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STRATHFIELD WAR MEMORIAL SYNAGOGUE

19 Florence Street, Strathfield, 2135

SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

WEEKDAYS:

Sunday: Shacharit 8.15am

Mon. & Thurs.: Shacharit 7.30am

Rosh Chodesh, Chol Hamoed, Minor

Festivals & Fast Days: Shacharit: 7.30 am

Special family services are held on regular occasions. Watch the synagogue column in the Aust. Jewish Times for full details.

SHABBAT:

Eve of Shabbat: Friday, Kabbalat Shabbat,
7.00pm (Winter 6.30pm)

Shabbat Morning: Shacharit 9.00am,
Torah 9.45am
Musaph 10.30am

Kiddush after the service.

Shabbat Afternoon: Minchah, Shalosh Seudot,
6pm

JEWISH EDUCATION FACILITIES

CHILDREN

Yeshivah-Yalonda Kramer Kindergarten: Daily. Mon to Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm

Strathfield Hebrew Centre – Talmud Torah: Sunday 9.00am to 12:30.
Tuesday 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes: By arrangement with the Rabbi.

YOUTH:

Youth Shiur: Ethics of the Fathers". Shabbat afternoon a half hour before Minchah.

Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Study Group: By arrangement with the Rabbi.

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS:

Adult Study Circle: Discussion evening on varied topics of Jewish interest. Last Wednesday of every month, 8pm at the Rabbi's 73 Albyn Rd., Strathfield. All welcome. Special guest speakers at regular intervals.

"The Chumash and The Prayer Book" Class every 2nd Tuesday night, 8 pm at the Rabbi's. Information: Contact the Rabbi, 642.4803

Talmud Shiur: Massechet Pesachim. Sunday 7.30am at the Synagogue.



From the Rabbi

It is tempting to believe that the popularity of the festival of Chanukah is still due to the timeless message it imparts. A message of the triumph of the "weak over the strong, the few over the many, the holy over the unholy". The cynical ones amongst us may say that the popularity of Chanukah, amongst many of us, stems from our natural reaction to the festive activities of our non-Jewish neighbours at this time of the year. We answer them weakly, that at least the result of this reaction is that we channel our celebrations into a traditional Jewish festival. Yet if this is really the only reason for our acceptance and celebration of this festival, then its real beauty and meaning is clouded and lost to us.

We are told that when the Hasmoneans entered Jerusalem, and set about the task of rededicating the Temple, they could not find any uncontaminated oil. There was plenty of defiled oil, but only one small cruse of untouched, pure oil which miraculously burnt for eight days until fresh oil could be produced.

Our traditional record of events notes that the oil was not destroyed by the Greeks - simply defiled. It seems, therefore, that it was not necessarily the intention of the Greeks to extinguish the flame of the Jewish "Menorah" in the temple completely - but that their intention was to ensure that the "Menorah" was lit with impure, contaminated oil.

Chassidic writings expand on this thought and explain that the light of the Menorah symbolised the message of pure faith and belief that shone from the holy temple. It was a message to all of mankind that G-dliness and spirituality can light up the world and can guide mankind on a true path, just as the light of a candle can guide man in the darkness of night.

The Greeks, on the other hand, worshipped the human body and the human mind. Even their Gods were endowed with human emotions, passions, and beauty. It seems that they were willing to tolerate the Jewish Torah as a great work of literature and philosophy. The aim of their decrees against the Jews were, however, geared to eliminating the spiritual aspect, the belief in holiness and G-dliness, that distinguished the Jewish way of life.

They tainted, and in so doing wished to eradicate, the very foundations of our religion. This was the symbol behind the tainting of the oil that was to be used in the shining light of the temple. The light would be tainted and dimmed, its message of holiness destroyed.

Divine providence ensured that some oil would remain intact. The Macabees were able to hold aloft a pure flame which would symbolise the purity of our faith, and our determination to ensure its independence and continuity.

Chanukah, therefore, should not be presented to our children as a Jewish alternative to the activities of our non-Jewish neighbours, but as a message of pride in the uniqueness and purity of our heritage. Every Jewish home should be illuminated by the Chanukah candles, and a moment or two spent in contemplating their real meaning.

A happy and meaningful Chanukah,

Mordchai Gutnik
Rabbi.

