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When Jonny had lost all hope, Norwood gave him a new beginning

As you reflect this Rosh Hashanah, will **you** give others a new beginning too?

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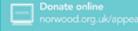
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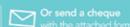
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From the editor's desk

Dear Reader



By the time you read this magazine, the vote for Scottish independence will have been taken. The question for the Scots to consider was, would their

interests best be served going alone, or remaining in a formal arrangement with the rest of the UK. Whilst not wishing to overstate our position, it struck me that maybe Alex Salmond could have done worse than consult with the leaders in our own Mosaic Community to look at the pros and cons of being part of a 3-way arrangement or being totally independent!! For us it was a no brainer!

Whilst our Mosaic community is very much in its infancy, I can see from the number of articles I receive that our members are involved in many

areas of communal life. I hope that this is reflected in the content of this second edition of Kehila, which I trust has something for everyone. If you have any ideas for future publications please let me know - do keep sending your articles, photos and snippets of information.

The next edition of the magazine will be at Chanukah. In between times you will continue to receive Kehila monthly which will give you up to date information about events and happenings in the community.

On behalf of the Editorial Team I wish you Shana Tova – a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.



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What is Mosaic?

Mosaic is a vibrant new Jewish community which comprises the members of three partner synagogues. The three synagogues represent the Masorti, Reform and Liberal strands of Judaism respectively providing Mosaic members with a choice of emphases and ritual across the Progressive spectrum. Indeed, the providing of choice is a key Mosaic principle which extends beyond ritual. Mosaic provides its members with a wide range of social, educational, cultural and recreational activities designed to appeal to diverse interests and age groups.

There is an excellent religion school for younger members with innovative opportunities to extend Jewish learning beyond bar/bat mitzvah.

Most important, we look out as well as in and offer exciting opportunities to get involved with influential social action and inter-faith programmes, whether locally, nationally or internationally. Mosaic is living proof of what can be achieved with goodwill, mutual respect and a willingness to work together.

Find out more at www.choosemosaic.org or contact Membership Officer Lindsey Cohen on 020 8420 7498



s I write this message we have just returned from holidays in an old farmhouse just outside the little village of Cazals in the Lot region of France. The farmhouse is about 200 years old, situated on the top of a hill overlooking the valley and a forest. My family has been going to this house for many years. When we turn the gigantic rusty key in the weather-beaten door we are greeted

Rabbi Kathleen Middleton returns from rural France

by the familiar smell of the log fire, lavender, limestone and hay and we feel instantly at home.

Arriving at the 'little home in France' as the children call it, is like stepping back in time into a bubble untouched by current affairs. We spend the days reading, painting, rambling and picking copious amounts of blackberries, nuts, apples, juniper berries, figs and flowers. The house is so remote that without TV. internet or telephone reception, it is entirely shielded from news of the outside world. Being cut off from the moral and existential anguish over Israel's Gaza war, the situation in the Ukraine and the worrying advance of the IS in the Middle East reminded me of the importance of creating for ourselves sanctuaries of peace. Not in order to

escape our responsibility from tikkun et ha-olam - repairing this suffering world of ours, but in order to remind ourselves that shalom - peace and wholeness - is not just a dream, but a liveable reality, just as real as the chaos that currently reigns in the Middle East.

Shabbat is such an instance as are the High Holydays. In these we can retreat from the chaos and anguish around us and, in the midst of our community, focus exclusively on the things which give meaning to our lives. Such things as the people we love and the things we do that give us a sense of fulfilment. This gives us the courage to join the voice of goodness in a confused and anxious world.

May the year to come be a better year for us and the rest of the world.

MitzvahDay

Mitzvah Day is a brilliant international day, dedicated to helping others through simple acts of kindness, goodwill and giving. Please come along and be a part of it!

This year Mitzvah Day is on Sunday 16th November and we would really appreciate help with any of the following:

Collecting for the New Hope Trust Volunteers to go to Morrisons on Pinner

Road and collect food donations

Join this Tzedek project by donating unwanted CDs and DVDs. These will be used to directly help people help themselves out of extreme poverty in Africa and India.

Gift boxes for Barnados

New toys, books and gifts for children aged 0-16 that will fit into a shoe box.

Elevenses at Kol Chai

- volunteers to help make and serve tea and sandwiches
- budding entertainers to sing, play instruments, tell a joke or two...

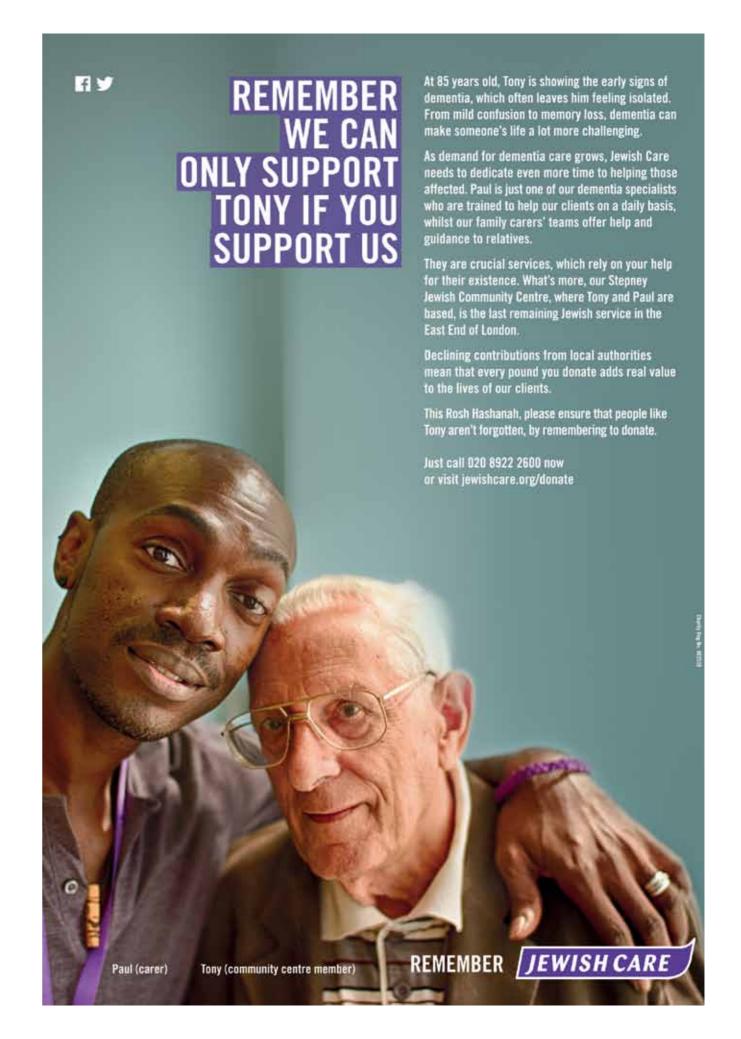
Volunteers with skills that they could share with the rest of the community, for example:

- computer skills/ knowledge
- odd jobs and DIY
- gardening

Harrow Nature Conservation Forum We will also be contributing to the upkeep of our local environment, so any willing helpers would be greatly appreciated.

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Reports from the Chairmen



Harry Grant - Mosaic Chairman

As ever, the August Bank Holiday marks the end of the holiday season, the rapid approach of the new school term, and the home run towards Yomtov, the first for our new Community.

For Barbara and me it represents a return from the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, where we continued to participate in a wild mix of largely student drama music and comedy, trying to forget our advancing years as we schlepped up and down the hills which are Edinburgh.

We were saddened by the withdrawal of two Israeli shows, which had been boycotted before we arrived, but we were pleased to hear that at least one of them had got alternative bookings throughout the UK, including at JW3.

We were even more pleased to enjoy an hour of stand up comedy from Yisrael Campbell, now a Chasid living in Jerusalem, but formerly a Catholic from Philadelphia. He spoke of his three conversions to Judaism, first Reform, then Conservative and finally Orthodox. The title of his show, "Circumcise me", caused us some trepidation when we booked, but it was a classic example of expectations being exceeded as he entertained us well.

The concept of the Edinburgh Fringe reminds me in many ways of Mosaic, as we seek to provide a wide range of religious, educational and social activities to a diverse range of congregants. We are constantly looking for new things to do across the Community to better engage all of our members, and if there is anything you feel would go down well within Mosaic, do please let me know.

Meanwhile I wish you a very peaceful, healthy and happy New Year, to you and all of yours, and I look forward to 5775 bringing stable peace to our families in Israel, and to all of their neighbours, and continuing success to our fledgling Community.



Adrian Cohen - HWPS Chairman

As I put pen to paper it is August and we are fast approaching Rosh Hashana and the penitential season. August is a strange month in England as the weather never quite makes up its mind what

it is going to do. The roads are relatively empty in north west London with many families away to guaranteed sunny climes. We too share in that almost holiday feeling with only the rain and occasional milder day to remind us that autumn is just around the corner.

Sometimes it feels as though we live our lives with some large event just around the corner, like children on a long car journey repeatedly asking "are we there yet?" Somehow we fail to enjoy the journey in itself and what we can do here and now to enrich, educate and entertain us all.

It is now three years since HWPS came to live at 39 Bessborough Road and long before we all created Mosaic. From the get-go and even while we were creating Mosaic all I was repeatedly asked was "When will we get a building?" My response was honest and always the same: "I don't know, maybe three, maybe five years, perhaps longer".

However, now I am rarely asked that question and I think the reason for that is that over the last year, since the synagogues formally approved the creation of Mosaic and its legal creation in March of this year, things have really started to happen not just committees being formed but joint events taking place that have emerged from a bedrock of mutual respect, tolerance and consideration. Events that are agreed and steered by all three communities without any sense of individual ownership - events such as Ramp Up The Red (for British Heart Foundation), Shavuot parallel services and joint learning in the home of a HEMS member, hugely successful Viva La Bop concert and the recent brunch with wonderful musical entertainment to raise funds for the hard-pressed Progressive community in the Ukraine.

There's a lot more in the pipeline so watch out for more joint events over the next year. They are not just around the corner but here and now!



Neil Mendoza – HEMS Chairman

Am Yisrael Chai! In order to meet copy deadlines I am writing this at the tail end of July. Operation Protective Edge is proceeding in Gaza and the world is in uproar. By the time you read this the outcome

of yet another violent conflict in the Middle East will probably have become clearer and things will have settled down. At present, that is something we can only hope for. But recent events have demonstrated a simmering anti-Semitism that lies only just below the surface across Europe. How quickly the demonstrators flooded the streets with their vile chants. How quickly were there scenes of violent mobs causing fear and destruction.

Of course, some observers and participants may seek to rationalise these disgraceful events by reference to the politics of Israel, labeling the protests as being "anti-Zionist" and not anti-Semitic. I don't buy into such a naïve and artificial difference – the mob does not exercise any such intellectual distinction and the course of history going back hundreds of years shows the ease with which we become targets for hatred that never truly goes away. The very existence of anti-Semitism is bizarre in the extreme given the benevolent nature of Jewish communities wherever they have settled, and their immense contributions to the world in areas such as art. science, commerce and so much more. Yet if we are pricked, why can't we react to defend ourselves? Thousands die in conflicts across the globe and there is no outrage, no one seems to really care. Israel reacts to any extent and the world is in uproar. The double standards are

In pre-Mosaic days I wrote what I hoped was an amusing article for Neshama (then the HEMS magazine) concerning our friends in Zikaron Ya'akov and the involvement of mothers in the activities of their children in the IDF. It doesn't seem so funny right now. At the moment "little" Yoav is in the thick of it somewhere in Gaza and they're worried sick. In one of their emails to us they commented that his unit "trust and follow him into battle" - those were their actual words. Just pause for a moment and think about those words, imagining if it was one of your children and the horrific concept of battle.

