

SHARON SCHOOL SALISBURY

DESPITE a drop in the number of pupils due to emigration, Sharon School continues to function as a vibrant Jewish educational institution. At the first term there were 55 boys and 53 girls.

The Rhodesian Jewish Communal institutions have all been facing tremendous challenges, with the financial burdens falling on a smaller body of members. It is therefore a tribute to those living in Salisbury and supporting the school, that they have ensured that its doors remain open, and, indeed, an expression of confidence that the school is fulfilling the objects for which it was established.

The danger mark could, of course, be reached if there is a further substantial drop in the pupil count, or if the communal bodies decide to consolidate the present machinery which allows for three educational institutions viz. a nursery school, an afternoon Hebrew school, a Jewish day school; each being separately administered and autonomous.

STAFF

The staff consists of seven full-time teachers (including a teaching headmaster), one part-time remedial teacher, two Hebrew teachers, a secretary, a maintenance caretaker and eight African labourers.

At the end of 1975, Mrs. Beryl Barnes resigned as headmistress, having ably steered the school through a critical period. Mr. R. H. Turner joined the school in January 1976, coming from a senior Government post. He has proved to be a most competent educator, as well as a respected administrator by staff, pupils, parents and members of the Board of Governors. When it was realised in 1977 that the school could no longer afford a non-teaching headmaster, Mr. Turner willingly co-operated and filled in both as a teacher and headmaster without sacrificing any of the high standards that the school had achieved over the years. Further economising also became necessary in the Hebrew department and during 1977 the present staff was programmed to absorb the extra duties resulting from the re-

signation of our part-time Hebrew teacher. This has not caused any lowering of quality or content. The staff at Sharon have all displayed a loyalty, devotion and co-operation that can only draw the admiration and praise from both the Board and parents alike.

HEBREW

The Hebrew department and religious instruction, headed by Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel and ably assisted by Mr. Jack Solomon, continue to main-

**PUPILS FROM BOTH
the Sephardi and Ashkenazi
communities benefit
from our emphasis on
Jewish knowledge and
teaching of Jewish moral
and ethical values.**

tain the highest standards. Most graduates to high school continue with their Hebrew studies at the congregations' afternoon Hebrew school, writing their "O" level exams in this subject, mid-year of Form 3 and achieving remarkably high marks. Most ex-pupils who have been transferred to Jewish day schools in South Africa or overseas have acquitted themselves well, and reports indicate that the foundations received at Sharon have been solid. Israel has also received numerous ex-pupils of the school.

In the absence of a Jewish high school, the syllabus and concentration on Jewish knowledge at junior school level, is geared to its maximum without sacrificing secular subjects. In addition, a great importance is placed on character building through the teaching of Jewish moral and ethical values, particularly in Standard 5 and in the programmes of study designed for the bi-annual Bat Mitzvah classes. Since pupils are drawn from all congregations, traditions, songs and the religious customs of the Ashkenazi

and Sephardi communities are incorporated into the syllabus. Where possible, festival and other projects are extended through certain secular subjects (e.g. arts and crafts, music). The secular teachers welcome these programmes which provide a broader meaning and deeper interest in the subject taught. Participation by the school in public functions have included the recent consecration of the new synagogue in Salisbury, the Mayoral Service and the Bat Mitzvah ceremony. For a number of years the Hebrew Quiz Floating Trophy, competed for against Carmel School in Bulawayo, has been retained by Sharon, with high standards of performance displayed by both schools. Various annual projects sponsored by W.I.Z.O., the Salisbury Zionist Society and the C.A. Jewish Board of Deputies and J.N.F. are competed for enthusiastically by the pupils in Standards 4 and 5, returning entries of a high calibre.

EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

These include an active chess team which continues to provide top players. Participation is encouraged in the "Allied Arts Festival", School Art Competitions and "Rhodes Trustees" Competition. In each case pupils have attained very commendable achievements. The school choir (which includes all pupils from Standards 3, 4 and 5) has given praiseworthy performances at the Combined Schools' Choir Concerts.