The President's Column

IN LIEU OF A SPECIAL ARTICLE FOR THIS EDITION OF THE CENTRE, MR STEIF HAS ASKED THAT WE PRINT EXCERPTS FROM HIS MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY DELIVERED AT THE COMMUNAL SIMCHAT TORAH DINNER HELD IN OCTOBER. ITS CONTENTS REFLECT HIS FEELINGS A FEW MONTHS AFTER HIS ASSUMING THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SIMCHAT TORAH 5738 - 1977.

This is one of our traditional yearly festivities, when we are not meant to be solemn and serious, but to be joyful and happy. This is precisely what our hosts for this occasion - Chatan Torah Mr Kramer and Chatan Bereishit Mr Politzer - want us to be. They are well-known and highly respected members of our community. They have deserved and received our deepest respect and appreciation for their continuous and generous support. One of their reasons for accepting their roles as hosts this year, was again to promote, and encourage, togetherness, friendship and goodwill in the community - they have set the perfect example of what is necessary, and are the essential ingredients, for the welfare and survival of a community.

I wish to express our sincere appreciation to our Rabbi, for the inspiration, support and co-operation I have received from him over the high-holydays. It was his valuable guidance that helped make every thing run as successfully and smoothly as it did. The well-known and beautiful way in which he conducts the services throughout the year, as well as on the high-holydays, resulted in the synagogue being filled to overflow, something that had only been wishful thinking in recent years. We extend our thanks further to both the Rabbi and Rebbetzin for inviting the entire congregation to an extensive Kiddush in their Succah in an endeavour to encourage as many of us as possible to have the opportunity to fulfil the commandment of eating in the Succah.

I also wish to thank Mr E. Nagel whose timely assistance at various occasions may have prevented me from making some mistakes during the fulfilment of my functions during the services on the high-holydays. On behalf of the Board of Management I take this opportunity to thank Mr Rolly Nagel who acted as our Baal Shacharit on Rosh Hashanah. I speak on behalf of everyone when I say that he conducted the service with sincerity and precision. We are all very proud of the fact that a young man of his intellect and character has grown up in our community. His fine personality must ultimately be attributed to the upbringing his devoted parents, Mr and Mrs E. Nagel, gave him in a loving and traditional Jewish home.

I wish to pay tribute to our outstanding group of ladies for their tireless and concerted efforts. One cannot sufficiently stress the importance and value of their practical and material support throughout the year. Tonight, by looking at festively decorated and laden tables we can see with great pleasure that our ladies have again carried out their work in an exemplary manner. On behalf of everyone I extend our gratitude to the president Mrs Nagel, to Mrs Ziegler and Mrs Fitchman and to all the other gracious ladies of the Auxiliary.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Management who have intensified their efforts to attract new members, and there are already very encouraging results. They are also investigating ways in which to expand our facilities and boost revenue.

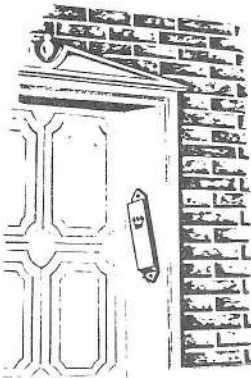
Our sincere thanks also go to all members and friends for their enthusiastic response and support at this years Kol Nidrei appeal, and the tremendous donations during the high-holydays services.

In conclusion I thank our bachurim - Richard Dahl, Ron Kohn, Charles Steif, David Schneider, Ian Prosser, Ian Aaron, Ian and Anthony Hyman and David Goldman for their help in the various synagogue services and their support in maintaining our week-day minyanim. Thank you also to all our regulars who are the back-bone of our Shule.

Thanks also to Mr Arthur Kohn for helping and supporting us with various important tasks during the year, and for his dedication and generosity. Thanks also to his daughter, Iris, to my daughter Sharon and my wife Toni for helping to arrange our weekly Shalosh Seudot and for support during the whole year.

Thanks to all of you, and may our community continue to grow and advance.

SAMUEL STEIF.



*Affix a Mezuzah
on the Right Doorpost
of every room.*



*Women, including young
girls from about
three and up, should
light candle(s),
Erev Shabbos and
Yom Tov, at the proper
time and recite the
proper blessing(s).*



*Every home
should have
basic Jewish
Holy books
(at least:
a Chumash, Siddur,
Tehillim, etc.).*

Communal Settings

HIGH HOLYDAY SERVICES in our Synagogue this year saw the best attendances in years. All services were conducted by Rabbi Gutnick with the assistance of Mr Rolly Nagel who was Baal Shacharit on Rosh Hashanah and the Rabbi's cousin, Mr Meyer Gutnick, who was Baal Shacharit on Yom Kippur. Hopefully all those many who attended over the Holydays were inspired enough by the services to assure good attendances throughout the year.

