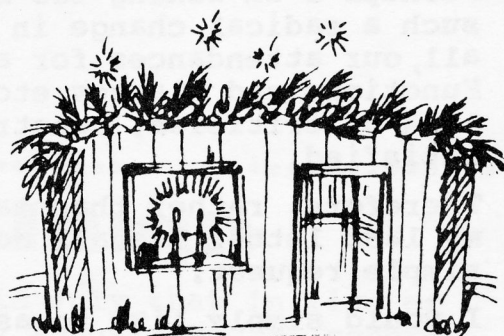
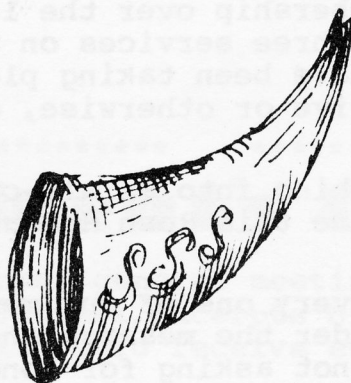
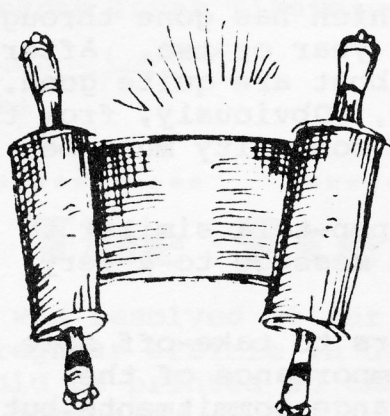


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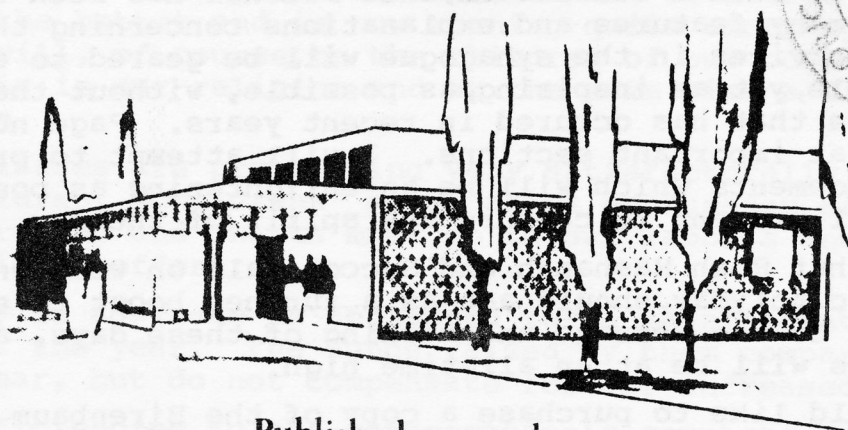
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From the Rabbi

In my last letter to our community I succumbed somewhat to a spirit of pessimism and disappointment concerning the lack of enthusiasm and real involvement shown in recent months by many of our members.

Unfortunately there was only a limited response to my letter - a few new faces in Shule, a few more young women to help with the Ladies Auxiliary, but no real active change for the better.

Perhaps I am asking too much from our community which has gone through such a radical change in membership over the last year or two. After all, our attendances for all three services on Shabbat are quite good. Functions and classes etc. have been taking place. Obviously, from the lack of criticism, constructive or otherwise, our community must be satisfied.

Therefore, rather than launching into an all-out pep-talk similar to my last letter, I shall confine this Rosh Hashanah message to a very simple request.

I would simply like to ask every one of our members to take-off some time in the coming weeks to consider the message and importance of the coming High Holydays. I am not asking for long-range commitments, but rather that every member of our community should make an all-out effort to attempt to capture the meaning of these days by attending services, and if you already plan to attend, by attempting to follow and understand what is actually taking place.

In this way, each and every one of us can ensure a more positive and viable commitment to our heritage and to all things Jewish - which will naturally stem from spending the High Holyday season in a meaningful manner. The services, the prayers, the customs and rituals are all so beautiful and profound that they must effect a sincere person in a positive manner.