BUILDINGS AND SPORTSFIELDS

The school premises are rented from the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation and these, together with the sports field and swimming pool, have been well maintained with the active co-operation of the P.T.A. Additions to the maintenance workshop and library have added greatly to the educational facilities at the school. The library in particular is today considered to be one of the most comprehensive primary school libraries in Salisbury. A sports pavilion has been built with P.T.A. funds and the fields are fully utilised. Sports functions are well sup-

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Our picture shows, left to right: Amanda Beer, Janice Benatar, Talia Brisk, Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel, Angela Burleigh, Amanda Benator, Caron Menashe and Frances Seftel.

Happy occasion in Salisbury

SALISBURY: Seven girls, all pupils or graduates of Sharon School, Salisbury, celebrated their Batmitzvah at an impressive ceremony in the new synagogue of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation.

The seven girls were Adele Beer, Amanda Benatar, Janice Benatar, Talia Brisk, Angela Burleigh, Caron Menashe and Frances Seftel.

The many present included the newly elected Mayor and Mayoress of Salisbury, Cnr and Mrs Ronnie Cowan and representatives of all Jewish communal bodies in the city.

The Rev P. Copperman, the newly appointed

Minister of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation and the Rev Suiza of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation led the girls into the synagogue while the Sharon School choir sang Baruch Habah and Ma Tovv.

The girls read prayers and psalms, and selected verses from the Book of Proverbs.

A prayer for the community, Rhodesia and the State of Israel was intoned by Rev Suiza.

Rev Copperman addressed the Bnot Mitzvah.

Presentations of Bnot Mitzvah and Golden Book certificates were made by Mr. H. Gollop, vice-president of the Central

African Jewish Board of Deputies and Mrs. Victoire Koblenz, chairman of the Salisbury Women's Zionist League respectively.

Adele Beer (head girl) and Frances Seftel voiced the thanks of the Bnot Mitzvah.

A presentation on behalf of the girls was made by Amanda Benatar to Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel, head of the Hebrew Department, who had conducted the Batmitzvah course.

The ceremony was followed by a tea in the Harry Margolis Hall, where the many guests were welcomed by Mr Boaz Menashe.

ported by parents and friends and despite the small number of pupils to draw on for teams, they have performed well, even against larger schools both on and off the field (records have even been broken in athletics and swimming).

FINANCE

The school's finances compare favourably with its counterparts in South Africa. The Board has not had to face any capital developments. Fund-raising efforts have been restricted to augmenting the "Bursary Fund" and current expenditure. From 1969, when the school launched its "Foundation Fund" and to 1974 with the "Bursary Fund", this area of activity was led by Marvyn Hatchuel. This has now been vigorously taken over by Mike Rosenfield and a band of enthusiastic helpers from both the P.T.A. and the Board of Governors. From these efforts, it has been possible to maintain a policy ensuring sufficient reserves to cover estimated shortfalls for approximately two years ahead. The generosity of parents as well as public spirited members of the community has been a great source of encouragement and in no small measure responsible for this state of affairs. Fees have been set at levels within the reach of the majority of parents (members of congregations receive substantial remission of fees). Grants are made on a per capita basis by the C.A. Zionist Organisation, the C.A. Jewish Board of Deputies and Government. Congregations also contribute on a per capita basis of pupils from their respective members. Contributions to the Bursary Fund have been received from the Union of Jewish Women, W.I.Z.O., the Salisbury Zionist Society, Chevra Kadisha and other organisations.

P.T.A.

The school boasts a most active P.T.A., and their fund-raising efforts have enabled them to hand over \$10 000 to the Board for the Bursary Fund. A quiz team recently earned \$4 000 for P.T.A. funds by winning the finals in a national T.V. interschools' P.T.A. contest. Past chairmen Ivan Levine and Reuben Moss have made valuable contributions to P.T.A. activities. Parents have been fired with energy and enthusiasm and encouraged to involve themselves with the activities of the pupils, thus con-



To Great Hatchuel
With thanks and appreciation
for everything you have done for
us, not only this year but
throughout our years at SHARON.
Please think of us whenever you
do this gift!