SUCCOT was celebrated merrily this year with added emphasis being placed on the participation of the children of the community. On the Sunday of Succot a beautiful Succot party was prepared for the children by our ever active Ladies Auxiliary. Over fifty children spent a happy time in the Succah, and children and parents had the opportunity to recite the blessings over the Lulav and Etrog.

SIMCHAT TORAH also saw a tremendous turn out for the Hakafoth in the Synagogue and the Communal Dinner afterwards. Our hosts for the evening - Chatan Torah Mr J. Kramer and Chatan Bereishit Mr A. Politzer - ensured that a good time was had by all. Once again the Ladies of our community excelled themselves in arranging the plentiful food.

A KIDDUSH IN THE SUCCAH was hosted by our Rabbi and Rebbetzin on the Shabbat of Succot. As usual the Rebbetzin prepared a beautiful Kiddush. Special guests for that Shabbat were Rabbi and Mrs Abramson. Rabbi Abramson addressed the congregation and pointed out that it was the communities such as Strathfield that, through their dedicated work for Judaism and Israel, will ensure the survival of Yiddishkeit amongst all our people.

THE BAT MITZVAH CEREMONY of Sharon Steif, the daughter of our President took place on November 6th. Though Sharon was the only girl who participated in the ceremony this year, she shouldered the burden wonderfully. The ceremony was enjoyed by the over 160 people who attended. Sharon recited portions from the weekly Torah portion, and based her talk on the graciousness of our Mother Rebecca. Rabbi Gutnick, who conducted the ceremony, stressed the importance of educating the girls of our community so that they can assume their rightful roles in life. He urged Sharon and other young Jewish girls to attempt to emulate the great Jewish women of our history. The occasion was celebrated with a luncheon in the Communal Hall which was addressed by a number of distinguished guests which included the Mayor of Ashfield Mr Lew Herman and his family, Rabbi and Mrs Y. Kemelmen. Mr Ian Lacey, vice-president of the community, congratulated the Steif family on behalf of the community and presented Sharon with a suitably inscribed presentation to mark the occasion.

THE SHABBATON, the first one to be held in Strathfield, proved to be an enormous success. Over 150 people attended the Friday evening programme. The programme began with a candle-lighting ceremony which was followed by services for Shabbat in the Shule. Everyone then partook of a beautiful Shabbat meal which was interspersed with entertainment - songs and playlets - presented by the children of our community. A nice Shabbat spirit prevailed throughout and much credit must be given to the Rebbetzin and to Mrs Ruth Lutman and Mrs Eva Lemberg for the fantastic results of their catering for the evening. If anyone wishes to have a copy of the programme for the evening which contained the words to all the songs - including the hits Moishe Mouse and Big Gedaliah Goomber - there are still a few available. Judging from the response and requests for more such programmes they will probably be scheduled as a regular event.

THE APPEARANCE OF THE SHULE has taken on a few changes lately. Thanks must go to Mr Norman Brown for installing a new spotlight over the Reading Desk in the Shule. Thanks also to Mr L. Curtis for the public address system which will now be used in the Communal Hall. Mr Winstock has also invested many hours in painting the outside of the shule and touching up the interior. Once again Mr Kohn must be thanked for his dedicated work in arranging for repairs and in the many hours spent in organising the extensions to the Rabbi's residence. And to all the many who have supported the Shule financially, especially over the High Holyday period, thanks also. It is through such help that your synagogue can continue to function, and offer the services that you can take advantage of.

FUTURE FUNCTIONS which are coming up in the very near future are: the Chanukah Dinner on 3rd December; the Sunday School Picnic on December 11th; the Chanukah Family Service on Friday, December 9th at 7.00pm. Hopefully each function will be well attended as there's something for everyone and they cover the whole spectrum of communal activities. Support your community and make every effort to attend, and enjoy yourself at the same time.

THE ADULT STUDY CIRCLE is going into recess for the holiday period. The Tuesday night classes will finish with the final class on Tuesday 6th December, and will recommence on the second Tuesday in February. Classes will then proceed as usual on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Lessons will continue in basic Hebrew reading and understanding the Siddur and Chumash. The monthly Wednesday lecture series will recommence on the last Wednesday in February - watch the Synagogue Column in the Jewish Times for details.