In the past I had a fairly detached view of Israel, not always empathising with it. Over more recent years I have changed, recognising that it is a homeland for our people that will stand

up to defend itself, and us, while the rest of the world continues its disgusting prejudices. Here at Mosaic we have a range of activities covering different social and cultural areas; but we should not overlook the importance of promoting support for Israel which has a far greater significance for us all, particularly in the current climate. We should be proud to say Am Yisrael Chai – the people of Israel live!



Barbara Grant - Mosaic Reform Chairman

With the Yom Tovim just around the corner, we are nearing the end of our summer break, energised to meet the New Year with renewed ideas and enthusiasm. The formation of our new community is still in

its relative infancy and we are constantly debating and discussing how to connect with our members and to create the community that we all want to be a part of. With some 1200 souls in Mosaic, this is not an easy task but we can learn so much by engaging with one another to find out what really matters to others. We all have different aims and aspirations, needs and expectations. We must now challenge ourselves by asking what is really important to us? What do we really need to do to make a difference to our community and how can we begin this process of change? We all have a role to play and by engaging with one another, we can start to bring about this transformation. We can create a community that others will want to be a part of and will truly represent what we stand

Each Mosaic Synagogue has an elected Council who will endeavour to shape your Synagogue into the community that you want to be a part of. But we cannot make this transformation without a conversation with our members to try to understand what is important to you. So please, join the debate, tell us your story and let us all be a part of transforming our community for the benefit of all.

A word from the editor!

A big 'thank you' to all the feature writers, proof readers, copy co-ordinators, advertisers, advertising editor, and other people who kindly offered their time and support in the making of this magazine.

Rosh Hashanah message from the President of the Board of Deputies



A tale of two elections

At the time of writing this piece Israel is under continuous rocket attack and there is no prospect of a cease fire. I hope and pray that by the time this is read the situation will have settled. I am writing to you with what will be my final Rosh Hashanah address, as my term as President comes to a mandatory end in May next year. Being President has given me many pleasing moments and enormous pride. I am delighted that the Board has made so much progress so that we now have a first rate team led by a first rate CEO, Gillian Merron, and soon hopefully will be housed in first rate up to date premises. Our discussions with the JLC for a unified organisation of the community continue but, whether on its own or as a part of a wider organisation, the Board has a bright future.

None of what we achieve would be possible without our dedicated Deputies, from across the UK – I thank them for their hard work: they represent their constituencies and are vital to the functioning of UK Jewry. Needless to say, the Board exists on money from individuals in the community – half of which comes from the Communal Levy: still, less than half of synagogue members pay the relatively small sum of $\mathfrak{L}25$ a year to support our work. I think that the message here will support the fact that we are deserving of that contribution.

We are helping to counter BDS, witnessed by our wide ranging response during Operation Protective Edge which included effectively countering local council politicisation of the conflict, being in regular contact with political parties and the Foreign Office, and engaging in multi- platform media responses, including on the BBC and in national, Israeli and local press; throughout the year we have also worked closely with different faith organisations including the Methodist Church leadership, which led to a moratorium around BDS activity;

- We are protecting Jewish education through our lobbying ministers, such as the right to teach lvrit as a first language;
- We are promoting Judaism through our revamped Jewish Living Experience exhibitions and Tours, in which thousands of non-Jewish children learn about our faith every year;

- We are reaching the edges of the community through Jewish Connection, which is supporting small communities all over the UK who need pastoral, social care, networking and advocacy support from the mainstream of the community:
- We consulted the community and then worked with the Equality and Human Rights Commission to produce new guidelines that clearly define the right to religious practice both at work and in education institutions;
- Finally our APPG on British Jews has already drawn wide support from politicians and has helped us hone the community's lobbying on core rights issues, namely: social care, restitution of property for Survivors, protecting Shechitah, the right and value to a religious education by showcasing our excellent schools, lobbying on child benefit credits and many other issues affecting the entire spectrum of the community.

5774 has been a significant year of achievement for the Board. Let's hope that 5775 will be a year of peace for Israel and the Middle East and a successful one for the community.

Shana tova, Vivian Wineman

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Coming of age at Mosaic Reform

Bar mitzvah feature co-odinator Traci Spivack



My bar mitzvah – Adam Newman

y bar mitzvah was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. When I first saw my portion that I would be reading, I thought 'I could never do this in 9 months.' But then I met my bar mitzvah teacher Stefan. Stefan was the most amazing teacher and helped me prepare for my bar mitzvah and I really thank him for that, as all the hard work paid off. Apparently after I finished my bar mitzvah, Rabbi Kathleen said to me that I was the quickest bar mitzvah ever!

Then the Sunday of my special weekend came; it was finally the party which I was very excited for! Firstly, when I got to the venue all the photos were being taken of us all. But then after some photos, my mum, my dad and I, went to the entrance to greet our guests, and most people said to me "well done Adam, I am very proud of you, and you did amazingly in Shul yesterday". Later on in the evening, the fun started and everyone was dancing and partying the night away. Unfortunately, the night came to an end far too soon, and my weekend of celebrations was complete! I would especially like to thank everyone involved at our Shul, and everyone that was involved in making the weekend so, so special, and especially my Mum and Dad...Thank You.

My bar mitzvah - Sam Phillips

y bar mitzvah was an amazing experience. It was brilliant to see the synagogue hall filled with friendly faces. Reading in front of the community was an empowering experience, one that I would happily repeat. I now feel and can say that I am proud to be part of the Mosaic community, and Mosaic Reform within it.

Before I started learning my parsha, I was unaware of the dislike of it, because of its subject of slaughter in a time of war. I interpreted this as a story about moral standards in a time of war, as the Israelites repented for the deaths they had caused, which was unheard of in those times.

It was especially nice to see members of Harrow and Wembley Progressive and Hatch End Masorti synagogues at the service, and to see representatives from the leadership of Mosaic and our three synagogues opening the ark at the beginning of the service.

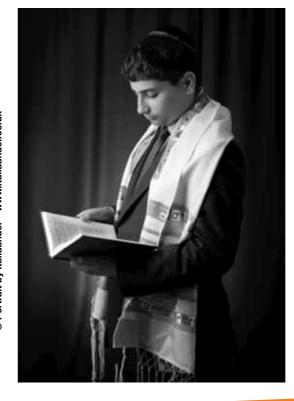
I had an exciting party afterwards, with all my friends and family – everyone was in fancy dress and it was so much fun.

The following day I hosted a sponsored walk to raise money for cancer research, in memory of my mum. So far we have raised over £3,500. I hope the money will help to beat cancer sooner – you can support us at www.justgiving.com/SamJPhillips.

I had an amazing experience on my bar mitzvah weekend and look forward to my future as part of Mosaic Reform.



Coming of age at HWPS



My bar mitzvah – Sam Benso

n Saturday 29th of March at HWPS I had my bar mitzvah. I was so happy and a tiny bit nervous, but I feel I delivered my portion well and made everyone proud. My Torah portion was about leprosy and childbirth. Despite being given a, let's call it, difficult portion, I feel I made my parents, other family members and friends very proud. I was also amazed to see so many faces in synagogue that day, from near and far - it was a great turn out and I would like to thank everyone who came.

I have many people to thank for making my bar mitzvah so perfect. Firstly, Alan Solomon. Alan taught me my portion and helped me with the service. Another important person to thank is Pete Martin. Pete is my teacher at Mosaic HaMakom and also helped me on a few occasions when Alan was on holiday. Pete also asked me to take the majority of the service and taught it to me. Finally, I would like to thank my Rabbi. Rabbi Frank helped ease the nervousness I had - thank you for being at my side in the service and in fact all your support over the years and to my family.

Looking towards the future, I am continuing on to do Kabbalat Torah and then hopefully become an assistant teacher. Also, HWPS members will know about Kiev Koppers, which I intend to bring back into cheder. I can't wait to see what the future holds for me and I will take every opportunity that I am offered.

Easier said than done



s Chair of the Group working on Relocation
I felt it would be useful to provide an update to Members on progress over the last

few months. I hope that the following will go some way to answering the questions about our potential move to new premises that so many are asking.

Please be aware of the great sensitivity surrounding release of any detailed information. We are bound by confidentiality agreements when dealing with other parties, and furthermore detailed information can dramatically affect prices when it becomes publically known. We could easily find ourselves in competition with residential property developers whose pockets are much deeper than ours.

These issues are only the start of the challenges we face, as we tie in many other aspects of the process. Those other aspects include:

Demographics of our existing and

potential membership

- Planning consent
- Parking and transport
- Selling Bessborough Road
- Legal agreements
- Potential works to any new location
- Coordinating buying, selling and moving
- Decanting

This list is not conclusive, nor is it in anyway negative. It just gives an indication of what needs to be taken into consideration in a project like this.

We have looked at many potential opportunities, a lot of which were made public after they were rejected, and rejection could have been for a variety of reasons.

That said, there are a couple of sites on our agenda at present, which could suit us well. You are probably aware that we are considering working together with a care home provider, as this would give us greater communal and financial opportunities. We are also confident that our site in Bessborough Road is attractive and valuable to a variety of potential purchasers, including residential

developers and other Faith groups.

Neither of the two sites currently looking attractive are anything like 'done deals', and discussions are in very early stages. However they are both of great interest, and I look forward to being able to share their details with you, just as soon as I am able.

Please remember that no decision can be made without the approval of you the members, as laid down in our Constitution, and that both HEMS and HWPS have representatives on the property working group, so the interests of all three Synagogues within Mosaic are being considered.

I do so wish that I could be more specific on the opportunities we are actively pursuing and trust you understand the need for us to remain circumspect on this until such time as we can be more open. Until then, please bear with us, as the Property Group continues its challenge to secure our new home.

Shana Tova

Lawrence Chadwick BSc MSc FRICS is Chair of the Relocation Working Group

THE LITTLE SHOP OF SHNORRERS

Ronald Selby is a member of the Welwyn Garden Community and a close friend of the editor. In 2007 Ron closed a rather unique business that his father started in 1946 – here is his story



By Ron Selby

n 16th March 2007, the doors of Super Electrical Company were closed for the last time. It marked the end of an era, which began in 1946 when my father started a business which was to become an institution in Stamford Hill.

The shop held probably the largest range of accessories and lamps of any independent retailer in London, drawing customers in from as far away as South London. This in itself was a problem. It meant that either I or my brother had to be in the shop at all times because of the technical nature of a lot of the sales involved. In addition we had a selection of chandeliers that few showrooms

In a ten day period before Pesach we would sell more vacuum bags than most retailers would do in a year, and our lamp sales followed a similar pattern

could compete with. Almost nothing was thrown away! Obsolete accessories and out of date lighting was relegated to the back of the stockroom, and I only wish we could have been mentioned in some of the credits on TV programmes that used some of our old stock.

To give some idea of the changes in the business, I would like to take you back to the late 1940's. You must remember that this was shortly after the war, and my mother overheard two people in the street talking about the "new" electrical shop, and saying that they thought that the owners were German because their name was Swies. This was already a change from the original Swizinsky, but at my mother's insistence it was altered yet again to avoid any possibility of being thought to be German. The shop took its name from the Super Cinema which was exactly opposite. Over the years the cinema went, to be replaced by the first bowling alley in the UK; then later to become a Sainsbury; and finally to its present identity as a Netto. After all these years there are only a few of the older generation who realise where the shop took its name from, and you will not be surprised to know that it was the longest established shop in the area when we closed.

Having served three generations of Chasidim, a lot of them came to refer to me as "The Rabbi" when it came to technical interpretations of some of the Hallachic problems regarding appliances like shavers, toasters and urns, and the koshering of these items. This culminated, a few years ago, with an article in the Jewish Tribune – front page no less – concerning a problem with one of

the new urns and its questionable use on Shabbat and Yom Tovim. The article, editorial comment and letters to the editor rolled on for weeks, and we could not have bought better publicity should we have needed it. I received telephone calls from New York, Belgium, Gateshead, from Dayanim downwards, to clarify the article. And all this because of a telephone call to the Tribune voicing my concern after having had one of the new urns in for repair.