With love and affection
From

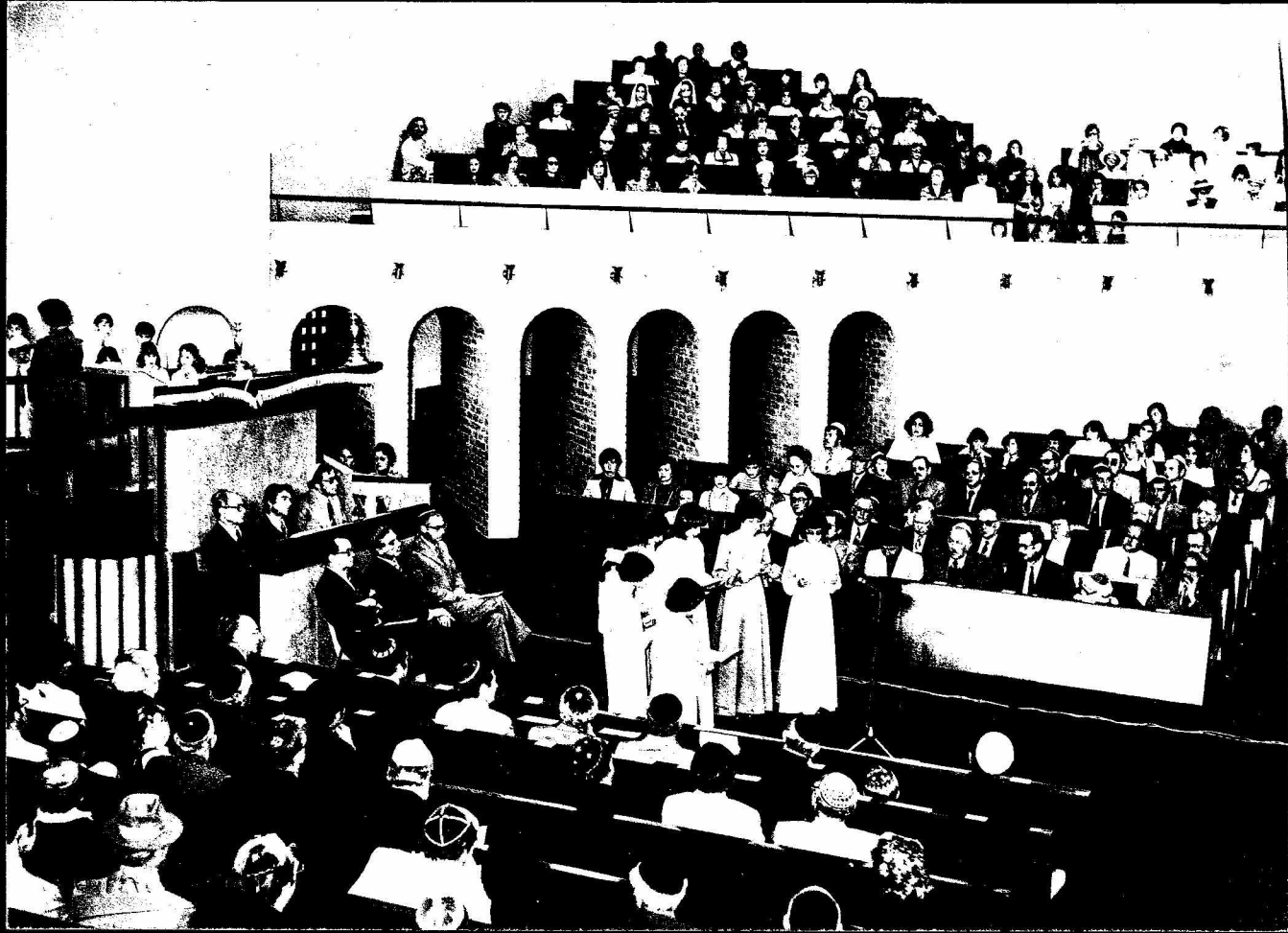
The 1977 LAG MITZVAH GIRLS

tributing largely to the success of Sharon in so many areas.

