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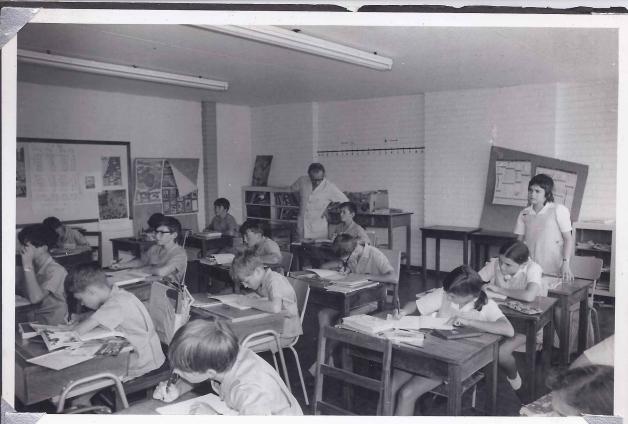




















Junior Boys' Soccer - Mr. N. Quin, Steven Koblenz, Phillip Rosenberg, Darren Albert Amato, Barry Rosenfield, Rev. P. Copperman.

Daryl Katzenberg, Saul Jaffe, Isaac Levy, Eldad Moraru, Ivan Solomon, Matthew Avram Levy.

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Sharon School Swimming Victor/Victrix Ladorum 1978 Hey Matthew Seftel

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Swimming Victor and Victrix Ludorum — Steven Koblenz, Matthew Seftel, Julia Levy, Kevin Moss, Mrs. P.S. Holmes, Joanne Codron, Mandy Barnett.



November, 1971.

When Jock Kahn asked me to contribute a few words to this newsletter about the work of the Board of Governors I was a little non-plussed, because most of what we do is of a mundame and uninteresting nature. On the other hand I had fresh in my mind the visit to my office a day or two previously of a Sharon parent (a very old and valued friend of mine) who, among other things, described the Governors variously as "the Mafia" and the "Klu Klux Klan". I think as far as the latter connotation was concerned he had in mind perhaps the apparent secrecy with which the Governors conduct their affairs, and certainly not the anti-Semitic association the name of this notorious American organisation conjures up!

I don't know why it is that parents at Showen consider the Board of Governments be a mysterious and secretive body. After all most of us are parents of children at the School, and some of us have been associated with the School since its earliest days and have worked unceasingly to build up and maintain an institution of which we and the community in general can be justly proud.

I think that some people have a misconception of the work and the responsibilities of the Board, so perhaps I might use this space profitably to set out briefly who we are, how we happen to be on the Board, and what to do.

The Chairman, Bertie Friedlander, the Hon. Secretary Berry Hammar, and I are appointed by the Board of Deputies, which together with CAZO jointly sponsored the School. The CAZO appointees are Marvyn Hatchuel, Richard Lazarus and Alfie Alhadeff. Each of the congregations appoints a Governor; they are Bernard Hassall (Salisbury, Hebrew Congregation), Benjy Alhadeff (Sephardi Hebrew Congregation) and Maurice Myerson (Progressive Congregation). The parents and donors, at their last joint general meeting, elected five Governors - Harold Abrahamson, Jackie Ferera; Jock Kahn, Harry Kantor and Joe Sapire. In addition the local branch of the UJW is represented by Dorene Zilberg.

You will notice that of the 15 people listed above the majority have children at the School, and in fact one of the criticisms which has been levelled at the Board recently (from outside the School) is that insufficient "non parents" are concerned in running the affairs of the school. It is argued that we parents who are also Governors are too closely involved to be able to deal with the School's affairs dispassionately. There may be merit in this view, but in practice it has been found over the years that it is mainly parents who have been prepared to shoulder the responsibility. Nevertheless if more "non parents" were to come forward to fill the various positions on the Board then the present incumbents would I am sure be only too pleased to make way.

The Governors meet at regular intervals - i rmal times about once a month - but this year, in which there has an an abnormal number of problems to resolve, meetings have been he far more frequently, and those who hold executive positions on the Board have been busy with School affairs virtually every day - including public holidays:

One of the concerns of the Board is finance, but equally important is its responsibility to see that the School functions smoothly and efficiently. It is responsible for the over-riding policy of the School, for the appointment of staff (although in practice the Principal engages most of the teachers, subject to the Board's formal approval). It liaises closely with the P.T.A. (whose chairman incidentally is also vice-chairman of the Board).