The nature of the sales in the shop was peculiar to the niche market generated by the Chasidim in the area. Christmas was a nonevent, more than made up for by Pesach and Succoth. Other dealers could not believe the quantity of vacuum cleaner bags we sold. In a ten day period before Pesach we would sell more vacuum bags than most retailers would do in a year, and our lamp sales followed a similar pattern. At this time you

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could not move in the shop for vacuum cleaners awaiting repair or collection. Succoth brought its own peculiar demands – extension leads, time switches, lighting and heating for Succahs. After seeking my advice, if they did not like what they heard, they simply ignored it. The Almighty must certainly look down on his Chosen People, because to my knowledge, and absolute amazement, in all those years I never heard of a single fatality

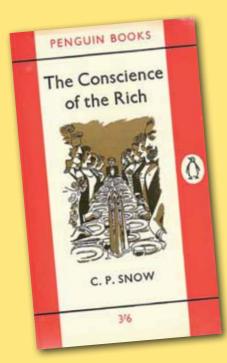
caused by the liberties that they took with electricity.

After much nagging by my family I finally caved in and agreed to retire in March of this year [2007]. My brother was happy to continue the contracting side, working from home. When the news got out that we were closing, I was overwhelmed by the number of people who went out of their way to come in, thank me for all the years of service that we had given, and wish me well in my retirement. And likewise, I have to say that the Chasidic Community were a delight to work for. In the 46 vears I have been in the business. I think there were no more than three or four bad debts. It was very much a "village mentality" in the midst of a city. Everyone knew everyone else's business, and if there was ever a problem, we either went to the customer's parents/brother/cousin or threatened to, and the problem was miraculously resolved!

A fond farewell to Bill Hunter

n Wednesday 30 July some 75 members gathered at Bessborough Road to say farewell to Bill Hunter who has been caretaker of MNS and Mosaic Reform for the last 32 years. During his tenure, Bill has seen huge changes in the life of the Synagogue and has always worked diligently and cheerfully to accommodate our changing needs. He has seen many family members through happy and sad life cycle events and has always obliged us with his willing hand and happy smile. Bill will be sadly missed but can now enjoy his well earned retirement with his family and friends. We all wish him many happy and healthy years ahead.





The Conscience Of The Rich

Michelle Singer reviews this C P Snow page-turner

e's a challenging character. From where does his depression stem? The relationship he forges with the other characters in the story varies on how they relate to his gloomy outlook. He's not even the main character in the story, although he's well loved by all. Who is he?

Eeyore, of course. Such was the subject under discussion in the only book club that I had experienced, (on Vicar of Dibley when no-one had read the book they've decided to discuss and resort to the only book that they all know).

I'd been wanting to join a book club ever since laughing at this scene and duly turned up to Book 39 (with Winnie the Pooh in my bag just in case). I'd read the book, 'Corridors of Power' by C P Snow, against my better judgement. Not only was it written by a scientist, but it's about politics – two of the subjects at school of which I was so ignorant, that I was barred from the lessons.

I was as wrong as it is possible to be. C P Snow is the most gripping author. Hunger for power, Machiavellian tactics, loyalties, relationships (some of which are very surprising given the book was written in the early 1960s,) hope, disappointment, love and hatred, all play their part. The pace is lively and suspense and cliff-hangers make this book a compulsive page-turner. J R Ewing could have learnt a trick or two from Snow's characters who turn deviousness into an art form of elegance.

Talking afterwards to the member who had recommended the book, she mentioned 'The Conscience of the Rich' by the same author and lent me the book to read. Another excellent read in which themes are explored such as the difficulties faced by a Jewish person marrying a non-Jew, and the crushing blow to the father of a talented and wellconnected son who chooses a career path that doesn't please his family. Not remarkable subjects for us now, but again this book was written in 1958 and it's not so much the themes that are covered as the forward thinking and understanding of the human condition that provide the interest. It is very much a social and cultural commentary that is way ahead of its time, with deep, psychological insight.

I'd recommend both novels and also Book 39, which is a marvellous thing. It's exciting to discover new authors and there's always a lively discussion. It doesn't matter whether you love a book or detest it so much that you can't finish it.

Both books are in the Mosaic library at Bessborough Road - a treasure trove of goodies for anyone who enjoys a good read.

Mosaic has a book club that reviews and discusses a whole range of books - for further information contact Janet Solomon on 020 8866 0335, or admin@choosemosaic.org

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CST is the Community Security Trust, a charity that provides security for Jewish communities throughout Britain and supports victims of antisemitism.

CST ensures that we can lead the Jewish life of our choice, with safety and confidence. CST is part and parcel of our communities, drawing upon a proud tradition of British Jewish self-defence.

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It is a sad fact that in Britain today,

there are those who would seek to harm our communities. We may get used to the regularity of people being arrested for terrorism, but when an attack actually succeeds, the shocking reality strikes us all.

It is CST's job to ensure that British Jews are protected from such hatred and extremism, but this requires a real partnership between CST, local communities and synagogues, and Police. We are extremely fortunate that this partnership is in place and has been for many years now.

Of course, for most of us, most of the time, issues such as antisemitism and terrorism could not be further from our thoughts. We want to keep it that way, which is why the Police, CST and communal leadership work closely together to ensure that the community has the protection that it needs.

CST is also available, 24 hours a day, for those of us who are unfortunate enough to suffer, or witness, antisemitism. We support victims and work closely with Police to investigate antisemitic hate crimes and support the prosecutions of offenders.

CST can only be as strong as the communities we serve and we rely on you to be able to do our work. You can play your part by joining one of our security teams, by helping to fund our work and by simply cooperating with our local representatives. Finally, if you do see something suspicious or antisemitic, please ensure that you report it immediately to CST and Police. We are both there for you.



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Desert island discs

Our castaway for this edition is Adrian Cohen, Chairman of HWPS who is invited to take eight records, one book and one luxury item to a desert island - here is his choice (we think he cheated with the ipad – in case he has no charging point!)



Naturally it is almost impossible to pick one's favourite eight pieces of music as

there are so many that we all love and yet they all mean something different to each of us. My list is eclectic like my tastes in life and I can imagine you all clicking on to YouTube to listen to some of these songs.

Bruce Springsteen performing Born to Run Springsteen captures exactly the young working class adolescent male's need for excitement, group identity and above all love, in the most amazing rock package.

Bruce Springsteen again, singing Born in the USA This song is a fiercely damning indictment of American society and its social/economic policy in the 80's, particularly post Vietnam. This song was written around 10 years after Born to Run and directly refers to it in this lyric. Oh how that hope had been smashed out by life's experience.

Frank Wilson Who? I hear you all cry. Only the truly sad among you will know who he was. Frank Wilson was a producer and songwriter at Motown records in its heyday and a truly influential force. Berry Gordy the owner of Motown persuaded Frank to cut a few tracks in the studio rather than producing. One of those gems was Do I Love You (Indeed I Do). Done in one take, it was perhaps the greatest up-tempo track ever done at Motown and never released, as Frank refused to go out and perform on the Motown road show. By the way there are only three copies in existence and recently one of them went for £20,000 on eBay.

The Laws of Love, sung by Again, not much is known about this short lived group. Yes, I do like arcane music and this song epitomises earthy underproduced 1960's up-tempo soul that is adored by aficionados of Northern Soul.

Sinead O'Connor with Nothing Compares 2 U Probably the finest song ever written by Prince and he had the good sense to let Sinead have it.

Yes, sadly, I'm one of them.

Jackie Wilson presents ligher and Higher

Jackie Wilson was a vocal genius who could sing almost anything and totally mastered every aspect of soul music. Ironically he had been a professional boxer before coming to singing. He died in 1984 after having spent the last 9 years of his life in a coma after collapsing on stage in 1975. This song never fails to lift my spirits.

am Cooke singing A Change is Gonna Come There will be a time on the island when I shall need reminding that "this too will pass". The possibility of personal change and transformation is perhaps one of those traits that make humankind unique.

Barb Jungr with Every Grain f Sand Again who? She is an amazing singer and re-interpreter of Bob Dylan's and Leonard Cohen's songs. Her version of this song is powerful, simple and meaningful and always leaves me feeling reconnected to the world.

My luxury item is... my iPad so that I can listen to all my music and read thousands of books to pass the time till I am rescued.

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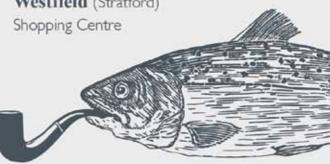
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Mosaic | HaMakom reports back

by Jacky Martin, Headteacher

The second year of Mosaic HaMakom came to a close at the beginning of July after a very busy and full year

oth the GCSE and the Kabbalat Torah courses came to an end with the first group taking their exams and the second taking the Shabbat service. As well as completing their respective courses, the group completed the teaching assistants' course, run by Karen Brown, and we will welcome them back at the beginning of the year as part of the Mosaic HaMakom staff.

At the beginning of the year we had a visit from a Sofer (scribe) who helped everyone do some interesting Hebrew calligraphy as well as looking at some of the interesting Sifrei Torah which our different synagogues have.

Part of the ethos of Mosaic
HaMakom is to be aware of those
in need and help others. During the
year we have had two fairs which
have raised money, the Mitzvah
class have all chosen and supported
their own individual chosen charity,
children have brought in food for the
Harrow Food Bank, everyone took
part in Mitzvah Day, we had a bagel
lunch for WJR and on Tu Bishvat
as part of our activities we planted

some bulbs which we then distributed to the elderly who come to the Monday Lunch club. So our Tzedakah activities have kept everyone busy.

As all good Jewish organisations need to have food involved somewhere, so does Mosaic HaMakom. The new Gan class, led by Val Fineberg, made food each week related to their weekly topic and the rest of the school cooked as part of their option session each term. At Tu Bishvat we tried to eat 15 fruits at our Tu Bishvat Seder. The tuck shop. which was started at the beginning of the year, was welcomed by those with a sweet tooth although the one sweet per child rule maybe wasn't.

Of course alongside all these other activities, normal Jewish Studies have taken place in the classroom as well as Hebrew lessons. Kitah Dalet and Vav both took part of a Shabbat service, one in February at Kol Chai and one in May at HWPS. The Mitzvah class children not only read from

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Torah and Haftarah, but also took a large part of their Shabbat service both at their own bar/bat mitzvah and when the whole class lead the Mosaic Reform congregation at a Shabbat service in June. We hope that it will become the norm in each of our congregations for the bar/bat mitzvah to lead a significant part of their service as we believe this equips them to feel comfortable in any service in the future.

All in all therefore, it has been a good year.

Mazel tov to the Religious Studies GCSE students
The Year 10 students who took this at Mosaic HaMakom all did very well.
Rebecca Alexander: A*
Phoebe Decker: A
Harry Garland: A

Many thanks to their teacher Robert Braham

Adrian Cohen

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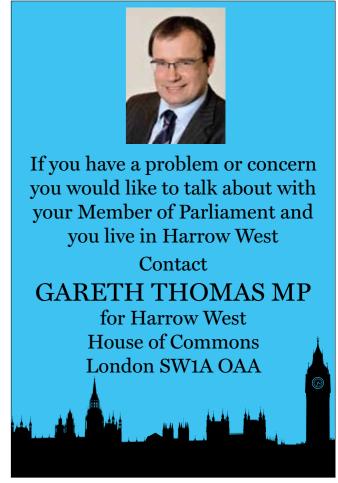






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Remembering the outbreak of World War 1

The Recovery of the Fallen at Fromelles

This is an update of an article previously published in the HEMS magazine. Dr Professor Peter Ellis is a forensic pathologist who has worked in a number of war zones. He grew up in Wembley and now lives in Australia. Whilst visiting the UK we asked him about his recent work in France



arlier this year the world celebrated the centenary of ■the outbreak of World War 1. This has been referred to as the "war to end wars" and was responsible for the deaths of millions of people including huge numbers of soldiers. Much of the conflict was located in Europe and the Western front, where the armies of Britain, France and their allies were locked in intractable conflict with the army of Germany and its allies, was the location of many battles causing untold death and suffering.