GOVERNORS

Under the successive chairmanship of Harold Abrahamson and Harry Kantor, the Board has operated smoothly. Members are drawn from all the major communal bodies, as well as parents and donors. Apart from its normal functions, including finance, it has concerned itself with ensuring as big an intake of pupils as possible. In the light of political and economical circumstances it is aware that the coming months could be crit-

ical in deciding the future policy of the school. The school has always been non-racial, and up to now, owing to its strong Jewish traditional character and syllabus, it has not attracted any significant numbers of non-Jewish pupils. The educational system of the country could possibly undergo changes in the future. However, the Board considers that it is in a strong position to cope with such changes, while retaining the basic character of the school. It could possibly play an even more significant role in strengthening the links unifying the community and ensuring a high standard of education for all its children.



CIVIC  SUNDAY

MAYORAL SERVICE

*His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress,
Councillor and Mrs. Ronald Saul Cowan.*

Salisbury Hebrew Congregation

Order of Service

AT THE

SYNAGOGUE

MILTON PARK JEWISH CENTRE

ON

SUNDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1977, at 3 p.m.

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Attended by The President of Rhodesia,

The Hon. J. J. WRATHALL, G.M.L.M., I.D. and Mrs. WRATHALL

and

ALDERMAN F. E. CHISHOLM, M.L.M., ALDERMAN I. PITCH, M.P.,

ALDERMAN H. D. TANNER, I.C.D., O.B.E., R.D. and

ALDERMAN G. H. TANSER,

CITY COUNCILLORS and HEADS of DEPARTMENTS

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*Service conducted by the Mayor's Chaplain,
the Rev. Philip Copperman, F.L.C.M., L.R.A.M.,
assisted by the Sharon School Choir
under the direction of Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel*

City of  Salisbury

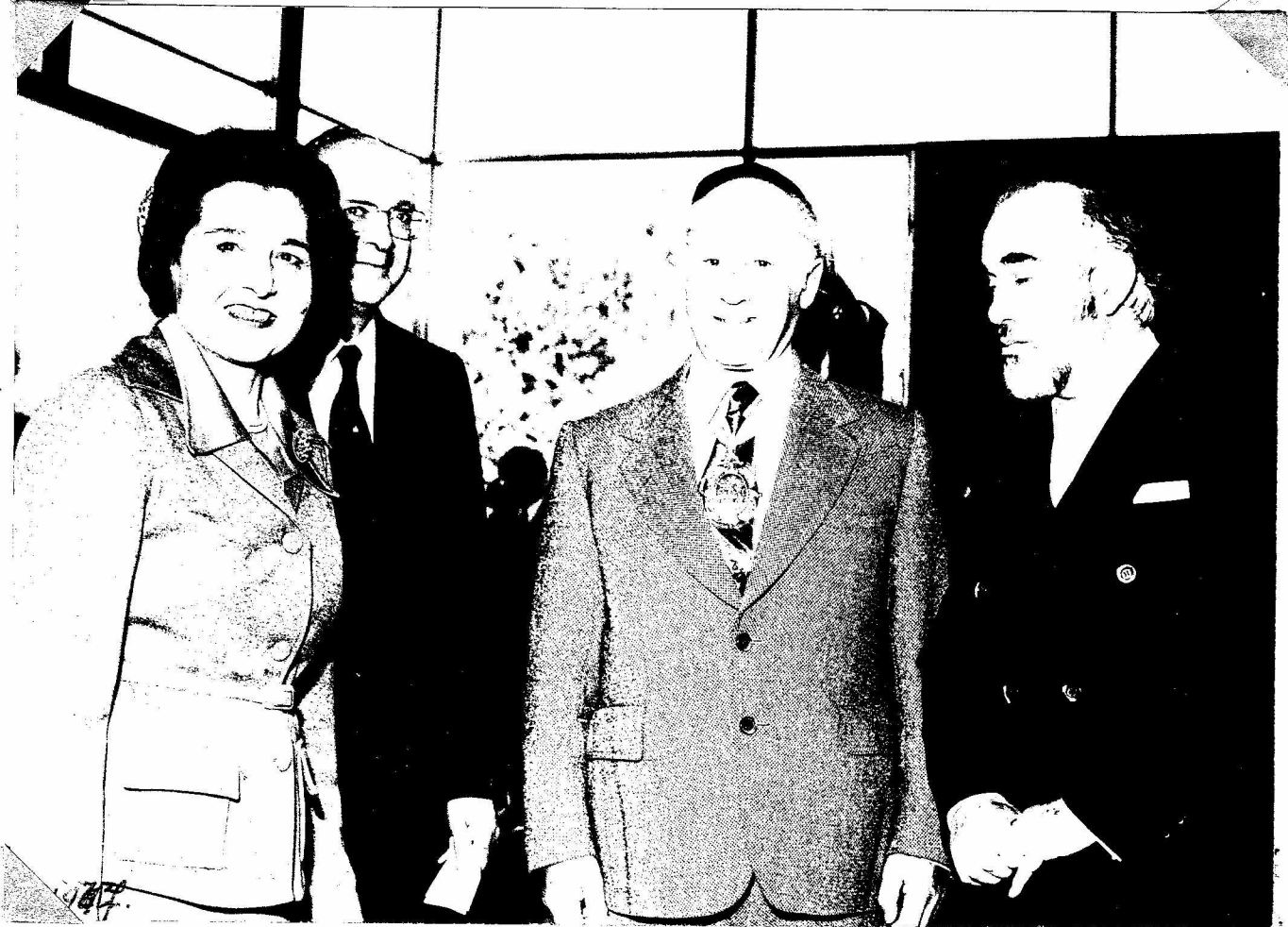
*His Worship the Mayor
Councillor Ronald Saul Cowan
cordially invites*

