

New London Synagogue Hat Trick

Contemporary Silver at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Members may be interested to know that at the recent Anglo Jewish Silver Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, three of the contemporary Torah silver items on display belonged to the New London Synagogue.

Firstly there was the exquisite set made by Gerald Benney and commissioned by Ethel Wix in memory of her father.

Secondly, the Misha Black design, depicting in sculptural terms — the Twelve Tribes and made by Tom Bouchler. This was commissioned by Mr and Mrs Charles Gordon for the Leon Selzer memorial.

Thirdly — a completely modern conception by Professor Arie Ofir head of the Silversmithing department at the Bezalel Academy, Jerusalem, and featuring silver and gilt Rimonim. This will be officially presented to the New London this year by Mr and Mrs M. Durst who have commissioned the work.

This is something of a triumph for the New London, which has, since its inception, made a determined effort to maintain high artistic standards.

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