Dr and Mrs Victor Eppel, who will be remembered by many as dedicated workers for our Congregation, will be visiting Sydney in a few weeks time. There will be a Kiddush in their honour on Friday evening December 30th. Services begin at 7.00pm and the Kiddush will follow. Come along and renew old friendships.

Woman To Woman

with Rebbetzin Sarah Gutnick

Women have a special role in the festival of Chanukah, so much so that they are actually obliged to light the candles themselves if noone else in the house has lit them. There is also a special custom that women do not work the whole time that the candles burn.

There are a number of reasons for this particular festival's connection with women. During the Greek rule, one of the harshest decrees was issued against young brides, who were brutally brought before the various provincial governors before they were allowed to their husbands. The defeat of the Greeks was therefore celebrated in particular by the womenfolk.

The Talmud also tells the story of Yehudit, a young Jewish woman, who brought about the death of one of these governors. The story is told of how she cunningly caused him to become drunk, and then killed him with his own sword.

It is therefore our duty to ensure that this festival is celebrated properly. Apart from ensuring that the men-folk light the Chanukah candles, the women have also ensured merriness and festivity in the home. "Latkess" are prepared - as it is a food prepared with oil, and that reminds us of the miracle with the small cruse of oil that burnt for eight days.

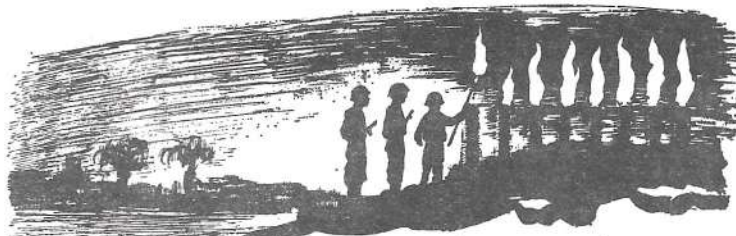
The children are encouraged to be happy and are given gifts of money. Its a good time to encourage them to learn to give charity. After all, according to some people the word Chanukah stems from the Hebrew word "Chinuch" meaning education. It is therefore a good time to teach the children the importance of pride and faith in our people and our heritage, as shown in the Chanukah story.

The Chanukah lights have a message for us women, as well as the men. They are lit in the home - the woman's domain - and indicate how we must light up our home with warmth and happiness, and with the beautiful traditions of our heritage.

The candles should also be kindled in a place where they can be seen by passers-by. This shows us that the light and warmth, that is our duty to spread, should not only be confined to our home and family, but should be shared with others, in the world around us.

And when do we light the Chanukah candles? Only when it is dark outside. It is not always easy to carry out the message of the Chanukah candles, because there can be hardships and dark clouds about. Yet the candles have the power to drive away gloom and darkness. We can overcome all hardship; and the light of happiness, purity and goodness can grow from day to day, just as the Chanukah candles increase as each day of Chanukah goes by.

So have a happy Chanukah, and enjoy the "Latkess" making, and at the same time encourage and foster the Chanukah spirit amongst your loved ones and in your home.



Chanukah Lights at the Suez

THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY RABBI S.B. HECHT, A YOUNG AMERICAN RABBI, AND OUTLINES HIS EXPERIENCES AS A RABBINICAL STUDENT IN ISRAEL ON A CHANUKAH AMONGST THE MODERN-DAY MACABEES WHO DEFEND OUR HOLY LAND.

Standing by the road, awaiting the buses, our thoughts concentrated on the long rough journey ahead, and we were permeated with a glowing inner enthusiasm which rendered us immune to the tingling, cold, pre-dawn air.

In anticipation, the harmony of the material and the spiritual seemed idyllic.

Our destination: Sinai and the Suez Canal. Our purpose: to bring the holiday spirit to the soldiers - in the bunkers on the front. Our motto: "Uforatzto" - "and you will blossom forth" - the motto of Chabad-Lubavitch. We were Chassidim, two bus loads full, messengers of our Rebbe, shlita, on a divine mission of great importance. The occasion was Chanukah.

Before this state of sublime complacency could wane, the buses arrived and the first leg of our trip began.

The swaying, wild, salt-water palm trees, and the placid, blue Mediterranean told us we were in the oasis of El Arish, the one-time capital city of Sinai. The untiring clock told us - time for Shacharit, morning prayers. Slowly the buses ascended the steep hill to the army fort, and there we prayed, using the opportunity to help all the soldiers in and around the base don "Tefillin".