It was gratifying to contribute in a small way to the return of dignity to some very brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice at a time of unspeakable horror and destruction

In July 1916, the village of Fromelles, not far from Lilles in northern France, was the site of one such battle originally intended to divert German forces from the Battle of the Somme 80km to the south. However, poor planning and even worse execution resulted in soldiers of the British 61st division and the Australian 5th division being slaughtered by a German

force that was superior in number and that was located on higher ground with machine gun and artillery resources. Some of the Allied troops were killed behind the front line in territory held by the Germans and their bodies were never recovered or buried in local Allied cemeteries. Their numbers were added to the many thousands of Allied soldiers who are known to have died on the Western front but whose bodies have never been found.

In 2008, after intense historical and archaeological research, a team from Glasgow University located the site of several mass graves near Fromelles. A team from Oxford Archaeology (OA) was requested by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to conduct a detailed and scientific excavation of these graves with a view to retrieving all the bodies buried within them. It was intended that these bodies would be carefully examined with as many as possible being identified using modern forensic techniques. A new Commonwealth War Cemetery was to be constructed at Fromelles and these soldiers were to be given individual named gravesites and were to be buried with full military and family honours.

As a Forensic Pathologist with considerable experience in the investigation of mass fatality events and mass graves, I was fortunate enough to be engaged to assist OA in this project. Eight gravesites were identified near Pheasant Wood close to Fromelles and bodies were found in five of these graves. They had been placed there by the German army who had carefully removed all the



soldiers' identification tags so that the International Red Cross could be given the names of the dead and thereby the families could also be informed. This meant that none of the bodies had any unique labels and careful forensic investigation would be required to identify the skeletons, remembering that they had been dead for nearly 100 years.

By late 2009, 250 bodies had been exhumed. During the excavation, detailed forensic surveying techniques were used, and each skeleton was carefully removed and examined. Additionally, DNA samples were taken and were

compared with reference samples from family members of soldiers known to be missing and thought to have been in the area of the battle in July 1916. The extraordinary strides made by modern forensic science have been illustrated by the positive identification of nearly half the bodies. Additionally, the

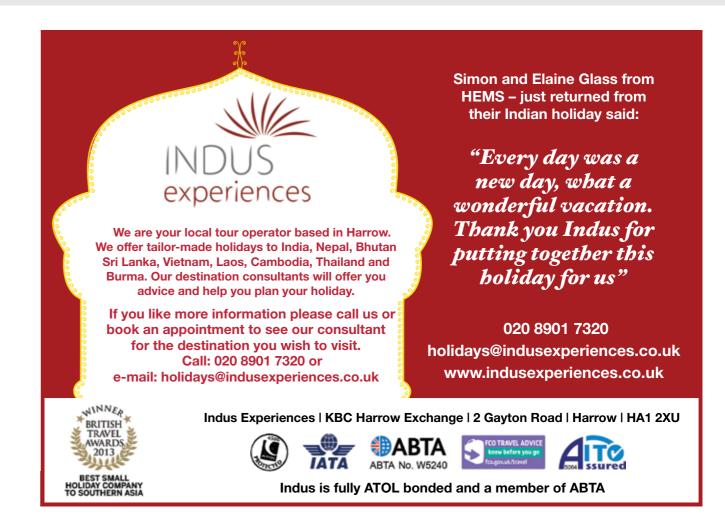
careful examination of property attached to each body allowed the team to identify the nationality (British or Australian) of many of those for whom there was no name. Less than 20% remain completely unidentified and their graves have been inscribed "soldier known unto God". In early 2010, the new cemetery was commissioned and all the soldiers from Fromelles were buried with full honours in individually marked graves, many with their own names.

On a personal level, it was a privilege for me to be involved in this project, albeit in a minor role but

it was gratifying to contribute in a small way to the return of dignity to some very brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice at a time of unspeakable horror and destruction.

In April 2014, after continuing DNA comparisons, the final list of identifications was published and a further 20 names were added to the honour role of those who died at Fromelles. As a result, the breakdown of the bodies recovered from the mass graves was 144 named Australians, 67 unnamed Australian, 2 unnamed British and 37 unnamed soldiers of unknown origin. All those named soldiers have their names engraved on their headstones and those unnamed but with known nationality will have "Australian/ British Soldier Known unto God" on the stones. Those who remain completely unidentified will be labelled "Soldier Known unto God".

My involvement ended with the excavation. The work has been continued by the DNA laboratory and the responsible Army unit.



Mosaic moments

(May 14)



held at the family home of Mark Phillips on May 18th.

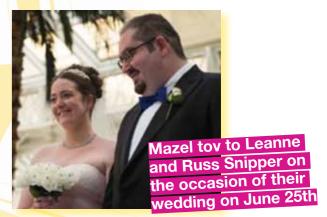




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L to R) Elana Solomon, Bea Bennister, Kathy Brown, Kabbalat Torah Service on June 28th (See page 37)

Rabbi Alex (far right) and his assistant Venya, far left, attended HWPS Shabbat morning services on August 23rd. Alex thanked the HWPS members for their continuing commitment to support Progressive Judaism in Ukraine. Pictured here between Venya and Alex are Rita Asbury, Maureen Lubert and Hana Schlesinger, stalwarts in these efforts. (Photo by FDS)



(L to R) Daniel, George, Mary and Jonathan Vulkan celebrate Mary's 80th birthday on the 17th May



Mosaic HaMakom children celebrated Lag B'Omer on the 18th May, which included hair cutting (wigs only!) studying with Rabbi Akiva, and making bows and arrows - followed by a tasty picnic.



Koppers for Kindergartens in Kiev

Rita Asbury writes about her involvement with the Hatikvah Community in the Ukraine, and the difference her copper collection has made to their Kindergartens

In October 1999 I was invited to visit Kiev by my friend Rabbi Alex Dukhovny, the Chief Rabbi of the Progressive Synagogues in the Ukraine. During my visit I went to two kindergartens which are partly supported by the Hatikvah congregation of Kiev which is also the congregation of Rabbi Dukhovny. As children are accepted in the kindergarten from all denominations the State makes a small contribution, nevertheless, it was obvious to me from that first visit that much was needed to keep the Kindergartens fully functional.

When I returned from Kiev I had an idea for supporting the upkeep of the kindergartens by starting a copper collection. I felt that everyone could afford just a few coppers a week and from this the Koppers for Kindergarten in Kiev was born. Initially I had hoped that I would be able to send a few pounds to Kiev now and then, but much to my delight the idea snowballed and since January 2000 we have sent £15,000 – mainly from copper currency and a few generous gifts.

Our money has brought many things, such as new beds and bed linen, as the children sleep during part of the day, new toys, building decorations for festivals, help with teachers' salaries, a washing machine and medical help for the families of the children.

During my visits to the kindergartens I have personally seen that every penny sent, is put to good use.

Currently the situation in the Ukraine is so unsettled that it is more important than ever to support the kindergartens.

Just give me a call on 020 8204 8023 and I will make arrangements to collect your copper for this very worthy cause.

Harrow and Wembley Progressive Synagogue is twinned with the Hatikvah congregation in Kiev.



Why not put a box aside to collect your loose change and just call 020 8204 8023 to arrange collection

Successful brunch for Kiev

By Maureen Lubert

After weeks of planning, thankfully all our efforts were rewarded by a very successful Brunch at Bessborough Road. It was a most pleasant occasion with a very impressive turnout and we were delighted to raise £800 pounds to be sent to Rabbi Alex for his congregation.

Sincere thanks to all the helpers who gave their time so willingly. Thank you to Nathan, Alan and Barbara who entertained us so well. Finally a huge thank you to all those who supported us on the day, and to those who were unable to attend, but donated so generously to this worthy cause.







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Greetings co-ordinator Traci Spivack

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We wish the Mosaic community a year of health and blessings. Rabbi Paul, Riki, Ziv, Noa and Gilad.

ASHMELE

John and Annette Ashmele wish their Mosaic friends a happy, peaceful and healthy year.

AUSTIN/ FLATTO

Wishing our HEMS and Mosaic friends a very happy and healthy new year. Phil, Michele, Talia and Joel.

BALKIN

Simone, Brian, Lili and Maisie wish the Rabbis and communities of Mosaic, family and friends, a healthy and happy new year and well over the fast.

BANKS

Best wishes to all for the new year from Anne and Jeremy Banks and family.

BENSON

Wishing everyone at Mosaic, on our first new year together, a happy and peaceful new year. May 5775 bring us all everything that we wish for. L'Shana Tovah from Annette, David. Phillip and Robert.

BUCHALTER/ SPIVACK

Richard, Traci, Zoe and Connor wish all our family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful new year and well over the fast.

DABBA SMITH

Wishing everyone a good and healthy new year. May there be more peace in our fractured world. Frank, Cathy, Miriam, Lewis and Sarah.

DE MAGTIGE

Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton and David de Magtige, Emma, Victoria and Alexander wish all members and staff of Mosaic a very happy, healthy, fruitful and peaceful 5775.

DYSCH

Julie, Andy, Sam and Faye Dysch would like to wish all our family and friends a happy and healthy new year and well over the fast.

ELLISON

Helen and Marvyn together with Craig, Chloe, Danny and Phoebe would like to wish our Rabbonim and members of Mosaic community a happy and especially peaceful new year and well over the fast.

GOODMAN

Dennis Goodman and family wish all their friends at Mosaic a happy new year and well over the fast.

GRANT

Barbara and Harry Grant wish the whole of the Mosaic community a peaceful, healthy and happy new year.

GURNER

Gillian and Michael Gurner send the community very best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

HARRISON

Jane, Michael and Daniel Harrison wish everyone a healthy and happy new year and well over the fast.

HEYMANN

Marie and Woolf Heymann wish all our friends at Mosaic a healthy and contented year to come and pray for the future of Israel.

KALMS

Jackie and Ashley Kalms and family wish the Mosaic community a healthy and happy new year and well over the fast.

LEIBLING

David, Jeanette and Trudie Leibling wish all our friends and members of Mosaic a peaceful, happy, and most importantly, healthy 5775.

LEVY

Sue and John would like to wish everyone at HEMS and Mosaic a very happy and healthy new year.

MENDOZA

Sue and Neil Mendoza, and family, wish a very happy and peaceful 5775 to all our old and new friends at MR, HWPS and, of course, HEMS.

MORRIS

Best wishes for the new year to all our friends at HEMS from Roger and Carole Morris in Herzliyya.

NERVA

Ruby and Lawrie wish all our friends at MNS and the Mosaic family a healthy, happy and peaceful new year.

NOBLE

Best wishes to all for a very happy and peaceful year – especially peace in Israel from Steve and Joan Noble.

PHILLIPS

Hag Sameach to everyone in Mosaic from Joanna, Sam and Mark

PINKUS

Robert and Anne Pinkus wish all the community a healthy, happy, peaceful new year.

PRENTICE

A happy, healthy and peaceful new year to all the Mosaic community from Jane, Nick, Philippa and Kate.

REIK/ ROBACK

Michael, Gillian and Caroline Reik with Jonelle, Jonathan, Jemma and Daniel Roback wish all Mosaic members a happy and healthy new year.

ROSEN

Stephanie, Stuart and Elliot wish all at HEMS, Rabbi Arberman and the new Mosaic community a very happy and healthy new year and well over the fast.

ROSS

Gill and David Ross and family wish all HEMS friends and new Mosaic friends a happy and healthy new year.