SHARON SCHOOL

23rd NOVEMBER, 1971

Mr. Chairmen, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the annual report of the Hebrew Department for 1971.

It is through hard work and perseverance on the part of the pupils, as well as the staff that we have maintained the high standards achieved in previous years. I am pleased to report that the set syllabus was completed in all classes. Family

Jewish festivals play an important part in our programme and involve the whole school. It has become customary for our art teacher, Mrs. Coles, to introduce festival subjects into the art lessons before every Jewish holiday. Some of this art work will be exhibited at our prize giving concert on 8th December.

All Jewish festivals during term time were celebrated at the school according to tradition. I would like to make particular mention of some of them.

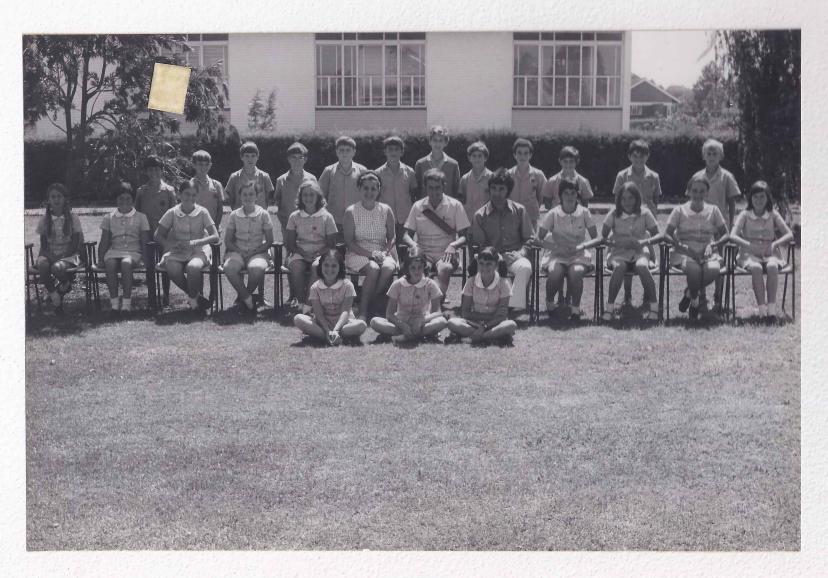
1. Purim. Before the festival of Purim our department organised a lecture for parents which was delivered at the school by Rev. Benzaquen. Parents who attended were enlightened on the subject of the historical aspect of the festival and the origin of its customs.

The school Purim party was held in the Minor Hall and the Friendship club of the Union of Jewish Women was invited to participate. Our pupils prepared fancy hats for our guests, which they wore at the party. The Union of Jewish Women provided Ozney Haman for their hosts. The festivities were very gay and enjoyable.

2. Pesach. Through the combined efforts of the P.T.A and the Hebrew Department, an exhibition of old and new Haggadot, and Passover religious objects was held in the Minor Hall. A traditional Seder table was beautifully set by Mrs. Mercia Brener who lectured on the woman's role in the preparations of Passover. Rev. Benzaquen spoke on the historic and religious aspects of the festival.

This function was publicised in the local press and was well attended by parents and non-parents. After the lectures our choir sang a number of songs

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STANDARD 5

Back row: Dean Solomon, Henri Rosenthal, Gary Friedlander, David Kohll, Albert Alhadeff, Dan Jawitz, Keith Blacher, David Pick, Gary Kantor, Robert Turtledove, Martin Ferera, Peter Cohen

Middle row: Tracy Benatar, Ruth Wulfsohn, Ivy Weiss, Fortunee Capelluto, Deborah Adelsky, Mrs. A. Hatchuel, Mr. D. Calvey, Mr. J. Salomon, Leonie Stiel, Michelle Myerson, Carolyn Treger, Lesley Michalowsky

On floor: Deborah Baldachin, Deborah Clain, Meryl Brown

13th November, 1972.

Dear Parents,

Another academic year has passed and we have much to look back on with pleasure and pride.

