

# *Communal Settings*

ATTENDANCES AT SHULE SERVICES over recent months, including the summer holiday period have been very heartening. Even for the late Shabbat afternoon service and Seudot Shlishit have, without exception, always been held with the required minyan of men and Friday night services have been attracting increasing numbers of our younger generation. We would however like to see more of our newer members, especially those with young children, attending on a regular basis - after all if the children aren't introduced to their synagogue and its services in their younger formative years it only gets harder to interest them later - which can be disastrous in a small isolated community such as ours. So come along and join us in Shule whenever you can - and bring the whole family.

PESACH SERVICES will be held throughout Pesach, and its a good opportunity to begin to improve your Shule attendances over this festive period. Full details of all services are found in this journal.

A SPECIAL PEACE SERVICE will take place in our Shule on the Second Day of Pesach, Friday 13th April. Services begin at 9.00a.m. and during the service a special service will be held to commemorate the historic Peace settlement with Egypt and to pray for peace and security in the Holy Land following the signing of the treaty.

WEEK DAY SERVICES have suffered severe set-backs due to the loss of a number of our older members. For a number of years we were able to pride ourself with the fact that our Shule had regular services not just on Shabbat but during the week as well. Week-day services are now confined to "Yahrzeits" and special occasions. This is probably a reflection on the changing membership of our community, but should also serve to remind both our new and old membership of the necessity to assume responsibility in helping to maintain and improve our community and its endeavours so that we should not have to suffer any set-backs in the future. Hopefully every member will ensure that attendances at ALL our services in the future will be befitting our community - particularly during such occasions such as the coming Pesach festival which co-incides with public holidays this year.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICES AND "SEUDAT SHLISHIT" are perhaps the lesser known services held on a regular basis every Shabbat, beginning a half hour before sunset and finishing with the "Havdallah" ceremony at the termination of Shabbat. It consists of a short Minchah service followed by the traditional third meal of the Shabbat, catered ably by our Ladies Auxiliary under the guidance of Mrs Steif, which is interspersed with Shabbat songs, and a brief message on the Torah portion of the week by Rabbi Gutnick. The fact that there has been a minyan without fail every week shows that those who do attend enjoy and appreciate it. It is only a pity that more of our members don't avail themselves of the opportunity and at the same time encourage and strengthen such important endeavours.

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE, the community, and particularly our Ladies Auxiliary under the capable chairmanship of Mrs Sue Cohen, has organised a number of functions. Most have been quite successful, but a few, such as our last games evening, have had disappointing attendances - despite the fact that it was not a fund-raising occasion. Such functions are organised for the benefit of the community and allow for the opportunity for all of us to mix socially and at the same time strengthen our ties with our community. If you have any suggestions as to how to make these functions even more interesting and successful don't just be an armchair critic, but let us have the opportunity to avail ourselves of your suggestions to help keep our community spirit and activities flourishing.

PURIM saw the children of our community packing the Shule to join in the traditional fun of this delightful holyday. Before the reading of the Megillah everyone joined in the prayers and the children in particular were encouraged by our Rabbi to give charity as is the custom on Purim. The scrumptious Hamantaschen and party after the services were enjoyed by young and old. Particular credit must be given to Mrs Linda Cohen for the superb baking job. We missed our annual Purim party though, as the children attended the rally of all the Hebrew Centres held at the Central. Unfortunately the distance prevented a lot of our children from attending and the Shule Board of Management have decided that in the future we shall continue to hold our own Purim party in Strathfield as we have done very successfully in past years.

THE YOLANDA KRAMER KINDERGARTEN, which this year was taken over by the NSW Board of Jewish Education after the Yeshivah was unable to continue its administration, is progressing slowly but surely. The biggest problem it is facing at the moment is the lack of full-time attendance. Unfortunately the lateness of the advertising campaign to attract more students has not resulted in as many new students as are needed to ensure the financial viability of the kindergarten. Hopefully next term will see an increase in the current roll of 19 children to a more satisfactory figure. It is also hoped that parents currently sending their children will increase the number of days that their children are attending in order to further bolster enrolment figures. So much effort has been put into the establishment of the kindergarten, and its importance to our community must not be underestimated.