Mr. and Mrs. Hatchvel

*to attend a Mayoral Service
to be held in the Synagogue, Milton Park Jewish Centre
Lezard Avenue, Salisbury
on Sunday, 2nd October, 1977 at 3.00 p.m.*

R.S.V.P.: (BEFORE 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1977)
THE MAYOR'S AIDE,
P.O. BOX 990,
SALISBURY.

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 2.50 P.M.
IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED
THAT GENTLEMEN WEAR HATS



SALISBURY JEWRY CONSECRATE A NEW SYNAGOGUE

(Contributed)

After five years of intensive planning and 18 months of building operations, the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation's new *Shul* was formally dedicated and consecrated "to the Glory of God" on Sunday, August 14. The architect responsible for the design of this beautiful and imposing new building — which completes the Congregation's impressive complex of buildings in the suburb of Milton Park — was Mr. Geoffrey Doctors, who went on *aliyah* to Israel a year ago. The finishing touches were the work of another architect, Mr. Harold Baeck.

A very large Congregation witnessed a ceremony which, for decorum and impressiveness, induced a feeling of pride and achievement throughout the community. From the moment the eight *Sifrei Torah* were carried into the *Shul* by Rabbi Duschinsky, Rev. Copperman, the five Hon. Officers and the President of the *Chevra Kaddisha*, the whole ceremony proceeded with clock-work precision and a moving solemnity and dignity worthy of this eventful occasion.

After a short address by the President, Mr. I. Rabinowitz, in which he stressed the importance and significance of the Synagogue in the life of every Jew, especially in the Diaspora of the past 2 000 years, the main address was delivered by Rabbi E. J. Duschinsky, *Av Beth Din* of the Cape Province, who officiated as the Consecrating Officer. In the course of his authoritative and scholarly address, the Rabbi quoted from the Babylonian Talmud about the building of the first Synagogue in the time of Daniel and the role of this institution in Jewish life ever since. He instanced the continuity of worship at the Western Wall, drew attention to the windows which enabled worshippers to look out towards Jerusalem, to become preoccupied with the sacred Hebrew alphabet and our ancient tongue, and to seek for and acknowledge the Divine help and guidance of the Lord.