Mrs. Brown stepped into the breach as Acting Head and with a calm confidence, proceeded to restore a most reassuring level of order and an atmosphere of quiet industry to our small world which had suffered such serious setbacks the previous year. It is almost impossible to thank Mrs. Brown adequately for the way in which she undertook her onerous responsibilities. She carried out her dual role of classroom teacher and headmistress with the tremendous integrity and skill we have come to expect from her. She would be the first to admit, however, that her task was only made possible by the loyal and practical support she received at all times from the Hebrew and Secular staff. We are indeed grateful for the way in which everyone rallied round. A special word of thanks goes to Mrs. Rosenthal whose devotion and expertise in her administrative role as school secretary was of particular value under trying conditions.

It is not easy to work well and creatively in unsettling circumstances, and yet we expected and received from the whole school just the kind of consolidation we needed this year. We thank them all for the part they played in restoring, perhaps enhancing the reputation of Sharon School.

It is with pleasurable anticipation that both staff and pupils await the arrival of our new Principal, Mrs. Beryl Barnes who will be joining us officially from the 1st January, 1973. Mrs. Barnes has been introduced to the community through our publication, "News and Views" and parents will be familiar with her background and the special skills she brings to this position.

We take this opportunity of wishing her a long and happy association with Sharon School.

Mr. Dave Calvey joined us in Januar of this year as the Standard V teacher and we welcome him to our ranks. His interest in sport and environmental studies has done much to stimulate the children, inspire them to greater effort and broaden their interests and outlook.

and prime-table. We feel we are now approaching a more balanced, child-centred learning programme and would like to thank everyone for their as possible.

It is never easy to effect change in any institution as one is very aware of the almost impossible task of satisfying the needs of everyone concerned. In this particular case it was found necessary to take time from some subjects, amongst these Hebrew, and give it to others, in particular English. This was a difficult adjustment for the Hebrew and her staff who, quite understandably, were very unhappy at the loss of time, but who co-operated sincerely in trying to make the programme work.

We are very sensitive at Sharon to the need for maintaining our excellent standard of Hebrew and Jewish studies while ensuring a secular education at least comparable, if not better than that obtained at a government school. We feel with this recent exercise we are nearer achieving our constant goal. Hoever, as educationists we are also

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REPORT OF THE HEBREW DEPARTMENT

15th November, 1972

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year 1972:

Shabat Services:

We were indeed privileged this term to entertain at our Shabat services every Friday groups of children and their parents from the Salisbury Hebrew Nursery School. The nursery school children felt rather important on these occasions and participated willingly in this activity.

During Shabat services for the upper classes "parashat hashavua" (the weekly portion of the law) was discussed by the children under the guidance of Rev. Benzaquen and Rabbi Shalpid. We would like to express our gratitude to both gentlemen for their regular visits and their valuable contribution to the children's religious education.

Rosh Chodesh ceremonies continued to be held and were conducted by the children. The floating J.N.F. trophy passed from class to class and the total contributions to date amount to \$38,70 as against \$44,30 last year.

I would like to mention that the monthly competition of contributions to J.N.F. is based on the number of children in the class who remembered to bring a contribution and not on the amount collected.

Jewish Festivals and Holy Days.

All Jewish Festivals and Holidays occurring during the year were celebrated according to tradition.

Tu Bishvat: The school grounds are being erichced through the yearly ceremony of planting trees on Tu Bishvat. This year 22 trees were planted by pupils and all are growing well. We have already collected a number of young saplings for next year.

Purim: As in the past, members of the Friendship Club of the

were invited to participate in the celebrations which took
in the Braude Hall. Each of our guests received a Purim mask
prepared by pupils during their art and craft lessons under the
direction of Mrs. Coles. Our programme consisted of songs and
tableaux on the themes of Purim. Our guests provided us with
Ozney Haman and sweets and a good time was had by all.

Pesach: The school Seder was conducted by pupils and proved a successful educational experience. Your P.T.A. provided all that was necessary for the Seder and arranged the tables most beautifully.

Succoth: The Succah was erected by Mr. Bain, the caretaker, and pupils decorated it appropriately.

Daily morning prayers were held in the Succah and both Rev. Benzaquen and Rabbi Shalpid attended and participated with the children.

K.G. classes and Standard 1 had their break meals in the Succah daily during Chol Hamoed.