THE TALMUD TORAH has an enrolment of 42 children and is progressing satisfactorily, with a good staff of six teachers. Particularly encouraging is the attendance on Tuesday afternoons when additional classes are held.

THE DEMONSTRATION SEDER was held this year on Sunday, April 1st. We had as our guests the Cremorne Sunday School which also take part with our children in the informative and interesting programme.

THE ADULT STUDY CIRCLE will be commencing again after Pesach with a varied programme. The monthly lecture, held on the last Wednesday

of the month, will be held on April 25th, at 8p.m. at 73 Albyn Rd., Strathfield. The topic will be "Eretz Israel - Its Borders and the Halachah" which will be an indepth study of the traditional and Halachic borders of Israel and the Halachic view on the return of "occupied territories". This topic is of particular interest in the light of the current peace treaty. Tuesday night shiurim will also begin on Tuesday 1st May at 8.p.m. at 73 Albyn Rd. Strathfield beginning the fortnightly classes on Chumash (Bible) and its commentaries and basic Hebrew reading. Ring 642.4803 for more details - and, most important, avail yourself of the opportunity to brush -up on your Jewish knowledge!

OUR REBBETZIN regularly opens each ladies auxiliary meeting with a much appreciated talk on matters of Jewish interest and thought. It now seems that other groups also wish to avail themselves of the opportunity, as Rebbetzin Gutnick recently delivered a lecture to some twenty ladies of the Parramatta Synagogue on Pesach - its meaning and traditions. Hopefully the friendship between our community and the Parramatta community, which is currently in need of encouragement and assistance, will thus be fostered and strengthened.

THE UIA APPEAL is currently in full swing and the Strathfield key-workers are visiting homes in a bid to raise the level of donations to the UIA to an all-time high. The UIA is concentrating its appeal this year to a project aimed at eradicating the poverty that unfortunately exists in Israel today. Mr Ian Lacey chairman of the local section of the UIA has his group of key-workers well enthused and all our members are asked to help transform this enthusiasm into urgently needed donations.

THE JNF is also conducting its Pesach Blue Box Clearance. Mr A. Schneider, our local chairman, hopes that the goal of \$20 per box will be realised within our community.

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## Social & Personal

MAZEL TOV to Mr and Mrs Lou Hyman on the birth of their new grandson and granddaughter. Much Nachas to them and the parents.

MAZEL TOV to Mr and Mrs H. Lemberg on the occasion of their daughter Mira's recent BatMitzvah. The ceremony and reception afterwards in the Politzer-Isman Communal Hall were beautiful and we wish much Nachas to the entire family.

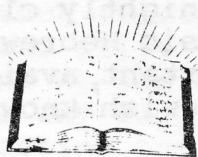
MAZEL TOV to Dr and Mrs B. Nebenzahl on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Henry.

REFUAH SHELAIMAH to Mr Lou Hyman and to Mrs Kemety - our heartfelt wishes and prayers of speedy recovery are with you.

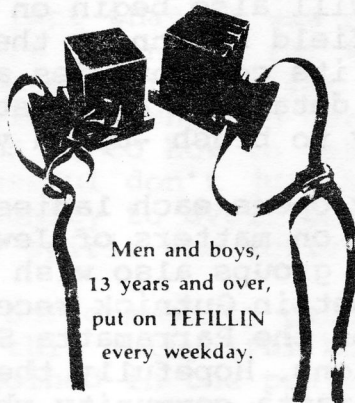
DEEPEST CONDOLANCES to Mrs J. Nagel, to Tommy and Rolley and their families on the tragic passing of their husband and father EUGEN (Johnny) NAGEL. He will be long remembered with love and affection by the Strathfield community for his dedicated work for the community and for his devotion as a good friend.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
IN THE WORLD-WIDE MITZVAH CAMPAIGN

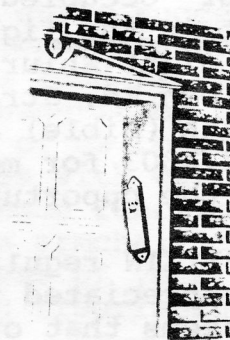
Make your life and home a little more Jewish by following these suggestions.



