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Ha Etz Newsletter, February 2010

**GLORIOUS SHUSHAN:
GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH**
Purim comes to Bet Tikvah again on
Saturday 27 February at 7.30 pm

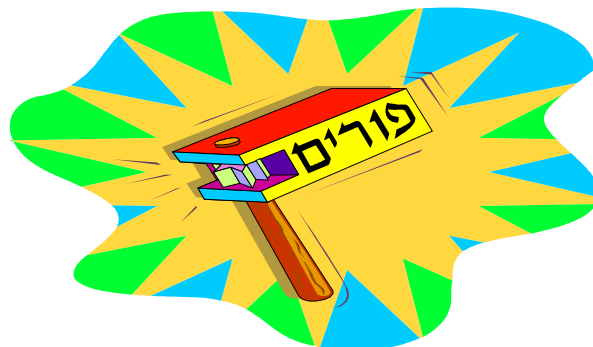
The Bet Tikvah Shpielers led by Joe the Bard await to take you
on your journey to far off lands.

Bring your dreidels and whistles and dress up for the occasion.

Experience the delight of Hamantashen

Come in fancy dress and win a prize!

If you want to be in on the act and take part in the shpiel (oy veh) contact
Joe the Bard at Joe.fajerman@ntlworld.com



A few words from the Chair:

Happy 2010 to you all. This year promises to be an exciting one in the life of the shul. The Officers and Council have lots of plans which we hope will help our members become more involved in our day to day activities. We know that sometimes we send information out a little late – so we are working on producing an annual calendar which will be sent to all members. The big news of this year is the move back to Bet Tikvah for the High Holy Day Services in September. Planning is going well and I will be telling you all about our plans in the Pesach edition of HaEtz.

Shortly after the Yamim Tovim we will be celebrating a very special anniversary as we mark **Rabbi David's '21st birthday' as Rabbi** or our shul. We hope that many of our members will be able to join in the celebrations.

A week or so ago we held a service to bid a sad farewell to some members who are setting up the new synagogue in Shenfield. It was a lovely service attended by Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism and members of both shuls took leading roles in the service. We wish the new community 'Mazeltov' and look forward to a continuing relationship with the new community.

On a more organisational note, the Officers have been revising some of the procedures of the shul, particularly the movement of members from one shul to another. One crucial issue is that of burial rights and this will be explained fully in the next edition of HaEtz. Please note, though, that members wishing to leave Bet Tikvah must inform the office in writing, indicating clearly their intentions regarding their burial rights. Members joining the shul will need to provide confirmation – again in writing – from their existing shul stating their membership of a burial scheme and whether they wish

to transfer to our scheme.

We will be handing over our **KNA donation to JAMI** (Jewish Association for Mental Illness) on Shabbat 13th February and **Purim** will follow quite soon after (on Saturday 27 February) – if you've never seen the Bet Tikvah Purim Shpielers then you've missed a treat, don't miss out again this year! Information about our **Communal Seder** is given on the enclosed flyer. And then there's the **quiz** on February 20th – I look forward to seeing you at some, if not all, of these events.

My best wishes to you all,
Shirley

Children's' Services

Come with your children to shul
on
a Shabbat morning with a special
Family Service,
For children, parents &
grandparents too!

11 - 12 am
27th February
27th March
1st May
29th May
26th June

On Sunday morning 18th April,
our cheder children
will be joining with all the other
local cheders in celebrating
Yom Ha'Atzma'ut at Sinclair
House

From the Rabbi– David Hulbert

Congratulations to Michael and Laura Tedman, who celebrated the arrival of their new baby Kris with a thanksgiving service in shul, attended by a large number of their family and friends. The service took place on Tu BiShevat, our New Year for trees. On Tu BiShevat, we ask our religion school children to think of all the different ways that trees are useful to us. They always manage to come up with a long list – trees give us food and nuts to eat, they give us wood and paper, shade and fresh oxygen for the air.

Trees certainly make themselves useful in lots of ways, but they are also beautiful to look at, and help make our world a beautiful place in which to live. That's why we have always planted trees in Israel, to make the land lovely again. This Tu BiShevat, a tree was planted on behalf of Bet Tikvah in a new forest close to Pisgat Ze'ev, a suburb of Jerusalem, to inaugurate a three-way partnership between the Redbridge Jewish community, and the communities of Pisgat Ze'ev and of Staten Island, New York.

Our materialist world puts so much value on what things can do and how much they cost. It is important to occasionally step back and appreciate things simply for what they *are* – beautiful trees, new babies, music or art. As a religion, Judaism teaches us to keep ourselves open to the many little experiences of joy and pleasure that this life affords us – and then to give thanks to our Creator.

After Tu BiShevat, the next joyful festival will be Purim . Please make sure that you come with your children (in fancy-dress, of course), to hear the Megillah read at 7.30 pm on Saturday night 27th February, followed by a Purim Spiel penned by our own inimitable Joe Fajerman. On the Sunday morning, the Megillah will be read again for our Cheder children (plus any other children who want to come along for the fun), followed by a fancy-dress parade, party and hamentaschen.

Happy Purim!!

Rabbi David Hulbert

The chair and deputy chairs of South Woodford, Bet Tikvah and the new Brentwood synagogue with Rabbi Hulbert and Rabbi Danny Rich, chief executive of Liberal Judaism at the service to celebrate the formation of the new Brentwood synagogue.



Condolences

It is with sorrow that we report the deaths of

Jack Cohen and Michael Dehaan,

Our condolences are extended to Jack's friend Muriel King and Michael's wife Mauureen and to their two children. The Dehaans were founder members of the shul.

Births

We welcome Zak Rosenthal, son of Paul & Tracey who was born on the 21 December.

New Members

A very warm welcome to Allan Derson, already a stalwart of the SAC.

Social Activities Committee

Saturday 20th February - 7.30 pm

Supper Quiz - £10 to include fish and chip supper or vegetarian alternative plus refreshments. Book soon before all places are taken!

Monday 8th March - 7.45 pm - A talk by Sarah Obermuller Bennett on **Eccentric London** - £3.75 to include refreshments

Further details for either event available from Stewart on 020 8550 6414.

Kol Nidre appeal

Saturday, 13th February: Tanya Harris, Mental Health Lead from JAMI, the recipient of our , will be attending the service to say 'thank you' for Bet Tikvah's support. She will also be talking about the work of JAMI and other mental health issues.

Three Faiths Forum Thursday, 18th February: AGM, including presentations on the theme of 'Fair Trade.' Commences at 8 pm.

Kedem adult education classes

every Wednesday: at 8 pm. Join a lively and friendly group for an interesting evening of learning

Gomel Appeal: Please continue to donate vitamins for adults and children and low dose (75 mg) aspirins.

World Jewish Relief (WJR): Bet Tikvah has become an official collection point for WJR. If you have any good quality warm clothes, blankets or household goods you no longer want please bring them to the shul. They will be sent to poor Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

Calendar

Bet Tikvah is producing a calendar for the next Jewish year. It will give the dates of all Jewish festivals with space to write in your diary details, and will contain photographs of all our religious activities. The photos will involve all our members and children. You could have fame for a year!

The calendar will give you the opportunity to advertise a birthday or simcha on the actual date in the calendar.

Come and join us to make this the best calendar ever.

Members will receive a copy free of charge.

Congratulations

Michelle Lester has just passed the Ahada Bereavement Counselling Course and has been awarded her certificate. She is now a fully-fledged bereavement counsellor.