SHREIR

Best wishes for good health and a happy peaceful new year to our Rabbis and families and all my dear friends in our Mosaic community from Vivienne Shreir.

SOETENDORP

Rabbi David and Ruth wish HEMS and the Mosaic communities a happy and healthy new year 5775 to share with family, friends, and all Israel in peace.

YOUNG

Danielle, Matthew and Nicholas wish all HEMS members a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

ZATZ

Best wishes for 5775 to all our friends at HWPS and Mosaic from Pat and Paul.

Mosaic Reform's First Lady

Jane Harrison meets Doris Fishman Mosaic Reform's First Lady!



ou could describe Doris
Fishman as a first lady.
She was the first woman to speak from the Bimah at a service, the first

woman elected on to synagogue council and was a founder member of the Friendship Club.

Having been chairman three times she was delighted to have been recently elected its new Life President.

An amazing lady at 92, she is still firing on all cylinders, having also been a long-standing champion for the elderly - she won awards and certificates for her service - and was a committee member of Harrow Community Transport since its inception.

While she is adamant her life is 'not that interesting,' it reflects a selfless and caring woman as well as a bygone age where women were not accepted as easily as today.

She said: "I was the first woman to stand on the Bimah because Rabbi Goulston was ahead of his time. It was Simchat Torah and he said:'as chair of the Ladies' Guild, I think it's time a woman read that (portion).' He persuaded me to do it.

"I don't mind standing up and talking because I was chairman of Age Concern for eight years but I was nervous. As I went up there was a concerted intake of breath and I always remember, one woman and two men got up and walked out. Now we have a woman rabbi so we have come a long way."

While she is adamant her life is 'not that interesting', it reflects a selfless and caring woman as well as a bygone age where women were not accepted as easily as today ??

Doris and Bill Fishman joined Mosaic (then MNS) when it was based in a Wembley church in 1960 when they moved from North Kensington with their two sons and were looking for a reform shul. Their son, Barrie, was only the second youngster to be bar mitzvah at the church, which would temporarily convert to a synagogue once the scrolls arrived.

Doris soon became involved in the Ladies' Guild 'because there were so many things that needed doing.' Doris recalled: "The Guild provided the first electric Gestetner to produce the MNS news, which until then had been printed on a small hand machine. We printed it by hand in the kitchen. It took three of us over two days."

Apart from jumble sales, fundraisers and of course organising food for events, the Guild initiated the Helping Hand Group. Doris said: "Members were divided into areas so one person from the Guild who lived in a particular area took charge of that group. It worked very well."

Doris' work for Age Concern was recognised when she received an International Women's Day volunteer award in 2008. She also volunteered for the Harrow Community Health Council, which included visiting people in Shenley, a mental health institution, now closed. Doris said: "It was a very important organisation because it was totally independent. A lot of people were scared to say what was happening to them."

She also visited old people's homes and clinics having joined the Harrow Pensioners' Forum since its inception and expressed her concern at the time when it was popular to have mixed wards.

Doris said: "I always remember one elderly lady I spoke to about mixed wards telling me: 'When I'm at home I don't invite strange men into my bedroom, so certainly don't want to when I'm ill!' We tried so hard to improve things in the health service."

Doris' work with the elderly and Bill's as renowned historian has led to the couple rubbing shoulders with royalty. They met the Prince of Wales and Diana at a reception at St James' Palace in 1999 and the Queen later on the Royal Yacht. Doris said: "I chatted to Diana and she talked about taking her boys on holiday. She was lovely."

What Doris loved most about the shul is that, perhaps like herself, there were so many 'firsts.' She said: "It was exciting because there were new things going on all the time: the Guild, the council, functions committee. If we saw a need we did something about it.

"Our years with MNS have been an enriching experience and I am especially proud at how successful the Friendship Club has become, due I am sure to all the hard work and dedication of all the committee members and helpers, both past and present."

A Rabbi's Word



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his Rosh Hashanah we shall consider our relationships, as Jews, with the wider world and, sadly, there's more than enough to worry about this year.

However one may feel politically the Gaza War is agonizing; what about the future safety of Israel's citizens? Moreover, what about the potential spillover of this conflict into the sense of safety we feel in our daily lives living here in the UK?

As I write these words in mid-August, I have just returned from my third brief visit to Israel this summer. I have met with a wide range of Israelis: left-wingers, right-wingers and pragmatists. I've heard the sad words of those who've always had hope. I've heard the sarcastic words of the disillusioned. I've heard the hateful and racist words of the bitter. (And all of this from Jewish-Israelis.)

What does unite those holding hugely varying views about the conflict is despair, a particularly harsher form of despair than what I've witnessed

previously. Even those characterized as optimistic about the future --however defined-- feel no hope of a 'solution'. Instead, only 'management' of an interminable conflict is seen as possible. Some in the government have likened it cynically to 'mowing the grass'. Personally, I find the metaphor of chemotherapy to be more appropriate: the 'disease of conflict' cannot be cured and the harsh tools employed to 'manage' flare-ups are so poisonous so as to be potentially critically dangerous to the patient's life.

In early July, I listened to a speech by the renowned Israeli writer David Grossman:

We cannot afford the luxury and indulgence of despair. The situation is too desperate to be left to the despairing, for accepting despair amounts to an admission that we've been defeated. Defeated not on the battlefield, but as human beings. Something deep and vital to us as humans was taken away, was stolen from us, the moment we agreed to let despair to have a dominion.

He whose policy is essentially a thinly veiled, profound despair is placing Israel in mortal danger. He who behaves thus cannot pretend to speak about being "a free people in our land." He may sing "Hatikva," "The Hope," our national anthem but in his voice we hear: Our despair is not yet lost, the despair of two thousand years. We who have gathered here today, and many others who are with us in spirit, insist upon hope. A hope that is not wide-eyed, a hope that won't give up. A hope that gives us – Israelis and Palestinians both – our only chance to resist the gravitational pull of despair.

This Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we are implored to examine our souls. Are we still managing to retain at least some hope or are we feeling predominately despair? Remember: to say that hope is naïve is to be imbued with despair. And, furthermore, how are we marshaling our hope into meaningful action?

Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

A working life...

Jane Harrison meets Michelle Singer from Mosaic Reform

ost mums would balk at the idea of a pet pig, but Michelle Singer's hackles didn't even rise. For the mum-ofthree who had already given a home to dogs, cats and ferrets, animallover is an understatement.

Michelle said: "My daughter, Dani, came home from school one day – I think they had been doing Animal Farm – and said: "it would be nice to have a pig". I thought, why not?"

So began a small holding at Michelle's Harrow home that at one point included two German micro pigs: Camilla and Hazel, two pigmy goats: Siegfried and Delilah, six chickens, 30 rabbits and a jird (like a gerbil).

She now only has two guinea pigs, two cats and a new kitten and two chickens: George and Mrs Drummond.

A retired music teacher who also volunteers at one of only five London City farms, Michelle is the last person to get ruffled by a few





We were the only vegetarian pig keepers there!

animals. She takes their wellbeing very seriously, so once the family decided to take on the pigs she rang the council to discover they didn't need persmission and then she and Dani went to a Wiltshire farm to find out all about them.

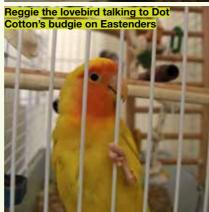
She said: "It was a girls' day out. Most people just want to breed them, but we just wanted them as pets. "We were the only vegetarian pig keepers there! They teach you everything, from how to get the best price to the best food for them and how not to get them drunk which can happen if they eat too much citrus fruit. Of course we had to do that once, just to see, and they couldn't stand upright."

Camilla and Hazel settled into their new home like, well, pigs in clover and proved to be a surprising addition to the family. Michelle said: "They are very intelligent and clean if you look after them properly. We got them to sit and even play a computer game, Jump the Monkey, which involved them pressing a pad to get obstacles out of the way of the monkey."

They were very good at it, but kept breaking the pad with their hooves. We trained them with food. Camilla was particularly good if you gave her a strawberry."

When Michelle went to collect the









pigs they were offered a couple of goats so they joined their friends at the bottom of the garden. The neighbours were unperturbed, so much so that one rang Michelle one day to say she had just 'rounded up the goats' who had jumped the gate. The pigs have also escaped only once. Michelle said: "We had to use a trail of food and a wheelie bin to get them back and everyone helped us. They are all great."

Sadly, after three years, Hazel had





a heart attack following New Year fireworks nearby and Michelle felt it only fair to let Camilla, Siegfried and Delilah go. She said: "They must have been petrified and I didn't want to put them through that again. We came down on New Year's day to find Hazel had died. The children were sad but I was worse. You get so attached to them. So they've gone to a rescue farm near Southampton."

Michelle is now involved two or three times a week at Vauxhall City Farm. She said: "It was an opportunity to do something with animals which I love. It's amazing; you are standing knee-deep in pig poo in the middle of London, with the Shard to the right. It's one of the few in London and an amazing place, mainly educational. I do everything from mucking out to sowing seeds, fixing frames. You just learn on the job. It's mainly for children but there is also a day for people with disabilities. We all work together brilliantly as a team

and it really helps people with disabilities. The beauty of it is it's a universal language. There is nothing technical."

It is apparent nothing fazes
Michelle. She was even prepared
to take the bull by the horns when
their jird's baby had a blackened
paw and was written off by the vet.
Michelle said: "It would have died if
we had left it and I wasn't going to
let that happen so I cut off its foot. It
was completely fine and lived longer
than the rest of the babies, although
Dani's school rang up after she
said her mum had cut a pet's foot
off. Once they realised it was a jird,
which they had never heard of, they
weren't bothered!"

A member of Mosaic council, Michelle has recently taken over the shul's security rota. Herding members into order is no mean feat. So what's next? Well she has just done her knee in having a go at boxing in Brixton. I wouldn't be surprised if one day a few more animals join her current brood.

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then had builders in for 18 months
to revamp the house to her design
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Maureen comes from Belfast. For years she worked in a Youth Club on one the toughest housing estates in the City. Most of the members of the club had criminal records, many for serious offences, but being a woman, being young and by being scrupulously fair, Maureen earned their respect.

Emmanuel comes from a long line of Chazanim. Both his father and grandfather were born in Israel/Palestine. Emmanuel was born in Glasgow, where his father was a Chazani. In 1960 he moved to Belfast as the Chazan. Within days of arriving in Belfast Emmanuel met Maureen, but at 20 she moved to London and worked for the Jewish Chronicle. At the same time as working for the JC she had two other jobs, one being a Youth Club

Leader for North West Jewish Boys and Girls Club in Walm Lane.

They were married in Edgware Synagogue in August 1968, but because of Robert Pinkus (our editor), who had already booked their preferred date for his wedding, they had to book the previous Sunday – something Robert and Emmanuel only discovered recently.

Their children, Deborah and Daniel, were born in Belfast. Brought up during the 'Troubles', Emmanuel and Maureen knew it was time to leave when the children were playing 'shops' and Daniel pretended to be a security guard searching Deborah's handbag. They realised that the children hadn't had a 'normal' life – they were used to military vehicles, guns, stop and search - and when Emmanuel was offered a management consultancy role with Deloittes, they moved to St Albans in 1977.

Emmanuel, who had qualified as a chartered accountant decided he was a better manager of people than an accountant and moved into that area of work, specialising in behaviour in the workplace, training and consultancy. He became an independent management consultant in 1990. He is also a

public speaker.

They left St Albans for Cheltenham where both children were educated. There was a small Jewish community and Daniel was barmitzvah in the historic synagogue. As there was no cheder in Cheltenham, Emmanuel took Deborah and Daniel to cheder in Bristol and Emmanuel took a cheder class. Consequently he and Maureen made many friends in the Bristol community and eventually moved there in 1994.

