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Dear Congregants,

Under the leadership of Rabbi Kacev we have enjoyed another productive year at West Street Shul. We wish Rabbi & Yael and their family much happiness in their new home.

2007 has been a year of moving home for a number of congregants. May new homes be new beginnings for simcha, brocha and shalom.

Pesach was celebrated at West Street with kiddush – a somewhat rare occurrence in many Shuls. Thanks to our ever stalwart catering brigade for this and all other culinary delights.

Special mention must be made of the people who lein and daven on a regular basis. You give of yourselves and your talents, and the Shul is richer for your contribution. We have a new face at the Shul, Michael Wingrin who will be leining and also helping with the children. Welcome!

We are delighted to see the growing numbers of children among us. It was a privilege to present siddurim to seven of our children who were going to grade 1 at the beginning of the year. This is a tradition we started some years ago and it has continued to blossom.

Purim brought out some imaginative costumes and fun was had by all who attended.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut the Shul enjoyed a tasty Shabbat lunch, with the tables decked out in blue and white.

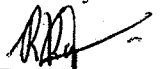
The night of Tikkum Leil Shavuot proved to be extremely cold. Nevertheless many congregants attended the dinner and stayed to hear an interesting topic from the Rabbi.

Again this year we have battled for a minyan on some days. School holidays, cold weather and commitments notwithstanding, if all members could pick one morning or afternoon and make a point of attending, it would be of great help. To the regulars who make every effort to be there for a minyan – Thank you! Your steadfastness does not go un-noticed.

In world affairs there has been much strife. I cannot help but think that if Israel was able to change the mindset of the media to report about “Re-claimed” land rather than “occupied” land, there would be more sympathy for the seemingly endless struggle to bring about peace in our beloved Israel. May the missing soldiers be returned safely to their families and may we celebrate Rosh Hashana 5768 with the promise of peace.

Wishing you all good health and hatzlocha in all your endeavours.

Sincerely

  
**Ronnie Kaplan**  
(Chairman)