



**MEMORY LANE #20 (EDITED)
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Since we are Jews, there must be a Shul. At this point in the history of our Suburbia a Shul must also be a social centre and a school. The Shul must be neither simple nor cheap. Once built it must be paid for, maintained, operated, and enlarged! What an enormous task for people to undertake in their spare time! Is our new community worth it? We have all kinds of people. Those to whom Judaism is the central fact of their lives, the ones who built our Shul, and those who don't much believe in Judaism, but want it for their children.

They are putting Judaism in the same bracket as Santa Claus. There are those who, socially at least, have a definite commitment, but consider air conditioning more important than Kashruth. And lastly there are those Wise-guys who treat the Shul like a public park, taking advantage of everything that they can get away with, but contribute nothing. The startling thing about these wise-guys is that they are very indignant. "why doesn't the Shul have a dance for teenagers, why don't we have a library, why don't we get top rank speakers, and why can't we get the zoning changed"?

It would be interesting to examine what sort of an image they have in mind when speaking and always finding fault with the Shul. Do they mean the Executive whose frequent meetings that sometimes run into midnight, resulting in a workload that will occupy every remaining evening of theirs??

Do they mean the active various committee chairmen and chairwomen whose workload is almost as great? Do they mean the President, who in addition to his spare time also devotes a considerable part of his working day to Shul business?

One has to wonder, watching these caring individuals, where they get the time and energy for their thankless tasks, and where do they find the patience to deal with so many who demand so much and give so little?

Well, it's impossible to remake people, but we all can move up a notch. Those new arrivals who have thought about joining the Shul could join and take on one job. Those who have taken on one job and then sat back, could take on a second job and so on. Everyone could be just a little bit kinder and more considerate of those who are carrying the big burdens of operating the Shul and trying to please all of the Congregants. Remember- their burdens are your burdens as well ! **SYD SANDELL, Publicity Director**

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

A community- wide celebration of Israel's 15th Anniversary will take place at the Chevra Kadisha-B'Nai Jacob Shul on Monday evening April 29th.

Guest speaker will be Yaacov Tsur, World Chairman of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel & Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

A performance will also be held at Her Majesty's Theatre on March 2nd. featuring Shmuel Ashkenazi, an outstanding Israeli violinist. This concert is under the patronage of His Excellency the Ambassador of Israel & Mrs. Yaacov Herzog

(Yashor Koach to Fred Rudy for providing us all with these memorable historical moments, which some of us may still remember!)