor and Mayoress of Hackney, the Hon. Officers of the Synagogue, and representatives of local clubs. Mrs. A. Lever a past Mayoress made a presentation to the Mayoress which was most impressive. We had a very nice Chanucah treat, the Rev. Dr. B. Joseph

gives nurses and staff a chance to spend the day with their families. Once again many of our members went to the local Hospitals on Christmas day under the auspices of "AJEX" which

Age does not stop a person who wishes to do good and help others in need, as an example Mrs. Altman, who was reaching her 80th birthday, and was working many hours at the Bethnal

am proud to add that we have planted 77 trees in Israel. A second donation in response to an appeal was given to the J.P.A. my many thanks for making them feel that they are not forgotten. Our members are quite interested in the J.N.F. also J.P.A. and I Green Hospital on that day.

Several of our members attended the Seder Services which tiring Committee they would not have had a Seder. I wish to add they appreciated very much indeed. If it were not for such an un-

Year Cards are sent and we visit them at times. and we keep in close contact with them. Birthday Cards and New Several of our members have entered the Old Age Homes

Our recent support was at the Bring and Buy which was held in the Synagogue Hall on July, 21st 1964.
Our many warm thanks to the Hon. Officers for all the

amenities we have in the Hall to make our members happy.

Send your Mums and Dads along if they are old enough To join our happy members, they will not find it tough; Or come yourselves to chat with them and spread a little charm, Love and Friendship give to life anything but harm. R.s. The years go by and those of you who are young parents now Will one day be the "older folk"; and reap what you will sow.

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(Herzl was re-interred on Mt. Herzl.)

HACKNEY SYNAGOGUE LADIES' SOCIETY

been able to donate almost £120 to the Synagogue alone, apart from other charities, which is more than twice last year's figure. A satisfying result for the hard work put in by the committee and We have had a successful financial and social year and have

are dedicating new chandeliers for the Synagogue Hall. These are being given by the Ladies' Society and friends who have donated to ation of her past services to the Society and to the Synagogue we We have suffered a severe loss in the passing of our former chairman and dear friend and colleague Sophia Kritz. In appreci-

If any member or friend of the Synagogue who has not already participated in this wishes to do so please ring our Secretary Zolin CLI 5066.

last year when the dance was an outstanding success socially and takes place on Sunday October, 4th. Please support us as you did ments are free and there will be many prizes. financially. We are once again holding a Simchat Torah Dance. We promise you a most enjoyable evening. Refresh-

We look forward to seeing you.

MILLICENT SHOCKET, Chairman

The Ladies' Society, so hard they try the wherewithal to find To help the sick and needy, the halt, the lame, the blind; Their card games, socials, dances, are a treat to see, All new ideas are welcome, light work for many hands Just think of all the pleasure that each of you can give Meetings are monthly to discuss future plans, Why not become a member for a few pence a week fee? With Happiness and Health and Strength may they and theirs To those afflicted people who also want to live, be blessed. The Ladies' Society of Hackney, they work with so much zest; by courtesy of 'Kehila'

AJEX AND THE COMMUNITY

by HARRY SANTAUB, Chairman of Hackney

act of homage was replaced by the first annual remembrance parade of the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Legion held in 1930. Cenotaph in London and continued to do so each year until their Jewish Regiment (The Judeans) laid a wreath of poppies on the On Armistice Day 1921 a handful of old comrades of the

Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women has developed, until today "AJEX," as it has come to be known, has over fifty branches spread throughout Great Britain. Slowly but surely the branches of communal institutions. ing number playing important roles in the running of a large variety are helping to serve their fellow Jews and you will find an increasities of which they are part. More and more members of AJEX of AJEX have come to be important units within the commmu-It is from these modest beginnings that the Association of

public relations are furthered by annual outings for the badly disabled, by taking over unskilled duties in hospitals on Christmas tions both at National and Branch level. Nor is the work of AJEX channelled into Jewish streams There is constant contact with non-Jewish Ex-service organisa-Day, and service to the community whenever called upon. All over the country,

life has particularly suited us for organisation, discipline and self control. We have achieved the requisite unity of purpose to take a stand against all forms of racial and religious intolerance. bating anti-semitism. There is a good reason for this, our service The community has entrusted to AJEX the work of com-

number of years been patting ourselves on your collective backs. Our social activities have brought pleasure, comradeship and Association, we in Hackney have with some justification over a As one of the most thriving and inspiring Branches of our

we can recall with pride and satisfaction our unceasing efforts to bring comfort to our friends at the Home and Hospital for Jewish friendship to all our members who have participated.
One of the most rewarding pieces of AJEX work for the Branch is the part they play in the NERSCO disabled outing, and incurables, and also to raise money whenever we can for the

use, (with the kind permission of the Synagogue's Board of Management) every Wednesday night. We feel certain that our memof which is to raise money to furnish and equip the Hall which we gratified at the co-operation, goodwill and harmony that exists between the Hackney Synagogue and ourselves, and once again we AJEX Charitable Trust.

Since the inception of the Branch, we have always been bers will show their appreciation and shoulder their responsibilhave the pleasure of serving on a Joint Committee the sole purpose ities by giving every support to this committee.

Ambulance to Israel, and Ark for the Children's services, £25 towards the Central Heating of the Synagogue and £50 donated made it possible for us to assist the Synagogue and its sub-commeach year from our New Year's Eve Dance ittee by £125 towards the furniture for the classrooms, £100 towards the Synagogue carpets, £1000 towards the Hackney Synagogue's By their efforts in the past the monies raised by members has

ship and satisfaction of serving the community that we members ities are soul-rewarding, and that membership of our branch of AJEX will bring to you and your family that comradeship, friendyou will realise after reading this article that most of our activthe Branch with an appeal to all ex-Service men and women members of the Synagogue who are not members of AJEX, I hope that so much enjoy. Finally I would like to conclude this abbreviated history of

SO WHY NOT JOIN NOW! Apply for membership forms from the Branch Hon. Secretary, D. Kessel Esq., 21 Park House, Winchmore Hill Road, London, N.21 Telephone: PAL 9903 or to any committee member in the Synagogue Hall on any Wed. night (8.30 p.m. till 11.0 p.m.) I am certain you will not regret it.

and Officials of the Hackney Synagogue wish all members a happy The Ministers, Honorary Officers, Board of management,

New Year and well over the Fast.

The Honorary Officers and Committee of the Hackney Synagogue Ladies' Society wish all members a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

over the Fast. The Honorary Officers and Committee of the Friendship Club wish all members and friends a happy New Year and well

We acknowledge with thanks a donation of Two Guineas, Anonymous, E.I and Messrs. G. N.16.

Thanks for contribution from Mr. and Mrs. J. Kat and A.

of Stepney, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hackney, Clergy of various denominations, local Members of Parliment, Mayors of adjoining Boroughs and civic dignitaries will attend the Remembrance Boroughs and civic dignitaries Service on 8th November, 1964. We are pleased to hear that the Rt. Reverend, The Bishop

Barden on the engagement of their son Ronald to Lorna Porter, and on his achieving his B.Sc. (Hons.) Felicitations. Mazzeltov to our colleagues Jack and Lena

their sympathy to all members who have recently suffered bereavement. They wish all members and their families who are now in hospital a "Refuah Shlamah" and extend their best wishes to all who will be celebrating "Simchot" in the near future. The Honorary Officers and Board of Management extend

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