



Synagogue News

The Summer has passed by fairly quietly at Norrice Lea Synagogue. Many normal activities are suspended although the Synagogue has played host to many guests and was particularly honoured to have the Bishop of Down and Drumore at a recent Sabbath service.

Autumn however sees activity at its height. Preparations are in full flow for the forthcoming New Year and its attendant festivals. The New Year of 5753 will commence on Sunday 27th at nightfall and for the next two days the Synagogue will be full to bursting point. Services will also be held in the Synagogue Hall for those unable to have a seat in the main service. The New Year celebrates the creation of the world and passers by in the street may hear the sounds of a ram's horn, the notes of which are the ages old call to prayer and repentance. The New Year is the start of the most solemn period of the year for Jews which culminates in the Day of Atonement. Services on this fast day will commence on Tuesday evening, October 6th, and will continue the following day starting at 9am and continuing until the conclusion of the Fast in the evening. The High Holy Days show Norrice Lea Synagogue as the focal point of Jewish life in the Suburb and a real communal as well as religious spirit is in evidence. Unfortunately the Synagogue is no more immune than the rest of the Suburb to the need to be diligent over security matters. This is very difficult when so

many people, many with children, are gathered together in a reasonably confined space. The community is sincerely grateful for the co-operation of the local police force in assisting with the arrangements for overseeing the safety of the congregation.

After the solemnity of the High Holy Days, the Festival of Tabernacles, which commences on the evening of October 11th, comes as a welcome change. This harvest-festival lasts for just over a week and culminates in a children's party - where vast quantities of sweets are consumed.

After the festivals are concluded towards the end of October the Rabbi, Edward Jackson, will be leaving for a richly deserved 3-month sabbatical. His Locum will be the Rev Hainovitz from Israel who is blessed with a wonderful voice which will attract many visitors to the Suburb to hear him.

Before Rabbi Jackson leaves he hopes that plans for an 'Eruv' in the Suburb will be implemented. The plans have caused some controversy and confusion but their intention is purely to make Sabbath observance easier by permitting carrying and the pushing of prams and buggies.

This will cause no inconvenience to Suburb residents, but however make a considerable difference to the lives of many people living in the area as well as encouraging young people to come to the Suburb and provide lifeblood for the future. **RS**

HOUSE VISIT

We have an invitation from our MP, John Marshall, to send 49 residents on an afternoon visit to the House of Commons on July 21 1993.

The visit would include tea on the terrace (weather permitting!) which will cost about £5-£8 depending on what type of tea is ordered, a Question & Answer session by John, a short tour of the House and tickets for the gallery for part of a debate. If required, the Residents Association would organise group transport to and from Westminster.

If you are interested, please send your name to the RA Chairman (Eileen Whelan, 101 Willifield Way, NW11 6YH) not later than 1 November next. We do, of course, appreciate that is a long way ahead and therefore difficult for people to commit themselves definitely.

How To Make Wheelie Bin Complaints

Although considerably improved since the early days, the privatised refuse collection still gives rise to quite a number of complaints. In the first instance you should telephone Barnet's Customer Care Unit on 081 446 8511 or 5237. Even if you can get through, it is just as well to follow this up with a written complaint. The RA is planning to include special postcards for this purpose in next year's Suburb Directory, but meanwhile the address for letters is: Controller of Engineering Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ. You should note the date and time of the incident, its location, the registration number of the refuse collection vehicle (this identifies the Tylers team) and a brief description of the complaint. The letter could finish with a request for an acknowledgement and details of the remedial action the Council proposes to take. The recently issued "Directory of Barnet Council Services" promises a response within 15 working days. When thinking of making a complaint, please note that under the terms of its contract Tylers are not obliged to



Flower power for John Marshall.



Jessie Joseph.

empty any bin whose lid is not closed, so remember to stamp down your rubbish if your bin is overflowing (if you have the stomach and agility to do so!) Nor will they collect side rubbish, unless this is left out because they have missed a collection the week previously. **PRGT**

NOISE NUISANCE

Noise, which as often as not is other people's name for your harmless fun, is rapidly becoming recognised as a major pollutant. You can however do something about it.

First, ask as politely as possible the people making the noise to reduce it. If this doesn't work, repeat, politely, in writing and **keep a copy of the letter**. If it still goes on, start a diary noting date, times, type of noise, effect on you, etc. Keep a record of any conversations you have and keep copies of letters.

If you are still getting nowhere, report it all in writing, with copies of the evidence, to the Borough of Barnet Environmental Health Officer, 1255 High Road, London N20 0EJ (phone: 081 446 8511). Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Local

Authorities are required to take all reasonable steps to investigate complaints; but some are a lot better at it than others. You may have to persist in Barnet.

While persisting, there are societies you can join which may be able to help you. Try:

The Noise Abatement Society, PO Box 8, Bromley, Kent BR2 0UH

National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection National Noise Committee, 136 North Street, Brighton BN1 1RG

The Right to Peace and Quiet Campaign, PO Box 968, London SE2 9RL.

And, while you're at it, check your own noise. Leave the volume where you usually have it, windows and/or doors open, etc, and then take a stroll round the neighbourhood to see what it sounds like. **SFB**

SINGERS WANTED

For "Yeomen of the Guard" to be performed from 27th April to 1st May 1993 by MANOR HOUSE HOSPITAL OPERATIC SOCIETY REHEARSALS at 7.30pm on Mondays at the hospital (North End Road, Golders Green, NW11, near the Bull and Bush) For more information contact Eileen Huggins 081 346 2104



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GARDEN SUBURB SCHOOL FETE

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