In 2010, at Maureen's insistence, they moved to London, where apart from family, they mix with Maureen's old friends from her teens, the Glasgow 'crowd', the Belfast 'crowd', the Bristol 'crowd', friends that they've made at HEMS and friends that they've made outside HEMS. Emmanuel now admits that moving to London was a great idea.

Deborah lives in Edgware, graduated in Art History, did an MA in Interior Design and is a model, actress, trainer and psychometric profiler who often works with her father. She has recently been made a Director in a company specialising in psychometrics and training. Daniel is a Managing Director for an American Investment bank. He works in high tech mergers & acquisitions and lives in London, Bath and Devon.

Emmanuel is gradually retiring and filling his time with his new interest, bowls, as well as voluntary talks to charitable groups including JACS. He enjoys listening to music, mainly classical and is addicted to Su Doko.

The Aharoni's joined HEMS because Maureen admired the sponsored flowers in Hatch End – not only giving our community a profile but also playing to Maureen's interest in gardens. She then informed Emmanuel that they were joining. In his words, "As a dutiful Jewish husband I said Yes Dear."

Maureen would be keen to host Kalooki or RummiKub sessions or maybe a garden party. So we look forward to their engagement in our new community for many years to come.



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Miracles can happen



An extract from the Middlesex New Synagogue magazine of April 1963 by Sidney de Metz z"l (MNS Chairman 1963-1965)'

t is just four years since a meeting held in a private house at Wembley decided that it was necessary to have a Reform Synagogue in the area. Today there is a thriving congregation of over 200 families whose own Synagogue and Communal Centre are being consecrated in time for use at Pesach.

This may be one of the shortest histories of any Synagogue. The miracle is that after only four years we are able to write any history at all. At the meeting in 1959 volunteers were called for to start work and as the result we found a Chairman, an Hon Secretary and a Committee. There were no funds and no headquarters. This Committee met regularly throughout the summer, carefully making plans for the establishment of the Congregation. Other officers were appointed and after long and arduous discussions it was decided to have an Inaugural Service at Simchat Torah of that year. What to do and how to do it was forever the problem but the Committee soon had an answer - to follow as closely as possible the line and style of Berkeley Street. The encouragement of West London Synagogue has been of the greatest benefit during these few years. While making acknowledgement it is fitting that tribute should also be paid to the Officers of RSGB, the Chairman and members of its Expansion Committee and the various members of the Assembly of Ministers who were so willing to help us in our early days.

It is our proud record that since our Inaugural Service there has not been one single religious occasion which we have neglected to observe

Perhaps one of the most important decisions was that, whatever the struggle, however few the number of congregants once we started we should hold Services every Friday evening, Sabbath morning and at all the various festivals. It is our proud record that since our Inaugural Service there has not been one single religious occasion which we have neglected to observe.

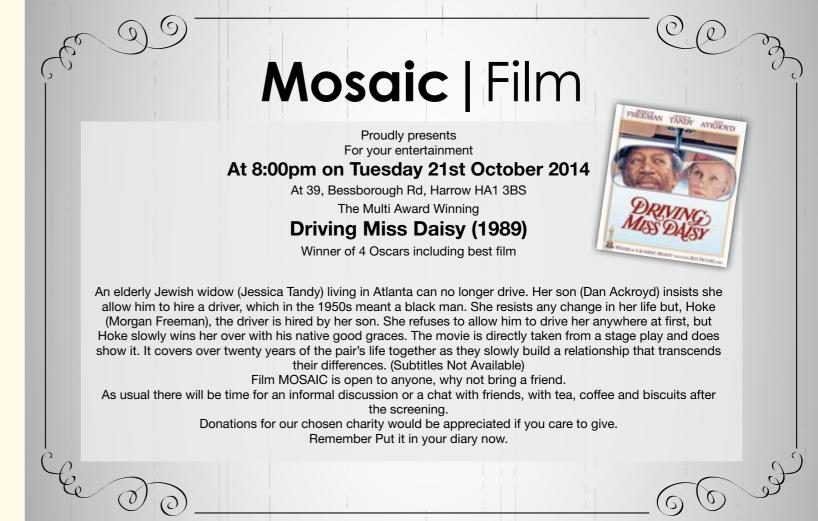
Our next miracle was in finding regular accommodation at the Congregational Church, Wembley. The great and willing help of the church leaders meant that from the day of our inauguration to the day before the dedication of our new building we have been allowed to treat the Church premises as our own and every possible facility has been granted to us; they even broke their own rules in allowing us to take in wine for the various Kiddushim which have been celebrated.

Some 230 people attended our Inauguration Service. The music was led by a single voice accompanied on a harmonium, and this still remains our method of rendering the choral parts of the Service, except at the High Holy Days when we manage to expand to a trio. Shortly after our inauguration we set up a Constitution Committee, and at the Annual General Meeting

of the Synagogue in 1960 the Constitution was adopted and the Committee became the first Council of the Synagogue. In the meantime, sub-committees were formed and various members came forward to act as Chairmen. Where there were no volunteers or when it was not possible to have a minister or student take Services, the Hon. Officers of the Synagogue carried out these duties themselves, almost without exception, with no previous experience at all. How these people worked in order to give a satisfactory musical rendering of the Kiddush on Friday evening!

The Officers were becoming overwhelmed with the fantastic growth of our Synagogue – we were using the Church halls almost more than the Church members. The search for Ministerial assistance was so paramount and the need for our own premises was so great that some of our officers were spending more time during the day for the synagogue than in their more mundane commercial duties.

Two very troubled officers were pouring out their difficulties to Rabbi Van der Zyl who after soothing them for a while, ended with the words: 'Don't worry, miracles can always happen!' and within weeks Rev Lionel Blue became our first Minister.







Michael Marx gets on his box!



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By Michael Marx

was just ready to start writing my Dvar Torah on sedra Balak, examining the topic of anthropomorphism in the Bible. It was to have been a light-hearted piece, exploring our penchant to imbue animals and inanimate objects with human qualities, often as a means of communicating otherwise difficult or abstract messages. In the Torah we have talking snakes and donkeys, subsequently imitated by the likes of Aesop in his fables, George Orwell in his political allegory "Animal Farm" and perhaps most recently with the talking donkey in the film "Shrek".

But, as we all know, the best intentions can be overtaken by, in the words attributed to the late Harold Macmillan, "events, dear boy, events." The events of early summer in Israel and the West Bank, where the bodies of the three boys were discovered near Hebron and the subsequent discovery of an Arab teenager's corpse in a Jerusalem forest have made me change my direction of thought.

As we discover, the sedra highlights everything that is worst in human nature.

The psychologist Abraham Maslow, in a famous paper written in 1943, spoke of a "Hierarchy of Needs", namely a ranked order of things that humanity required in order to gain fulfilment in life, starting with the most basic and going upwards through a total of five levels. The lowest level includes such requirements as air to breathe,

food to eat and procreation. We then proceed through safety, then love and belonging. Only after that do we reach levels beyond those required by animals, namely self-esteem, confidence, achievement, respect for and by others. The highest level includes a sense of morality, creativity, lack of prejudice and acceptance of facts.

The desire by Balak to curse and bring ruin on the Israelites shows a complete absence of the highest set of human attributes. He does not let the facts get in the way of his prejudice and lets this failing guide his actions, even to the point when it is perfectly clear that his actions will fail. His hatred of and contempt for an entire nation is evident, hence his inability to question the desire to destroy it. At a lower level, the prophet Balaam is guilty of the same thing, even though he, on the face of it, is only prepared to do what is right. But we see through this when we find him repeatedly beating his donkey, for acting out of character for the first time in their long relationship. He is then admonished by the donkey (spot the anthropomorphism), but only recognises his guilt when an Angel reveals himself and confirms the reason for the donkey's behaviour. Balaam has no respect for the animal (it's only a donkey, after all), feels that he can ill-treat the donkey because he holds it in contempt and in doing this shows himself to be little better than Balak, albeit on a smaller scale.

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Our failure as human beings has been thrown into sharp relief over the past few days. In Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, the parallel to the parable that is to be found in this part of the sedra Balak is all too visible. The absence of the higher sensibilities that are necessary to stop the violence and embark on the tortuous road to peace is far too much in evidence. The contempt in which human life (of the other, by the other) is held is exemplified by the Hamas leader who, in the same sentence as denying responsibility for the boys' abductions, praised the actions of those who had. On the other hand, the desire of at least one Knesset member to re-conquer Gaza (with the consequent loss of life) shows that the same attitude can be found on both sides.

The sedra Balak teaches an important lesson, which we are failing to learn. At the moment, unfortunately for all concerned, we have too many talking donkeys and not enough sechel for even one.

New Year Thoughts

By Rabbi Paul Arberman

here are many different customs for greeting on Rosh Hashanah.
Ashkenazi Jews say "L'Shana
Tova Ti'kateivu v'Tekhateimu," "You should be written and sealed [in the Book of Life] for a good year."

Many Sephardic Jews greet each other with "L'shana Tova Ti'kateiv, Tizku I'shanim rabbot," "You should be written for a good year, and you should merit many years." The response to this greeting is "Tizke v'Tikhye v'Taarikh Yamim," "You should merit, and you should live, and you should lengthen days." In other words, "right back at you!"

This past year has been a difficult year for the Jewish people. A difficult year of missiles in Israel; of rising anti-Semitism; of radical Islam.

So some new greetings might be appropriate. "Shanah shel nechama," means a year of comfort. May it be a year to explore in a deeper way, what it means to comfort and support those who experience turmoil in their lives.

Or, perhaps, "Shanah Hazakah, a year of strength." We need strength and resolve to work on the values that are important to us. May it be a year in which we come to understand our amazing ability to change the world with our hands, with our purses, and with our voices.

Or even, "Shanah shel Ahavah, a year of love." The "Shema" is followed by the prayer "V'ahavta" (And you Shall Love) — reminding us that listening is a prerequisite for love. To build the kinds of bonds we need, between people and groups who are quite different from one another, we need to listen if we are to move toward love.

Our greetings are important. They set the tone for our daily lives and relationships. I wish you a Shanah Nechamah, a year of comfort, Shanah Hazakah, a year



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of Strength, and a Shanah shel Ahavah, a year of connection and love. May our greetings strengthen the bonds between us and shape our communities. May they lead us towards a Shanah Tovah, a year of goodness and peace.

RAPHAEL THE JEWISH COUNSELLING SERVICE

By Roberta Coffer – Chairman of Trustees

What has this past year meant to you? A family simcha, a great holiday, the World Cup? Hopefully, happy memories.

What about those people for whom this year has been particularly difficult – a bereavement, a job loss, a relationship break-up? What sort of memories do they have? And who can help, who will listen to them?

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Back to school

George Vulkan of HWPS reflects on twenty years of talking to young people about the Holocaust

or the past 20 years I have been visiting schools under the auspices of the Holocaust Department of the London Jewish Cultural Centre and, more recently, through the Holocaust Education Trust.

Teaching about the Holocaust is at present part of the school curriculum and survivors have been encouraged to visit schools to relate their own or their family's experiences. Although I was one of the luckiest refugees, having come to Britain with my parents just before the war, I experienced the impact of Nazi rule in Vienna after the 1938 Anschluss, with very sudden changes in my life as an 8-year old schoolboy. We managed to escape overnight after a warning tip-off, but many of my family became victims of the Shoah.

In talking to pupils I always point out that my experiences are relatively mild and that other speakers who survived concentration camps, or were hidden during the war had far more dramatic and horrific stories to tell. My story is however important as it shows how the life of an ordinary family can suddenly be completely destroyed by forces beyond its control. In telling my story I also include that of family members who managed to come to Britain through the Kindertransport, or as domestic servants. I also mention two of my uncles who came to Britain and were eventually able to join the British Army. The most important part of my presentation however relates to those who were unable to escape. I have many photos and documents relating to the fates of my family, which I take with me and also show on the screen.