Then came the sand. Miles and miles of sand, overbearing mountains of sand, gentle valleys of sand; soft white sand, hard brown sand. Hot Sand. Above our heads, the hazy blue-white sky, with its merciless, blazing sun, eternally baking the sand below. Under our wheels, the black ribbon of road, lazily winding its determined way across the burning desert sand.

Marching triumphantly from bondage to glorious Exodus, our forefathers had trekked these ancient sands. The magnificent dunes standing watchfully through the ages were majestic monuments to the generation of the wilderness, who never entered the promised land. On this path Avraham and Sara walked, always spreading the name of the One G-d. Now we were treading in their footsteps, moulded in the sands of time.

At every outpost, every remote desert station, we stop and two of us alight to fulfill our mission of "Uforatzto".

Sinai Central Command! The middle of nowhere. Beyond this point, no photographs, no civilians, frequent stops, frequent check-points, and... two bus loads of Chabadniks - Lubavitchers, setting the Sinai ablaze in our path.

Then, suddenly, like a weird anti-climax to a tension-filled day, we reached that narrow, serenely aloof body and water, which had bound east to west, and which at that time served to sever them asunder. We had reached our destination; now we must fulfill the great expectations.

Any unfamiliar face is a welcome sight to the sandblown eyes of the brave fighting men in the vast wilds of Sinai. Add a scraggly youthful beard, a broad friendly smile and a pair of Tefillin, and the warm "Shalom"s tell you, you are at home with long lost brothers.

Some light talk...a pat on the back...Tefillin...a fervent "Shma Yisrael" ...more serious discussion...invitation to supper, and then...

Dusk is relatively short; ever so gently the mysterious desert night stealthily tip-toes in, stealing the last rays of sun and light, leaving just a nostalgic wisp of violet and pink in the distant western sky.

In the clear, cool, moist atmosphere of dim twilight, we, the last two on the bus, climbed gingerly, hopping over stinging barbed wire and gaping trenches, evading poised machine guns and well-oiled artillery, until the top of the fortifications was beneath us.

From this vantage point we could review the entire outpost; intricate bunkers, powerful weapons and sentry posts. Then, turning quietly around, we looked across the slim hypnotic canal.

Our attention was immediately drawn to the enormous make-shift Menorah erected on this high mound. With ingenuity, resourcefulness, and practicality the soldiers had fashioned each cup from an empty artillery shell. Filling it halfway with earth and using wads of cloth for wicks, they had saturated the entire mass with oil.

The proximity of the Egyptians and their threatening guns, if not terrifying, had engendered a feeling of electric tension.... No time for contemplation; light the Menorah!

Dauntlessly and defiantly, a handful of courageous young men stood, staunch and proud, in the sights of Arab snipers - hundreds of miles from home - on the banks of the Suez Canal, and joyously kindled the Chanukah lights, proclaiming the eternal spirit of Jewish nationhood to a turmoil-filled world. And as the dancing, golden flames soared higher and brighter - a jubilant song of inherent hope and belief spontaneously burst forth from the firm hearts and souls of these determined defenders of Jewish land and life - as it had, once before, in the days of Yehudah Macabee.

In that instant with that act, we were exalted and purified. Dumb with awe, we remained standing as it transfixed, only our eyes following the rising flames, strangely reflected in the eerie waters below, still humming softly. A long time elapsed till we returned to the bunkers.

This was the miracle of Chanukah - and the glow of those lights will illuminate the pathways of our hearts for ever!

A handful of soldiers, and two Chabadniks.

Ladies Auxiliary Chit Chat "

I am very happy for this opportunity to introduce myself as the "new-old" president of the Strathfield Ladies Auxiliary.

Firstly, I would like to thank my committee, the "chairlady" the well-known and liked Fritzi Fitchman, who not only talked me into this honoured position, but who also puts her energy and drive into our work to make it a success.

It is not necessary to introduce our treasurer, Mrs Greta Dahl, as she has been a most efficient and reliable worker for quite a number of years. Our capable and responsible minute and social secretary Mrs Linda Cohen also needs no introduction.

Thanks also to the four honorary vice-presidents - our wonderful Rebbe-tzin Sarah Gutnick, who is always ready to help, Mrs Shaw, our immediate past-president, Mrs Ziegler and Mrs Buchman. We are sure that Mrs Shaw, after her well-deserved and enjoyable holiday in Israel, will continue to help us in every way with her valuable experience.