Among the distinguished guests present at the ceremony and the reception which followed in the Harry Margolis Hall were the Hon. E. Broomberg, Minister of Information, Immigration and Tourism, H. W. the Mayor of Salisbury, Clr. R. S. Cowan, Professor R. Craig, Principal of the University of Rhodesia, Clr. E. R. Wright, Immediate Past Mayor of Salisbury, Mr. R. S. Harris, Vice-President representing the C.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr. E. Brod, Act. President of the C.A. Zionist Organisation, Mr. I. R. Rosin, O.B.E., Alderman I. Pitch, Rabbi A. Wigler, Minister of the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi C. E. Cassell, Minister of the Bulawayo Progressive Congregation, and the Presidents of the Sephardi, Bulawayo, Que Que and Gatooma Orthodox Congregations and the Salisbury Progressive Jewish Congregation.

Rev. P. Copperman, assisted by the Sharon School Choir under the baton of Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel, rendered the cantorial portions of the Service to the great pleasure of the Congregation. The entire ceremony was under the direction of the Secretary, Mr. Gerald Rosin.

GIVE TO AND WORK FOR THE I.U.A.

SHARON SCHOOL - SALISBURY - BATMITZVAH CEREMONY

(Contributed)

This year Sharon School *Barmitzvah* ceremony was held on Sunday, August 7 in the newly constructed Synagogue of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation.

The Synagogue was filled with family and friends of the *Bnot Mitzvah* and graced by representatives of all the Jewish Congregations and communal bodies of Salisbury, as well as the newly elected Mayor and Mayoress, His Worship Councillor and Mrs. Ronnie Cowan.

The seven girls participating, Adele Beer, Amanda Benatar, Janice Benatar, Talia Brisk, Angela Burleigh, Caron Menashe and Frances Seftel are all pupils or graduates of Sharon School.

Opening the ceremony, Reverend P. Copperman, the newly appointed Minister of the Salisbury Hebrew Congregation and Reverend Suiza of the Sephardi Hebrew Congregation led the girls into the Synagogue while the Sharon School choir gave support in singing the *Baruch Habah* and *Ma Tovv*.

The girls read prayers and psalms, and selected verses from the Book of Proverbs in Hebrew and in English concluding with the *Bnot Mitzvah* prayer.

A prayer for the Community, Rhodesia and the State of Israel was given by Reverend Suiza after which Reverend Copperman addressed the *Bnot Mitzvah* urging them to continue along the path of Jewish knowledge which they had been fortunate in acquiring at Sharon School and leading them to this point in their maturity. He hoped they would continue to enlarge on the standard of moral and ethical behaviour which their Judaism had taught them. He concluded by blessing them and expressing a wish for their future success and happiness.

Presentations of *Bnot Mitzvah*, and J.N.F. certificates were made by Mr. H. Gollop, Vice-President of the Central African Jewish Board of Deputies and Mrs. Victoire Koblenz, co-Chairlady of the Salisbury Women's Zionist League respectively.

Addressing the congregation on behalf of the *Bnot Mitzvah*, Adele Beer, Head Girl, spoke in Hebrew thanking all concerned for providing the wonderful Jewish education they had all received while attending Sharon School and expressing the hope that they would be able to fulfill the ideals that had been imparted to them. Frances Seftel then spoke in English thanking all the teachers and parents whose indulgence had helped steer them to this eventful day.

Finally, a presentation on behalf of the girls was made by Amanda Benatar to Mrs. Aliza Hatchuel, Head of the Hebrew Department and who had conducted the special *Batmitzvah* course set for them.

Guests were then invited to join the parents and girls for tea at the Harry Margolis Hall. They were welcomed by Mr. Boaz Menashe. A message of thanks was given by Mrs. Hatchuel who also noted that the finest reward a teacher could have from pupils was to witness not only their academic achievements and positive attitudes to the subject in hand but also the proper conduct they displayed in the society in which they lived.