Study TORAH every day  
and every night.



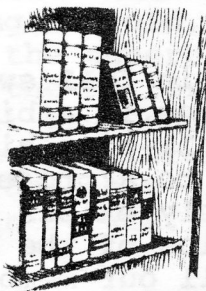
Men and boys,  
13 years and over,  
put on TEFILLIN  
every weekday.



Affix a MEZUZAH on  
every right doorpost  
in every Jewish home.



Give TZEDOKOH  
(charity) every weekday.



Every home should have  
basic JEWISH HOLY BOOKS  
(at least a Chumash, Siddur,  
Tehillim, etc.).



All women, including young  
girls from about the age of 3 & up,  
should light CANDLE(S) every  
SHABBOS & YOM TOV EVE,  
at the proper time and recite the  
appropriate blessing(s).



For a happy, healthy and  
united family, keep the  
tradition of FAMILY PURITY.



Observe KASHRUTH at  
home and outside.

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THANK YOU

Jeanette, Tommy and Rolly Nagel and families wish to thank Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gutnick, the President, Board of Management and members of the Strathfield Synagogue, the Committee and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, WIZO Negba and Tikvah, J.N.F. and U.I.A and all the many friends for their expressions of kindness and sympathy on the irreplaceable loss of their dearly beloved husband and father

EUGEN (JANKO) NAGEL

Special appreciation is extended to Drs B. Nebenzahl, Ruth and John Lutman, and our wonderful friends Fritzi Fitchman and Anne Marks who stood by us during our time of great sadness.

MAY THE A-MIGHTY REMEMBER YOUR KINDNESS.

# Strathfield & District Hebrew Congregation

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## PESACH SERVICES

- PESACH EVE (Weds. April 11th): 6.15 p.m.
- 1st DAY PESACH (Thurs. April 12th);  
Shacharit: 9.00 a.m.  
Minchah: 5.45 p.m.  
Maariv: 6.15 p.m.
- 2nd DAY (Fri. April 13th)  
Shacharit: 9.00a.m.  
(including a special Peace Service)  
Minchah: 5.45 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30 p.m.
- SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED (April 14th):  
Shacharit: 9.00 a.m.  
Minchah, followed by Seudah  
Shlishit and Ma'ariv: 5.00 p.m.
- CHOL HAMOED (Sunday, April 15th and  
Monday, April 16th):  
Shacharit: 8.45 a.m.
- EVE OF SEVENTH DAY PESACH (Tues.  
April 17th): 6.30 p.m.
- 7th DAY (Weds. April 18th)  
Shacharit: 9.00 a.m.  
Ma'ariv: 6.30 p.m.
- 8th DAY (Thurs. April 19th)  
Shacharit: 9.00 a.m.  
YIZKOR (Memorial Services): 10.15 a.m.

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# REMEMBER THESE DATES

APRIL 12th TO APRIL 19th,

P E S A C H

FRIDAY, APRIL 13th 1979

SPECIAL PEACE  
SERVICE -  
To be held during  
the services on  
this the 2nd Day  
of Pesach.  
Beginning 9.00a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th

ADULT STUDY CIRCLE  
Lecture:  
"Israel - Its Bound-  
aries and the  
Halachah".  
73 Albyn Rd.,  
Strathfield at 8pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1st

FORTNIGHTLY CLASSES  
recommence on Bible  
and Hebrew.  
73 Albyn Rd., at 8pm.

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## SHABBAT SERVICES.

FRIDAY: "Kabbalat Shabbat": 6.30pm  
Preceded by a weekly talk on "Laws & Customs".

SHABBAT: Shacharit: 9.00 a.m.  
During the services Rabbi Gutnick delivers  
an informative exposition of the week's  
Torah portion.

MINCHAH followed by SEUDAT SHLISHT:  
Beginning a half hour before sunset and  
ending with the Havdallah ceremony at the  
termination of Shabbat at nightfall.

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FOR TIMES OF PESACH SERVICES SEE INSIDE BACK COVER.

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