We are fortunate to have Mrs Ziegler as our catering chairman, who relieves me of my biggest burden. She cooks, shops and saves, and gives generously of her time and experience. In her we have really found a treasure.

In the short existence of our new committee we have already catered for a Bar-Mitzvah luncheon, a pre-wedding call-up Kiddush, a Simchat Torah dinner for 140 people which was generously hosted by Mr Kramer and Mr Politzer, a Bat-Mitzvah luncheon for 160 people, and our younger members catered a beautiful Shabbat meal for our recent Shabbaton.

This is only a start. We have had a successful luncheon at the home of Mrs R. Cohen. We are looking forward to our Hannukah Dinner-dance, on the 3rd December. We are hoping for the support of our members and friends to be even better than in previous years.

We are grateful to the younger members and parents of the Talmud Torah children, for organising the functions for the school and kindergarden, who work under the capable leadership of Mesdames Lemberg and Lutman.

Last but not least thanks to Mrs Steif and the young helpers Sharon Steif and Iris Kohn, for preparing and helping with Shalosh Seudot which the ladies enjoy as much as the men.

We congratulate the newly elected president of the congregation Mr S. Steif and the Board of Management. We promise them our full support.

I hope that all the women of our community will work in harmony for the benefit of the Synagogue, our community, our children and grandchildren for many more years. I believe, and hope, it won't be too long before the Ladies Auxiliary will be under the enterprising leadership, and in the capable hands, of the younger generation.

I would like to conclude on behalf of my committee and family, by wishing all members, friends and supporters a very happy Chanukah.

JEANETTE NAGEL * President, Ladies Auxiliary.

Y A H R T Z E I T L I S T - December to February.

KISLEV:

1st	G. Zeisel.....Fri.	11.11.77
3rd	H. Szymencyk..Sun.	13.11.77
5th	J. Blumenthal..Tues.	15.11.77
6th	A. Weinberg....Weds.	16.11.77
14th	L. Gordon.....Thurs.	24.11.77
17th	J. Lander.....Sun.	27.11.77
18th	D. Speiser.....Mon.	28.11.77
23rd	S. Levy.....Sat.	3.12.77
25th	N. Nagel.....Mon.	5.12.77
26th	T. Tauss.....Tues.	6.12.77
29th	Z. Rosenberg...Fri.	9.12.77

18th D. Speiser.....Mon. 28.11.77

CANDLE SHOULD BE LIT AT
SUNSET OF THE NIGHT PRE-
CEEDING THE YAHRTZEIT.

FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
SAYING OF KADDISH, MINYAN
AND/OR ALIYAH ON SHABBAT
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CONTACT THE RABBI AT
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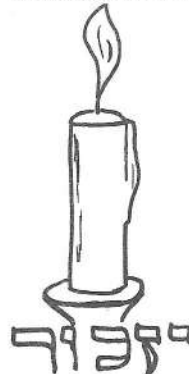
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THE MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE
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IN THE FOYER OF THE
SYNAGOGUE. CONTACT THE
TREASURER DR E FITCHMAN
AT 642.8530, FOR DETAILS.

TEVET:

1st	O. Zeisel.....Sun.	11.12.77
4th	N. Benedict....Weds.	14.12.77
5th	B. Stolar.....Thurs.	15.12.77
6th	B. Shuster.....Fri.	16.12.77
6th	J. Jassem.....Fri.	16.12.77
8th	L. Goldman.....Sun.	18.12.77
10th	A. Isman.....Tues.	20.12.77
15th	H. Zeisel.....Sun.	25.12.77
15th	J. Goldman...Sun.	25.12.77
16th	L. Pozniak....Mon.	26.12.77
16th	R. Gelber.....Mon.	26.12.77
16th	J. Cohen.....Mon.	26.12.77
17th	M. Weishaus...Tues.	27.12.77
18th	E. Hirshl....Weds.	28.12.77
21st	E. Fraser.....Sat.	31.12.77
22nd	Dr Gelbart...Sun.	1. 1.78
23rd	E. Simon Mon.	2. 1.78
26th	L. Reisman...Thurs,	5. 1.78
27th	M. Brann.....Fri.	6. 1.78
29th	F. Bandi.....Sun.	8. 1.78

SHEVAT:

1st	E. Maityn.....Mon.	9. 1.78
4th	T. Toister....Thurs.	12.1. 78
7th	B. Schneider...Sun.	15. 1.78
8th	D. Hosek.....Mon.	16. 1.78
13th	I. D. Herzog...Sat.	21.1. 78
17th	A. Turek.....Weds.	25. 1.78
21st	G. Felsenstein.Sun.	29. 1.78
21st	H. Simon.....Sun.	29. 1.78
25th	C. Szeps.....Thurs.	2. 2.78
27th	G. Rishin.....Sat.	4. 2.78
27th	F. Hartman...Sat.	4. 2.78
28th	L. Meyer.....Sun.	5. 2.78
30th	S. Hyman.....Tues.	7. 2.78



Social & Personal

BIRTHS.

Mazel Tov and much nachas to Mr and Mrs B. Edelstein on the recent birth of their second child, a daughter.

Mazel Tov and much nachas to Mr and Mrs R. Wechsler on the birth of a son. Much nachas to the proud grandmother Dr H. Wechsler.

BAT MITZVAH.

Mazel Tov to Mr and Mrs Steif and family on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sharon.

SPEEDY RECOVERY.

Best wishes for a "Refuah Shelaimah" to Dr Moses (Snr). We hope to see him back to full health very soon.

All the very best wishes to Mr Lou Hyman for a complete recovery after his recent hospitalisation. We know it won't be long before he is once again back to his usual self.

TO ARRANGE VISITS TO THE SICK PLEASE CONTACT THE RABBI AT 642.4803.

THANK YOU.

Mr and Mrs Steif thank all the many friends for their good wishes on the occasion of Sharon's Bat Mitzvah.

BON VOYAGE.

Best wishes for a safe trip to Mrs Rosenberg.

BEREAVEMENTS

Condolences to the family Hyman on the tragic passing of Les Hyman. The entire community mourns the passing of a great friend and dedicated past worker for our Synagogue.

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SPECIAL CHANUKAH SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 9th, 1977.

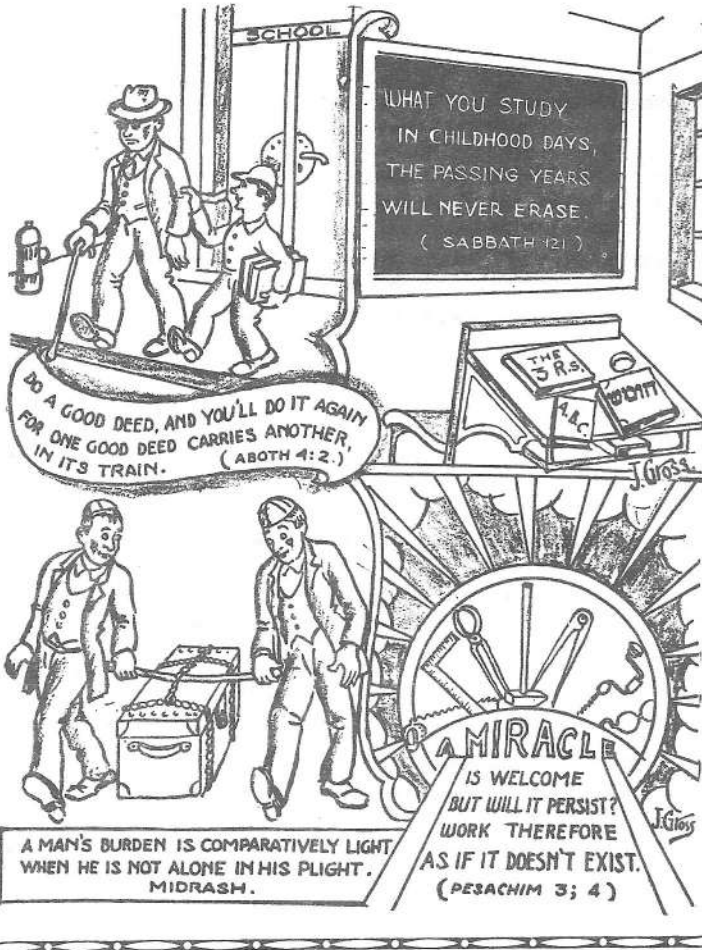
AT 7.00p.m.

AT STRATHFIELD WAR MEMORIAL SYNAGOGUE
19 Florence Street, Strathfield

BRING ALONG THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR CHANUKAH CANDLE
LIGHTING.

