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News from the Board

The board has considered a number of excellent suggestions for the coming year and we are pleased that many of these are due to be implemented. These include

1. More space for notices.

It is clear that 3 notice-boards are insufficient. We are now installing a further 159 of them to take up all available wall space in the shool and court-yard. Davening will commence 32 minutes later than normal to ensure that people can read ALL the notices. On Shabbos it will begin 5hrs later but still finish about the same time. A new colour coding will be used for experts to quickly identify which notices are most recent. Red will be for those that relate to today, orange to previous week, blue before then, green for the period second Beis-Hamikdosh until 1933. Black will be for things that would happen next week or other simchous like no *tachanun*.

2. Photographs

Many members do not recognise the other congregants and this spoils the impact of simchous. In future all personal and social announcements must be accompanied with a recent photograph. Births, Barmitzvah even weddings may be in colour - others in black and white only. If a Misheberach is made, then the Gabba will hold up high a picture of the person for whom it is being made. in shool at the time). Members are asked to be dressed with z'neuos for these pictures - especially when dealing with newly-born babies.

3. Lost and found

In order not to be beaten by a well known local Jewish newspaper we are installing a special notice-board for property and people who become lost or found. Since most of these occur in the Keilim Mikva or outside the shool we only wish to know about ones that are worth stealing or have already been found!.

4. Switching on lights

Many people want to participate in the fixing of the odd operational problems at the shool. A switch will be fixed in every members box to switch on or off, at ran-

dom, any light in the shool. 278 ladders will be available for members to fix the parouchess mechanism - whether or not it's broken.

Ropes will be suspended from the ceiling for ladies, with dignity please, to swing directly to the top of the Oroun Hakodesh without interrupting the service in the men's shool

Switches will also be readily available for people to turn up, down or sideways the central heating boilers and to close windows if the temperature drops below 85 degrees centigrade

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Zir,

Last year I wrote about ze times of davening and I also straightened out a misunderstanding about the times of trains from Munich in 1912 (on Jan 13 at 3pm) Shade, zat no-one could throw any lights on the subject. Zis year I give you ze benefit of anoza idea.

Allzoh, our shool is losing touch wizz ze pazz, and I sink we much introduce some of ze olt minhogim. In particular we cut out all this use of English in anticipation of Moshiach coming - after all our children must be able to communicate with ozer beebul and our parents (Zecher L'Zious Mitzraim). I suggest that we make sure that all important announcements u.s.w are said in jurman including the prayer for ze Kaiser and ze Medinoh and even the droshoh. The office should be run like this particularly the answering machine. The care-taker must be taught the right language and all notices (wedding u.s.w.) also like zis. I find that some people are speaking too posh - they must at least use a jurman accent even if they speak in english

Finally, please make sure that the birthday of Uncle Hienz goes into the social and personal. He will be 204 on 57 march this year, you should also put his death in, that took place in 1903 - sank you.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

HANS JACOB STRUMPFELSTEIN (Geborn 01, 2, 1874) Blood Group O+, seat number 279, und car registration nummer SIL EE1 - let me know if you need the engine number and make of car.

British Summer Time

Will occur on two separate days this year - once for first and the other for second minyan at a weeks interval. After the confusion of last year we have simplified arrangements. The time printed in Mishonoh L'shonoh applies only to first minyan on Tuesday and Wednesday and the second minyan on the previous sunday and subsequent friday - it is based on the clock in the Beis Hamedrash only. This rule will apply until Shivo Oserr b'Av, and will probably result in just one minyan for Shabbos services. The board are concerned that there may be confusion again in 1988 which is of course a leap year.

A competition

We are pleased to announce a new competition to see who can block the greatest number of cars in the courtyard by parking badly before or after davening. There are no rules to this game and special points are awarded for parking over NO PARKING sign, in the RESERVED SPACE (especially when the Rov has already parked) or over 3 places. The competition is only open to male members and their sons using their cars for services on Friday, Shabbos and Sunday.