To assist in such a resolution, this Journal has been dedicated to recording many features and explanations concerning the current festive period. Services in the synagogue will be geared to enable them to be as simple, yet as inspiring, as possible, without the delays and lengthiness that has occurred in recent years. Page numbers will be announced at important sections. I will attempt to present sermons and announcements which will be as enlightening as possible, in an attempt to help all present to capture the spirit of the day.

The fact that Rosh Hashanah and Succot fall on week-ends, and Yom Kippur on a public holyday, should act as a further boost to enable each of us to respond to the message and meaning of these days, and to ensure that attendances will be at an all-time high.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Birenbaum Machzor (the High Holidays' Prayer Book used in our Synagogue - which has a very readable translation) or a Tallit, or if you would like any other information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. May I also suggest that you ensure the reservation of seats in the synagogue, if

you have not already done so, by calling the Honorary Treasurer,
Dr E. Fitchman on 642.8530 immediately.

May I conclude with the wish that our community as a whole will be moved to a much stronger and dedicated commitment to all things Jewish. In this manner we will surely merit all the bountiful blessings of the Almighty for a truly happy, healthy and prosperous New Year for ourselves and our dear ones, and also for the strengthening of peace and happiness for our people everywhere, and in the Holy Land in particular.

LeShanah Tovah Tikateivu VeTeichateimu.

Mordechai Gutnik
Rabbi.

The President's Column

It was resolved at our annual general meeting in July that in lieu of my regular article in our Journal, excerpts of my annual general report should be printed so that it would receive even further publicity amongst our community.

At the same time I would like to express my appreciation to the community for the honour of being elected once again as President of the Synagogue, and at the same time express the hope that I shall receive support and encouragement from all, in this difficult, yet important, position.

EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESIDENTS' ANNUAL REPORT - 1979.

One of this years' major events was the change in administration of our Kindergarten. The Yolanda Kramer Kindergarten is now being administered by the NSW Board of Jewish Education since the first school term of 1979. Though we were faced with many problems at first, the situation has taken a definite turn to the better and is now running quite smoothly. The main beneficiaries will, of course, be the children of our community, who receive a sound basis in our religion and at the same time a first-class pre-school education.

The Sunday School classes are progressing very satisfactorily with an enrolment of 40 children. Childrens' attendances on Tuesday afternoons are also very encouraging and thanks must go to our Rabbi's and Rebbetzin's dedication and continued effort.

The Ladies Auxiliary is again to be applauded for a magnificent and concerted effort throughout the year. The funds raised by them compare favourably with the previous year, but do not compensate for our increased costs.

I attribute such deficiencies to the congregation's complete reliance on membership fees and donations which have been kept at constant unchanged levels despite the yearly increase in expenditure. I therefore use this opportunity to appeal to all members to make allowance for inflation and to increase regular donations etc. accordingly. I also appeal to all members to settle all outstanding pledges and donations. All members,

except those suffering genuine hardship, should also pay all membership and seat-rentals promptly and in full.

I extend thanks to Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gutnick for their devotion and dedication. We were happy to welcome them back after their leave overseas last year, when they attended the wedding of the Rebbetzin's brother in Israel. We wish them Mazeltov on this occasion and also on the recent occasion of their son, Mendy's, first hair cut which was celebrated in the traditional manner at a third birthday party to which all members were invited. A wonderful time was had by all, and in particular by Mendy!

Thanks and appreciation are also extended to two outstanding personalities in our community who last year were our Chattan Torah and Chattan Bereishit, I refer, of course to Alderman John Lutman, Mayor of Burwood, and Mr Arthur Kohn. We are indebted to their generosity and support throughout the entire year.

We thank WIZO Tikvah and Negba for their much appreciated support and contribution to the community. The ladies of WIZO and the Ladies Auxiliary work hand-in-hand to ensure the success of our annual Fete and other such ventures.

Mazel Tov to all those who had simchot during the past year. An up-to-date list is found elsewhere in the Journal. We thank all concerned for their support of the synagogue at such times and also our Rabbi for his assistance in making each occasion a success.

We suffered a very deep loss on the passing of Mr J. Nagel. A plaque in his memory was dedicated by the community in the foyer of the synagogue. Deepest condolences are expressed to his wife and family.