Kiddush after the Service.

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PROCEDURE FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH CANDLES

The Menorah is placed on the left side of a doorway (as one enters the room) opposite the Mezuzah which is on the right. Some place the Menorah on a window-sill facing the street outside so that passers-by can see the candles and be reminded of their message.

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 1977:

At nightfall, place one candle at the extreme right of the Menorah, recite blessings 1, 2 & 3 (below) and kindle the candle using the Shamesh (serving candle) which is then placed in its special holder, separate from the actual Chanukah candle.

ON MONDAY, DEC. 5, 1977:

At nightfall, place two candles in the right side of the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and kindle the two candles beginning with the left-most one.

ON TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 1977:

At nightfall, place 3 candles in the right side of the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and kindle the 3 candles beginning from left to right.

ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, 1977:

At nightfall, place 4 candles in the right side of the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and kindle the 4 candles from left to right.

ON THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1977:

At nightfall, place 5 candles in the right side of the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and kindle the 5 candles from left to right.

ON FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 1977:

Before Shabbat (i.e. before 7.41pm) place 6 candles (each large enough to burn until 9.00pm) on the right side of the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and kindle the candles from left to right. Then kindle the Shabbat candles. **Under no circumstances should the candles be lit or handled after sunset (7.57pm).**

ON SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 1977:

After Shabbat ends at 8.35pm (and under no circumstances before this time) the Havdallah prayer is recited, then place 7 candles in the right side of the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and kindle the 7 candles from left to right.

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 1977:

At nightfall, place 8 candles in the Menorah, recite blessings 1 & 2 (below) and light the candles from left to right.

Candles must be large enough to burn for at least a half hour after it has become dark.

Some people light the Chanukah lights with oil and a cotton wick. Olive oil is used in remembrance of the original Menorah's lights in the days of the Temple.

No use should be made of the light of the Chanukah candles.



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REMEMBER TO LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES

Remember the miraculous historical events of this season. Let the message of the Chanukah candles shine forth as a symbol of hope, salvation and faith in every Jewish home.

All males, including young boys, should light their own Menorah (Chanukah candlestick). Women and girls are not obliged to light their own candles on Chanukah if they are present when a male member of the household lights. If they live in a house where the candles are not lit, then they are obliged to light their own.

Before kindling the lights, the following blessings are recited:

1. בְּרַךְ אֱתָהּ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו. וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה. וְהַחַיִּים וְהַחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ.

Boruch atoh Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ho-olom asher kidshonu b'mitzvosov v'tzivonu 'hadlik ner Chanukah.

Blessed are Thou, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who hath sanctified us by His commandments, and hath commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

2. בְּרַךְ אֱתָהּ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. שֶׁשָּׂמַר נַסִּים וּמוֹפְתִים עָלֵינוּ בְּיָמֵינוּ.

Boruch atoh Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ho-olom sheos nim la-avoseinu bayomim hoheim bizman hazeh.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who wroughteth miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is said only on the first evening (or the first time one kindles the lights this Chanukah):

3. בְּרַךְ אֱתָהּ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. שֶׁחָמַר לְהַחַיֵּנוּ וְלְהַשְׁמֵנוּ וְלְהַעֲמִידָנוּ לְפָנֶיךָ ה'.

Boruch atoh Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ho-olom she-hecheyonu v'kiyimonu v'higiyonu lizman hazeh.

Blessed art Thou, King of the universe, who hath kept us alive, and hath preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

It is customary during these days to give children 'Chanukah Gelt' (money) and to encourage them to give some to charity.

Chanukah Services:

- * Mon. - Fri. 7.30a.m.
- * Sun. 8.15 a.m.
- * Fri. Dec. 9th -
Family Service 7p.m.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

SATURDAY NIGHT
DECEMBER 3rd , 1977.

CHANUKAH DINNER,
19 Florence St.,
Strathfield.

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4th, 1977

B.B.Y "Maaravi"
Film and discussion
Evening. 8.00p.m.
19 Florence St.,
Strathfield.

FRIDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 9th, 1977

FAMILY SERVICE
7.00p.m.
Special Chanukah
Service.

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 11th, 1977

PICNIC.
Leaving 9.15am
from Synagogue.
All welcome.

TUESDAY,
7th February, 1978

Tuesday Adult Study
Circle Classes begin.

WEDNESDAY
22nd February, 1978

Monthly lecture series
begin again.

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