Social and Personal

We have had some complaints from members who feel that they have been deliberately left out of our Social and Personal Mazeltov section. The board have been racking their brains and wine bottles to introduce a new system and set of rules to help members determine their rights.

A special Simcho hotline has been acquired (which has just been installed next to the main shool entrance) and is available each Yom Kippur Koton between 10:45pm and 11:15pm when a recorded message will ask you for information about any Simcho announcement. It may be given in English or German, but not with a Hamburg accent.

The following categories of Simcho qualify for insertion

- Marriage - where both parties are members only
- Birth - of child or grandchild, where at least one half is a member
- Barmitzvahs at all Haschomohs, but second minyan only when the sedra has less than 50 Pesookim

The following categories do not qualify

- Birthdays unless you are a Cohen or Levi
- Silver or Golden weddings (unless you are over 25yrs old)
- Getting a new car
- Upgrading from a 'C' member to 'B' member.

Remember, the golden rule of *KOL HAMESAPER B'SIMCHOUS SHIL HAMISH-POCHOH HARRY ZE M'SHOOBOCH*.

A new appointment

We are pleased to announce (and this is true!), that Mr M Katz has been appointed the TISHOO Gabba. Yes, its true, after a very close fight he has been bestowed with this most important Kovoud which allows him to represent the board in the distribution of paper handkerchiefs to those members who suffer from walking and/or running noses. He may be interrupted at any time for help, except during the smoozing slot between Adon Olom and Adon Olom. Facilities are provided for used handkerchief to be washed and recycled - please use these sparingly and if you have a really bad cold do Mr Katz a favour and daven somewhere else!

Time is of the essence

At the next AGM a number of most important suggestions will be put to the vote for trimming vital minutes off the time of davening. We need to cut upto 12 seconds off when an inexperienced Kaddish Sooga gets going. Anyone not beginning within (say) two seconds after the chazan stops will be disqualified for the rest of that week.

The chazan on Shabbos has been known to start SCHOCHAIN AD upto 19 seconds

after the P'SOOKEL D'ZIMRO man has finished NISHMAS. This must be stopped and in future the chazan will stand behind the Ba'al Tephiloh at the start of davening and slide quietly and quickly into place at the appointed time.

A new selection of tunes will be introduced (some Chassidische ones) which are far more effective for finishing on time. If ever someone takes it upon himself to sing a little fast, such as for L'Dovid Boruch, then the whole Oulom must follow the faster of the two. The chazan has been asked to spend less time smelling the Besomim on Motzei Shabbos, and the Ba'al Tephiloh may start KaddiSh after shemonei Esrei, when the Rov has started, rather than finished, taking his 3 steps backwards

New mechanism will be fixed to the Porochess to do all five tasks simultaneously - whisk the porouchess schlepper from his seat, open the curtain, open the doors, take the sefer torah straight to chazan (who must be 5ft 11 in high) and then return the schlepper back to his seat in approx 22 secs. To save a further vital few seconds, the chazan must already be turned around and the mechanism will put it in front of him - the slow walk to the Bimmoh (which will be moved forward 34.5 feet) will be turned into a short sprint.

The 3 bangs announcement for Yaalei V'yovouh, Tal O'motor will be reduced to only 2 bangs.

How can we be expected to remember all the announcements - especially more than today's mincha service? All announcements will be cancelled forthwith unless they are to invite us to a Kiddush.

And finally, the time spent saying Gut Shabbos to the Rov is far too long. This new suggestion will be implemented from next shabbos. Members will walk down both sides of the shool, with the Rav standing on the Bimmoh so that he can, with arms outstretched, shake hands to two people (or more) simultaneously. A new Kibbood has been announced - to hold the Rov's hands up to remind us all of Amolek's battle (no connection of course)

The board of the MEGILLOH BULLETIN, wishes you a happy and freulichen Purim