I thank the other members of the Board of management for their support and counsel and for their dedicated work for the strengthening of our community. I wish to express the Board's and the Community's deepest appreciation to our Rabbi for his leadership, wisdom and counsel. Thanks also to the ladies who have ensured the success of our social functions, Kiddushim, Annual Shabbaton etc. A final thanks to all members of the community who have supported both myself and the synagogue throughout the year.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and may we be blessed with ever increasing success in our endeavours for the community.

Sam Steif, J.P.
President, Strathfield and District Hebrew Congregation.

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CHATTAN TORAH: Mr Ron Speiser			
and			
CHATTAN TORAH: Dr J. Moses			
INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO THE SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH TO BE HELD AFTER SERVICES (about 11.30 a.m.) ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th 1979.			
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Give your children a chance - take them to Shule Rosh Hashanah

DON'T FORGET THE CHILDRENS' SUCCOT PARTY ON SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 7th

Communal Settings

The 1979 Annual General Meeting of our Synagogue elected the following new committee:

Mr Sam Steif - President; Mr Ian Lacey - Vice-president;
Mr Ron Speiser - Hon. Secretary; Dr E. Fitchman - Honorary Treasurer;
Board members: Mr E. Dahl, Mr S. Levett, Mr B. Edelstein,
Mr Shafir (representing the Russian immigrants).

The 1979 Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Synagogue resulted in the election of the following committee:

President: Mrs Sue Cohen (currently on leave of absence);
Chairlady: Mrs L. Cohen;
Honorary Vice-presidents: Rebbetzin Gutnick and Mrs S Buchman;
Honorary Treasurer: Mrs G. Dahl; Honorary Secretary: Mrs Y. Schneider;
and Mrs S. Sakinofsky.
Catering: Mrs R. Cowan; Childrens Functions: Mrs A. Lewy;
Kiddushim: Mrs T. Steif; Annual Ball: Mrs R. Lutman.

All ladies are asked to please assist and support the work of the Ladies Auxiliary - and in particular to attend all meetings.

Management of Strathfield community's Yolanda Kramer Kindergarten was taken over this year by the NSW Board of Jewish Education. Thus the kindergarten facilities built and maintained by the community are still being put to excellent use.

A campaign was undertaken to promote the kindergarten to the public which has resulted in a present enrolment of 28 children, with many children already booked-in for next year.

The kindergarten comprises of one class of mixed ages conducted by Mrs D. Rooz, a fully qualified kindergarten teacher, assisted by Mrs B. Andrews. Jewish programme is conducted under the advice of Rebbetzin Gutnick, and Mr H. Nagley regularly visits the kindergarten to assist in this regard. Enquiries are welcome at 642.3550.

The Adult Study Circle's last lecture was an informative talk on the Biblical and traditional borders of Israel, fully illustrated by maps and charts, presented by Rabbi Gutnick. Watch for details of further classes and lectures resuming after the Holyday season.

Rabbi Gutnick has recently given a number of lectures and classes in the general community. He is currently also conducting a regular weekly talk on the Sidra of the Week on the Jewish Radio Hour on Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m. on station 2EA.

Special thanks go to Mr And Mrs Ron Speiser for arranging for the complete cleaning of the kindergarten playground and the removal of the shrubs and trees at the end of the yard.

Thanks also to Mrs Curtis and Mrs VanDyke for the tapestries which now grace the Shule walls.

The Shule airconditioning system recently received some much needed repairs which will ensure comfort in the coming summer months.

Social & Personal

BIRTH:

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs Gutnick and family on the new addition to their family. The Rabbi and Rebbetzins' new son, Tzemach David was born on the 2nd Av and the Brit was held in the synagogue on Tisha B'Av afternoon in the presence of some 150 friends and members of our community. There were many Rabbis present and the reception, to which all were invited, was held in our communal hall. We wish the Rabbi and Rebbetzin much Nachas.

BAR MITZVAH:

Mazel Tov to the Curtis family on the recent Bar Mitzvah of Johnny Curtis.

Mazel Tov to the families of Paul Gardener, Robby Meyer, and Lewis Cowan whose Bar Mitzvah celebrations are coming up in the not too distant future.