(See photo opposite page)



OUR HONORED GUEST MR. SACIS, NEARBY TEACHERS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN

My speech tonight is not a speech you'll see
It is in fact in the form of poetry
I'm starting now from KG one
And I'll go right through until I'm done

We started off with Mrs. Munro
Those many, many year's ago,
"Raise your hats you naughty boys
No play and no more noise."
But soon we'll have to say good-bye,
To a super teacher but we mustn't cry,
We wish her lots of happiness and wealth,
And also lots and lots of good health!

Our next class teacher was Mrs. Brown
Harder work - heads right down,
Geverett Hatchedel taught us Hebrew
We learnt a lot in KG Two

Then Mrs. Holmes so gentle and kind,
We found the work no longer a bind,
She tried to teach us how to swim,
But in the pool we were so dim.

Now Mrs. Coles, she put us straight,
"Good morning children, why are you late?"
But sing my little dears,
I'll need you in the next few years!"

A change in Hebrew - now Geverett Walters,
We tried so hard to avoid getting ulcers,
And then Adon Solomon - oh, what a rush,
But loved the Hebrew especially "chamash".

/for me

With Mrs. Drury in Standard Three
A lovely class where we wanted to be,
With acting, films and lots of tennis,
Were we really such a menace?

We met Mrs. Warburton in Standard Four
"Cover your books, or out the door",
But we loved her stories often told,
Of far-away places in days of old.

When we entered Standard Five,
Mr. Turner was a real surprise,
Half the base times the perpendicular height,
Pye R squared - I just couldn't get them right.

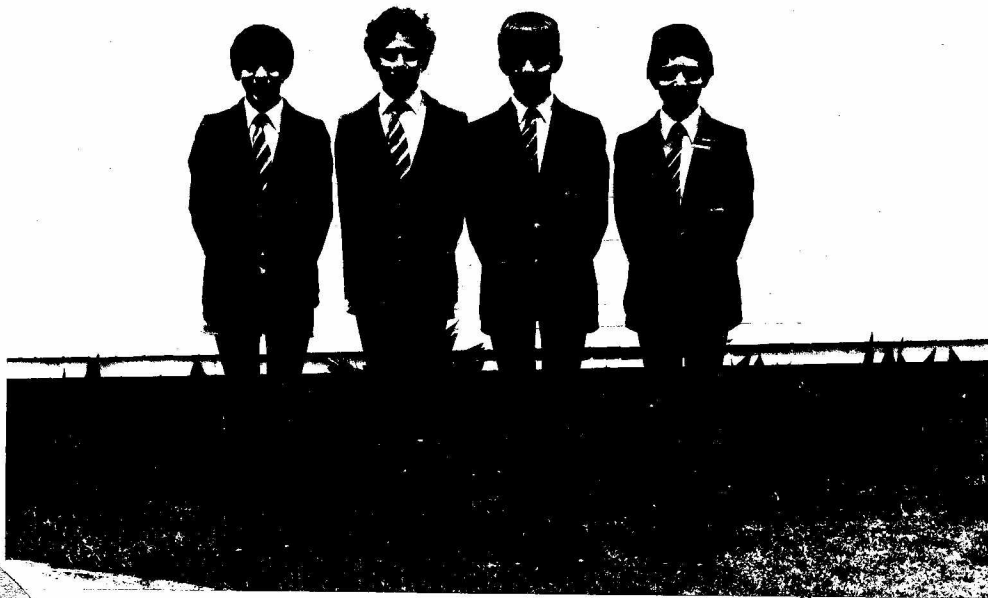
Not forgetting Mr. Quin and Mrs. Rosenthal,
They're always willing to help us all,
Fixing, painting and feeding the cat,
Giving out disinia and typing this and that.

We have some clever parents as you saw on our T.V.
They've won the school some money so we're all jumping with glee,
Sportsmen of the year they might never ever be,
But luckily with their brains they'll never have to worry.

This lovely school I'm going to miss
So here and now I'll blow a kiss,
To leave this place that I'm so fond,
And become a tadpole in a great, big pond.
I'll soon be off to another school,
Where I'll be under a different rule,
But I'll always remember the grounding I got
at Sharon School - the best of the lot!



1974-1975 Sports Team



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