The schools I visit are throughout southern England and include not only predominantly white middle-class schools but also those with a high percentage of pupils coming from ethnic minorities. Most schools take Holocaust education very seriously and in all cases the pupils have been very attentive and courteous, demonstrating their interest by asking good questions. One school which I have visited several times is 98% Moslem and I always appreciate the friendly reception I receive there. I have never experienced any unpleasantness. This also applied on the occasions when I was able to visit several schools back in Vienna.

All the people who actually experienced the events before and during the war are now in their 80's or 90's and inevitably will soon no longer be available to give talks. In a commendable move the Prime Minister recently set up a Holocaust Commission to consider how best to ensure that this horrific episode is never forgotten, even as it recedes into history. Submissions

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to the Commission are now being considered, and the children of survivors are being encouraged to give talks about their parents' or even grandparents' experiences. Survivors' talks are also being recorded by various organisations.

I very much hope that people will continue to learn about the Shoah, not only to remember what happened but also to ensure that nothing like it can ever again happen to any group of people simply because of differences in religion, race or colour.



Mosaic HaMakom would like to be able to use iPads as part of our Sunday morning education. The children use them at school already. If you are about to upgrade your iPad and would like to donate your old one to Mosaic HaMakom then please let Jacky Martin know via the office. We will of course make sure that any personal information is deleted from it before use.

Kabbalat Torah

By Maria J Landau

s the founders of Progressive Judaism in Germany and America felt voung people to be much more mature intellectually and emotionally at 15/16 than at 13, they introduced a new ceremony of Confirmation, Later, in line with the increased use of Hebrew. it given the Jewish title of Kabbalat Torah ('accepting the Torah') and until some decades ago it was thought that it might totally replace the traditional bar mitzvah ceremony that was negatively associated with elaborate parties overshadowing any religious meanings. However, Liberal Jews increasingly felt that their children and families were somehow missing out by not having a rite of passage at the traditional age of thirteen. It is thus that Liberal Jews have these two complementary ceremonies: bar mitzvah/bat mitzvah providing the more formal, directive aspects of Jewish instruction and the Kabbalat Torah programme which aims to give historical and present

At Mosaic HaMakom, Kabbalat Torah classes are taught for two years by Rabbis Frank Dabba-Smith and Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton in accordance with the aims of a curriculum which covers Hebrew and Jewish Studies. In Hebrew studies, the students read selected texts from the Talmud, the Midrash and the Parshanut. This is done not only so that they acquire basic Jewish literacy skills but also that they understand their ethical messages, read them with a critical eye and discuss them as Progressive Jews. In

day perspectives of Jews and

Judaism in the world.

Liberal Jews have two complementary ceremonies: bar/ bat mitzvah, and the Kabbalat Torah programme

Jewish Studies the approach is such that the students will become more knowledgeable, enquiring, committed and involved Progressive Jews. To underpin this, in the first year, they examine the Shoah in various aspects, especially historical. This allows the students to understand how it affected those who lived through it and how it still impacts our behaviour today. The historical aspect is particularly felt during a visit to Berlin, which has been a feature of KT for some years. During four intense days, sites and monuments closely connected with the Shoah are visited, for example, Sachsenhausen as well as lesser known places connected with altruism and resistance to Nazism. The group also attended Erev Shabbat services at the Neue Synagogue and met with an internationally respected installation artist. Nikolai von Rosen, who probes what it means to live today in a city so filled with traumatic memories. The students carry on with examining the Shoah into their second year of studies and it is planned that, in future years, the students will also concentrate on the history and development of Zionism and their own relationships, as Progressive Jews, with the State of Israel, its inhabitants and its neighbours.

I met the KT students during a

Sunday class just under three weeks before the Shabbat morning KT service. They were busy finalising the preparations for it but still found time to talk with me about their thoughts on the last two years spent studying after following bar/bat mitzvah. In answer to my question of what they thought of KT, they said, without hesitation, that they had liked it very much. Apart from deepening friendships and the obvious bonus of the trip to Berlin, it has been quite high level work academically. They have had the benefit of virtually one-toone tutoring including reading. discussing, soul searching and writing up a presentation for the final service; more than what is normally expected of fifteen year old students. It will stand them well in their future lives as Progressive Jews and as human beinas.

The Kabbalat Torah Service took place on the 28 of June in a packed sanctuary 'upstairs' at 39 Bessborough Road. The three KT students - Elana Solomon, Kathleen Brown and Bea Bennister - shared taking the service with the rabbis. The main deviation from the usual service was that, instead of a sermon. the students read clearly and movingly about their experiences and feelings deriving from the Berlin trip: Elana surveyed 'Berlin Today'; Kathleen critiqued some 'Memorials in Berlin'; and Bea conveyed her grasp of history by discussing 'Traces of the Cold War'. For their families, teachers, friends and the congregation it was a proud, joyful and moving occasion.

A Better Place?

As we embrace the New Year, Mosaic's own poet laureate Simone Balkin of HEMS reflects on the world situation



And so... Returning again The year's cycle complete Rosh Hashonah - a time of renewal, regeneration Our communal prayer and in-themoment contemplation The 'Mindfulness' of today's thinking, it so beautifully meets.

The sins of the year are behind us As we ask for forgiveness and repent our misdeeds What will be in our new prayers and vows?

Lask God: What will become of Syria's people, running scared and dispossessed? What of Iraq? African and Asian girls? So tragically and in so many ways oppressed.

What of the East and West divide?

What happens when cultures meet and collide? What of Israel's fragile position? Will there ever be true peace between its Jewish citizens and Palestinians? If we could wipe out the terror and wipe out the hate, Peace would triumph and war would abate. But we can only begin, each in our own individual ways, To strive to make the world a better place.

Never mind the deforestation, global warming and the ozone depleting, We need to start with our own patience, tolerance, interfaith and community healing Truly we have to work at these and not despair. (of what could happen if our history is retraced) We must, it's critical for the sake of the survival Of our whole human race.







Hershey resurfaces



Not quite a 'shaggy dog' story from Neil Mendoza!

years ago a very small bundle of fur entered our lives. Over the next few months, Hershey grew into a highly intelligent and powerful chocolate Labrador. It was unfortunate that at a time when the kids were out most of the day and Sue then worked, Hershey became restless and bored. It really wasn't his fault, but with his boredom, Hershey became quite destructive. Every telephone and remote control eventually required replacement, doors, and their frames, bore tooth marks and everything was regularly pulled out of the kitchen cupboards. Once, we even found him perched up on top of the fridge freezer surveying his achievements - we never were quite sure how he had managed that alpine exploit.

Oh yes indeed, Hershey was intelligent. We had to have locks fitted inside the house as he discovered the knack of opening doors towards himself - one foot on the frame, the other operating the handle. And powerful, he would bound up to people and jump up to be friendly, leaving them sprawling on the floor. Our attempts at training him (or should it have been us) ended in miserable failure, he couldn't give a monkeys about all the techniques we were told and tried. Even our session with the dog psychologist (yes, they do exist) ended with the sound of the control panel of the dishwasher being pulled off (for the second time).

The final straw was a distressed Sue phoning me at work with the daily tale of havoc. Hershey simply looked at her, sunk his teeth into the bottom stair carpet and pulled, lifting it all off up the stairs. I was firmly told by Sue that it was either her or the dog. Having resisted the faint temptation to find a suitcase, I was able to rehouse Hershey with a family who had a lively Golden Retriever and wanted another dog. It **66** I was firmly told by Sue that it was either her or the dog))

was a very sad day when he left, shortly before his first birthday.

I subsequently heard from the original breeder that the new family couldn't cope either and Hershey had moved on. Where to, I didn't know - I heard, with some distress. a suggestion that it was to a rescue centre. There, the trail went cold for years until a few months ago when I heard a rumour via the breeder that Hershey was in the Bushey area near Immanuel College School.

Well, after constantly keeping my eyes peeled whilst driving through, I was recently amazed to see a chap walking a vaguely familiar but older chocolate lab. After three drive-bys I plucked up the courage and pulled over. After apologising for a rather strange question, I asked how old his dog was. 10 years old was the reply. Was it Hershev? Yes! I couldn't believe it. Apparently his wife had worked at the rescue centre and brought him home 8 years ago. We chatted for a good 20 minutes or so, during which I learned that not only had Hershey been to training, but he had earned his very own certificate. His door opening skills continued; now he was able to open the back door to let himself out into the garden to use the facilities! We (not Hershey) exchanged details and are welcome to go and visit. We will - even Sue had mellowed over the decade and wants to give a friendly







Greetings from the People's Republic of China

Rabbi David and Ruth Soetendorp reminisce about their visit to Beijing and Shanghai earlier this year

Beijing is the state capιται which during our stay had its hottest weather in memory. eijing is the state capital which during our stay had its Temperatures reached 40C. We were informed though that, since schools and workplaces were legally bound to close if the temperature rose above 38C, no media ever referred to temperature exceeding 38C. And so it was, even when the thermometer told a different story.

The Beijing subway made a deep impression. 20p per ride for a journey however long across the whole city. We used it daily, but never once saw a train delayed for 'signal failure' or any of the other excuses familiar to all TfL passengers. Yes, it is packed solid on any route at any hour of the day. And fewer youngsters





surrender a seat for someone older but it is altogether a remarkable achievement to keep such a huge population efficiently on the move. Boris could learn a thing or two.

We travelled with a sheet prepared for us before departure by a Chinese colleague stating what we could or could not eat. It wasn't exhaustive, but It worked really well, except in one restaurant where, because they didn't feature as either 'permitted' or 'not' there was confusion as to whether we would eat bullfrog, jellyfish or donkeyburgers.

When travelling abroad we always try to make Jewish contact, especially for Shabbat. In Beijing, there is a lively community of mainly expat Americans and Europeans following mainly the Reconstructionist tradition. They gather weekly on a Friday night, and we joined them for an informal kabbalat Shabbat service and an excellently catered Friday night dinner. Their details are on the internet, and we'd recommend if you are due in Beijing over Shabbat to contact them too. They had recently held a very successful one day Limmud, so there was much to talk about!They also told us about the newly opened Beijing Israeli restaurant, which we subsequently visited more than once for a welcome break from Chinese cuisine.

We travelled by hi-speed train to Shanghai. Our arrival coincided with that of Vladimir Putin who we had the pleasure of spotting as his motorcade sped past us. Shanghai has a much different vibe from Beijing. In David's words 'If Beijing is Den Haag, Shanghai is New York city'. The cosmopolitan atmosphere of yesteryear is still around in quarters that evoke Europe of the 20s and 30s. We stayed at the Astor Hotel. Not the most salubrious, but certainly the most atmospheric. Previous guests include Einstein and Chaplin. Its location, by the bridge over the Bund, made it possible for every evening to end with a stroll along the waterfront marvelling at the amazing Shanghai skyline.

Most inspiring of our Shanghai experiences was to visit the Jewish area that had been home to thousands of Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution who had been welcomed into the city, when every

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other nation was turning its back. The houses are still lived in, the shul is now part of a centre that houses computer records, photo displays of how life was, and what has happened to some of the refugee families and their descendants. Moving and inspiring in turn.

Our last outing of the visit was to the Great Wall. Wow! We climbed a little, walked a little and marvelled a lot at the amazing edifice, visible from outer space.

Our souvenirs include Mao Tse

Tung memorabilia from the biggest bric a brac market we'd ever seen, but not a Mulberry rip-off handbag. We did buy one (just not rest as a teaching aid...honest, guv!) but its handle broke. We went back to the market to test whether the 'consumer protection' notices we'd seen around the place were for real. The market manager, with a policeman in tow, saw to it that our yuan were returned to us. An impressive advance on what we had imagined would be the general attitude.

Other days, other ways

Laurie Leapman of HWPS remembers his bar mitzvah

was in June 1936 before anybody could have foreseen the enormous catered events of the present century. A quiet service at Dollis Hill Synagogue then back home for lunch in the garden of our semi in Dollis Hill Avenue. Only close relatives were present and I still have photographs of the event taken by my step-father.