WEDDING:

Mazel Tov to the Goran Family on the recent wedding of Merrylin to Mr Tony Goodman held recently at Strathfield.

Mazel Tov to Mr and Mrs K. Adler on the recent marriage of their daughter Ruth to Mr Ivor David.

Mazel Tov to the Penn family on the up-coming marriage of Ian to Miss Sandra Whitehouse.

Mazel Tov and much Nachas to Mr and Mrs Aron Shaw on the birth of their new grandson.

Mazel Tov and much Nachas to Mrs J. Nagel on the birth of her new grandson.

Best wishes to Mr & Mrs L. Hyman and family on the occasion of their moving into a new home.

Welcome to all our many new members which include The Casper family, the Greenberg family, Mr D. Gruner. We trust that their association with our community will be pleasant and rewarding.

REFUAH SHELAIMAH: (Speedy Recovery).

We extend wishes of speedy recovery to Mr Lou Hyman, Mrs G. Dahl, and Mrs Schnitlinger. We hope to see them up and well in the very near future.

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SERVICES FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

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SELICHOT, Sunday, Sept. 16	7.45 a.m.
Mon. Sept. 17 to Fri. Sept. 21	7.00 a.m.
ROSH HASHANAH EVE, FRIDAY, Sept. 21:	
Candle Lighting	5.33 p.m.
Maariv	6.30 p.m.
ROSH HASHANAH, 1st and 2nd DAYS: SATURDAY, Sept. 22 & SUNDAY, Sept. 23:	
Shacharit	8.00 a.m.
Reading of the Torah	9.45 a.m.
Sermon	10.45 a.m.
Shofar (Sunday only)	11.00 a.m.
Musaph	11.15 a.m.
Minchah and Maariv	5.45 p.m.
Festival terminates Sun. Sept 23	6.26 p.m.
FAST OF GEDALIAH, MONDAY, SEPT. 24:	
Shacharit	7.00 a.m.
Fast terminates	6.24 p.m.
SHABBAT SHUVAH FRIDAY, SEPT. 28:	
Candle Lighting	5.39 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 29:	
Shacharit	9.00 a.m.
Minchah, Seudah Shlishit and Maariv	5.30 p.m.
Shabbat terminates	6.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 30:	
Shacharit	8.15 a.m.
YOM KIPPUR EVE, KOL NIDREI SUNDAY, SEPT. 30:	
Candle Lighting	5.40 p.m.
Kol Nidrei	6 p.m. sharp
YOM KIPPUR, MONDAY, OCT. 1:	
Shacharit	8.30 a.m.
Torah	10.00 a.m.
Sermon	11.15 a.m.

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Yizkor (Memorial Service)	11.30 a.m.
Musaph	11.45 a.m.
Minchah	4.00 p.m.
Neilah	5.30 p.m.
Fast terminates	6.39 p.m.
SUCCOT EVE, FRIDAY, OCT. 5:	
Candle Lighting	5.43 p.m.
Maariv and Kiddush in Succah	6.30 p.m.
SUCCOT, 1st and 2nd DAYS: SATURDAY, OCT. 6 and SUNDAY, OCT. 7	
Shacharit	9.00 p.m.
Minchah and Maariv	5.45 p.m.
Festival terminates	6.36 p.m.
CHOL HAMOED:	
Weekdays Shacharit	7.15 a.m.
CHILDREN'S SUCCOT PARTY:	
After services Sunday morning Oct. 7th.	
HOSHANAH RABBAH, FRIDAY, OCT. 12:	
Shacharit	6.30 a.m.
Maariv (Shmini Atzeret Eve)	6.30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5.49 p.m.
SHMINI ATZERET, SATURDAY, OCT. 13:	
Shacharit	9.00 a.m.
Yizkor (Memorial Service)	10.30 a.m.
SIMCHAT TORAH EVE, SATURDAY, OCT. 13:	
Candle Lighting	6.42 p.m.
Minchah	6.00 p.m.
Hakafot	6.45 p.m.
SIMCHAT TORAH, SUNDAY, OCT. 14:	
Shacharit	9.00 a.m.
Festival terminates	6.43 p.m.
Communal Simchat Torah Dinner after morning service	