There were a few presents but also cash, which I saved for my first motorcycle, bought three years later for 30 shillings. I received the inevitable fountain pen and also a beautifully bound Authorised Daily Prayer book of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire. It was inscribed by an Uncle Laurie and I still have it to this day. On one page it instructs:

The Minister takes the Scroll of

the Law and reads the following prayer for the King and the Royal

May he bless Our Sovereign Lord, King EDWARD, Our Gracious Queen MARY, Albert Duke of York, The Duchess of York and all the Royal Family

That was at a time when not a single newspaper headlined the activities of the rich and famous, particularly the Prince of Wales and Wallis Simpson. The Coronation of King Edward VIII was at the planning

The most useful present I received would be most improper today, a solid silver cigarette case. Only seven years later it would be seeing

the shelves of pawn brokers all over the country when it provided cash for weekend drinks for myself and mess colleagues: in on Friday and, with luck, out on Monday. We were a cooperative and I was the envy of my friends, owning something valuable when needed. When smoking became unfashionable the massive increase in the value of silver led us to sell the precious case. The dealer said he had never seen a piece of silver with so many scratched pawnbrokers' marks. It bore the history of a mis-spent



Mosaic Reform Memorial Prayers – Yom Kippur

If you have suffered a bereavement in the past year and would like the name of your loved one included in the Yom Kippur Memorial List, please give the details to the Synagogue office. We only include names on request since some people prefer not to have them read out.

MOSAIC REFORM CHILDREN'S LUNCH ON YOM KIPPUR!!

In order to allow families with children (under 13) to stay in Synagogue. We are delighted to offer a modest lunch for the children on Yom Kippur following the end of the Family Service.

For catering purposes, it is essential that we know numbers beforehand.

Please contact the Synagogue Office no later than Monday 29th September if you wish to take advantage of this facility

Succot Food Collection for the Needy

8th - 16th October

Please bring items like coffee, sugar, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, porridge and personal toiletries to the Synagogue during Succot. We will take everything to the Community Centre of The New Hope Trust.

They provide food & help for approximately 60 homeless & vulnerable people 6 days a week.

Your gifts of non-perishable goods are so appreciated.

Please check "best before" dates!

This is separate from the Harrow Foodbank collection so please leave items in the office marked "Succot collection".

SUCCAH DECORATING

SUNAY 5TH OCTOBER 11.30 AM - 12.30 PM

Succah at Bessborough Road

Gifts of laurel, fruit, vegetables & flowers for the Succah should be brought to the Synagogue on Sunday 5th October.

Volunteers to help erect the Succah will be most welcome at 9.00 am on Sunday 5th October.

All welcome - adults & children



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Mosaic Presents:

ALEXANDRA SENFFT

Author of 'The Pain of Silence: A German Family History' (Schweigen tut weh:

Eine deutsche Familiengeschichte, 2007)

and 'Strangers and Enemies So Near: Encounters With Palestinians and Israelis'

(Fremder Feind so Nah. Begegnungenmit Palasinensern und Israelis, 2009) Chaired by Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

Monday, 10th November, 8.00pm

Learn about the journey of the granddaughter of a Nazi war criminal towards understanding her family and her long commitment to working

for peace in the Middle East.

39 Bessborough Road, Harrow, HA1 3BS



SUNDAY DECEMBER

7 2014

8pm

Jay Rayner's "My Dining Hell" is coming to Mosaic Reform with his Jazz quartet. Booking information in the next issue of Kehilla monthly

MOSAIC SOCIAL ACTION Presents AN EVENING WITH BEN HELFGOTT MBE



Sunday 16th November 2014 8.00 PM

At 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow, HA1 3BS

A TALK

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

NO ENTRY FEE BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED

Survivor of Buchenwald, Schlieben and Theresienstadt concentration camps, Ben Helfgott came to England in 1945.



He became a successful businessman and champion weightlifter.





OLYMPICS 1956 AND MACCABIAH 1953 GAMES

In 1956 and 1960 he captained the British Olympic weightlifting teams and was British Lightweight champion for seven years and gold medallist at the 1950, 1953 and 1957 World Maccabiah Games.

In 1963 he helped launch the '45 Aid Society for Holocaust survivors.

"Beware! Do not repeat the mistakes of the 20th century. Be tolerant and work in harmony with people of all races and creeds; reject hatred and revenge.

Reach out with tolerance; live with integrity and give of yourself to society. Endeavour to enhance human dignity."

WHAT'S ON

Unless otherwise stated, all events take place at 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS.

The times/locations of weekly services are as below, unless otherwise stated:

HWPS: Bessborough Road: Friday 19:00, Saturday 11:00 (Chavurah Supper last Friday every month, after the evening service)

HEMS: Girl Guide Headquarters (GGHQ), Hatch End: Saturday 9:30 am

Mosaic Reform: Bessborough Road: Friday 19:00, Saturday 10:30

September

Tuesday	16th	20:00	Dr Edie Friedman Founder of JCORE Speaking At Bessborough Road
Wednesday	17 th	12:30	HWPS Senior Lunch Club
Thursday	18 th	10:00	Mosaic cooks - honey cake bake-in
Saturday	20 th	10:30	Baby blessing - Naomi Witte - at Reform Shabbat service
		20:30	SELICHOT - (see Service Guide on page 47)
Sunday	21st	10:00	Mosaic HaMakom
		09:30	Transport to Cheshunt cemetery
Monday	22 nd	11:00	Harrow Friendship Club - return visit of Leonie Page
		20:00	HWPS Group 326
Wednesday	24^{th}		EREV ROSH HASHANAH (see Service Guide on page 47)
Thursday	25 th	11:15	ROSH HASHANAH - Day 1 - (See Service Guide on page 47)
Friday	26 th	10:30	ROSH HASHANAH - Day 2 - (See Service Guide on page 47)
Saturday	27th	09:30	Torah Tots @ Bessborough Road
		10:30	Mosaic Reform Kiddush after Shabbat morning service for Barbara and Harry Grant
			40th wedding anniversary
Sunday	28 th	10:00	Mosaic HaMakom
Monday	29 th	20:00	HWPS Group 326

Wednesday 1st 20:00 Council meetings 20:00 HWPS Book Group Friday 3rd KOL NIDRE - (see Service Guide on page 47) Saturday 4th YOM KIPPUR - (see Service Guide on page 47) Sunday 5th Succah building 15:00 Cameo - Group for bereaved people Monday 6th 11:00 Harrow Friendship Club - Return visit of Stevie Pemutt 20:00 HWPS Group 326 Tuesday 7th 20:00 Photography Group 20:00 Book Group - "And The Mountains Echoed" by Khalid Hosseini Wednesday 8th 19:00 EREV SUCCOT - (see Service Guide on page 47) Thursday 9th 10:30 SUCCOT - (see Service Guide on page 47) Friday 10th 09:30 SUCCOT - Day 2 (see Service Guide on page 47) Monday 13th 11:00 Harrow Friendship Club - Hatch End Singers 20:00 HWPS Group 326 Wednesday 15th 12:30 HWPS Senior Lunch Club 19:00 EREV SIMCHAT TORAH (see Service Guide on page 47)
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Saturday 18th 09:30 HEMS - Barmitzvah of Nicholas Young at Bessborough.Road
Monday 20 th Kehila-November copy date
11:00 Harrow Friendship Club – Singer/guitarist Alex Samos
20:00 HWPS Group 326
Tuesday 21st 20:00 Film Mosaic - 'Driving Miss Daisy'
Wednesday 22nd 08:00 Harrow Bereavement Conference
Saturday 25th 09:30 Torah Tots @ Bessborough Road

Sunday	26 th	14:45	Tombstone consecration - Michael Bramson Breakthrough Breast Cancer Quiz			
Monday	27th	11:00 20:00	Harrow Friendship Club – Popular entertainer Roy Blass			
Thursday	30th	09:00	Kehila-November distribution			
November						
Saturday	1 st	10:30	Michael Reik in conversation with Woolf Heymann @Bessborough Rd.			
Sunday	2 nd	14:00	Stone-setting - Kate Stern - Cheshunt			
		14:45	Stone-setting - Howard Franks - Cheshunt			
		15:00	Cameo - Group for bereaved people			
Wednesday	5 ^{th-}	20:00	Council meetings			
Sunday	9 th	09:30	Mosaic HaMakom			
Monday	10 th	20:00	Speaker - Alexandra Senfft - author and Journalist (see page 44)			
Sunday	16 th		Mitzvah Day (see page 37)			
		20:00	Speaker - Ben Helfgott - survivor and Olympic competitor (see page 44)			
Wednesday	19 th	12:30	HWPS Lunch Club			
Sunday	23 rd	20:00	HEMS Supper Quiz			
Saturday	29^{th}	09:30	Torah Tots			
		10:30	Graduation service for Mosaic HaMakom trainee assistants			

For the latest information and weekly parashot information please check

Stone-setting - David Emanuel - Cheshunt

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Services September /October

ALL MOSAIC REFORM SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE AT BESSBOROUGH ROAD

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday 24th September 19.00

(OI NIDRE

Sunday

Friday 3rd October 19.00

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday 4th October 11.00

EREV SUCCOT

Wednesday 8th October 19.00

SUCCOT

Thursday 9th October 10.30

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday 15th October 19.00

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday 16th October 10.30

HWPS HHDs SELICHOT SERVICE

Saturday 20th September 21.00 At 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow, HA1

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday 24th September 20.30

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday 25th September 10.30 At the Harrow District Masonic Centre, Northwick Circle, Kenton, HA3 0EL

KOL NIDREI SERVICE

Friday 3rd October 20.00

YOM KIPPUR SERVICE

Saturday 4th October 10.30

ADULT DISCUSSION

Saturday 4th October 15.00

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Saturday 4th October 16.00

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 4th October 17.10 At the Harrow District Masonic Centre, Northwick Circle, Kenton, HA3 0EL

EREV SUCCOT SERVICE

Wednesday 8th October 19.00

SUCCOT SERVICE

Thursday 9th October – 11.15 At 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow, HA1 3RS

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Wednesday 15th October 19.00

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Thursday 16th October 11.15 At 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow, HA1 3BS

HEMS SERVICES OVERLEAF...

HEMS Services September/October

HEMS SELICHOT

Saturday 20th September 21:00-23.00 At Girl Guides Hall, off Grimsdyke Road, Hatch End

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday 24th September 18:20 At member's home

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday 25th September 9:00 At Hatch End Suite

Junior services 10:30 At Harrow Arts Centre

TASHLICH

Thursday 5th September 16:30 At Jnctn Paines Lane/Uxbridge Road Hatch End

ROSH HASHANAH II

Friday 26th September At Hatch End Suite

Junior services 10:30 At Harrow Arts Centre

SHABBAT SHUVAH

At Girl Guides Hall

Saturday 27th September 9:30 Torah Breakfast 10:00

KOL NIDREI

Friday 3rd October 18:25 At Kol Chai, 434 Uxbridge Road Hatch End

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday 4th October 9:45 Junior Services 11:30 At Kol Chai, Hatch End

SUCCOT I

Thursday 9th October 9:30 At Girl Guides Hall, off Grimsdyke Road, Hatch End

SUCCOT II

Friday 10th October 9:30 At Girl Guides Hall, off Grimsdyke Road, Hatch End

SHEMINI ATZERET

Thursday 16th October 9:30 At Girl Guides Hall, off Grimsdyke Road, Hatch End

HAKUFOT/SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday 16th October 18:30 At Girl Guides Hall

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Free transport to Shul

HWPS and Mosaic Reform members who are unable to travel to Shul for services are welcome to use a specially funded minicab facility. Please contact Lindsey Cohen on 0208 420 7498 or the Synagogue office on 0208 864 0133 for more information.





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