

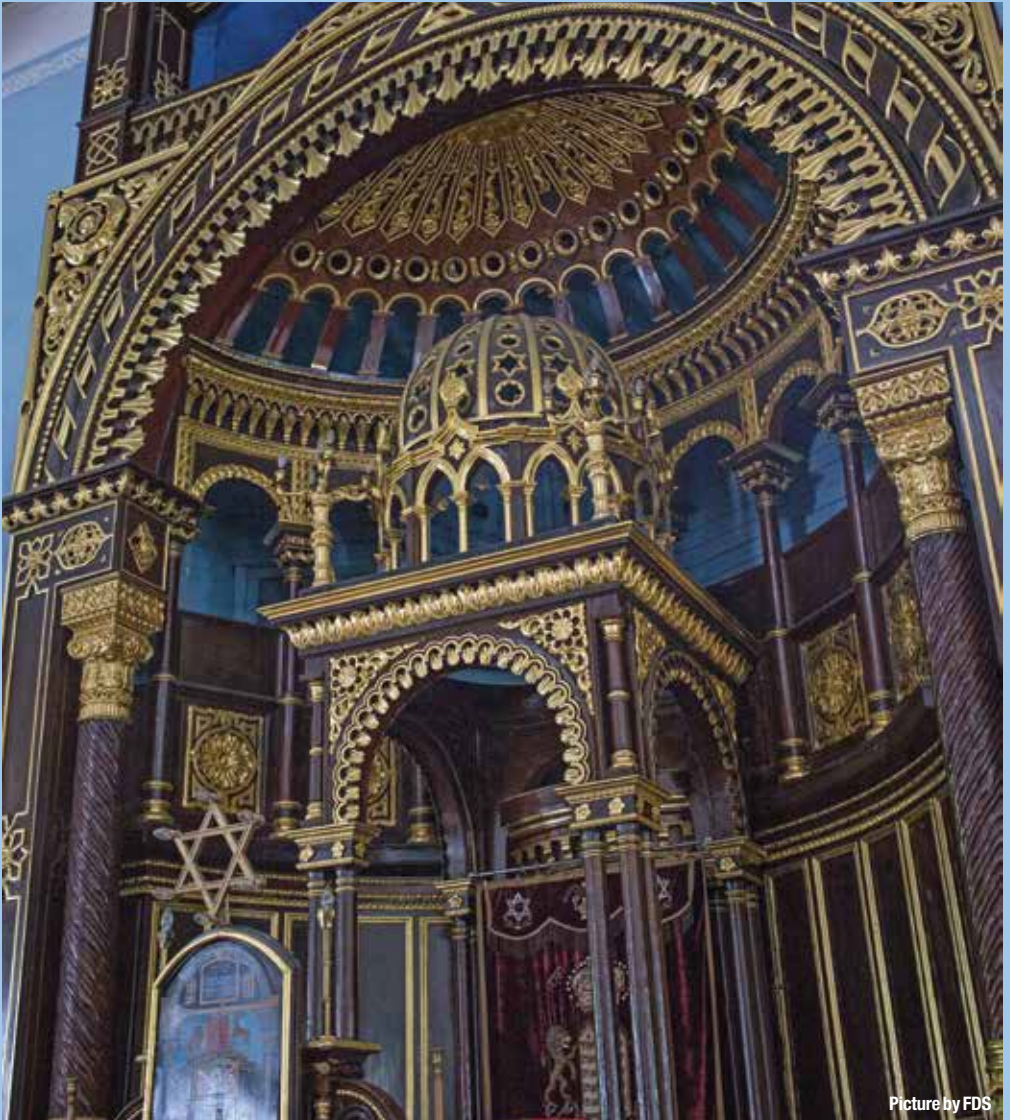
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Interior of the Choral Synagogue in Kaunas (Kovno), still used today

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MOSAIC REFORM

MAZAL TOV TO:

Sue and Harold Shupak on the birth of their granddaughter, Georgie Joan Susan and Richard Freedman on the birth of their granddaughter, Finley Adelaide

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Bernie Belson, 70
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ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Carolyn and Stanley Carvin on their 55th wedding anniversary
Ruth and Lionel Ostwind on their 55th wedding anniversary

CONDOLENCES TO:

Colin Okin on the death of his mother, Sarah (Sadie)

HEMS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Jacob Rickayzen on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.
Saul Charkham on his recent engagement to Aliza Mintz.
We wish them, together with Lynne and Sam Charkham, all our good wishes.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Faye Dysch, 21
Ruth Soetendorp, 70

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Rabbi David and Ruth Soetendorp on their 45th wedding anniversary

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME:

Danielle, Matthew and Nicholas Young

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Jack Kushner

MOSAIC LIBERAL

MAZAL TOV TO:

Mosaic Liberal member, Rosemary Wolfson, and husband Geoff, on the marriage in Israel of their daughter, Melanie, to Ohad Lori.

Our former international athlete, Danielle Sanderson, on now being awarded a PhD by Henley Business School, University of Reading

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Reginald Ballantine
Cynthia Green
Ronald Levin
Eve Porath
Ursula Warner

GET WELL TO:

Barbara Liff

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family and friends of Bob Lowe
The family and friends of Joyce Hayes

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Sandra and Raymond Ettinger
Andrew Snipper

A Rabbi's word

By Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith – Mosaic Liberal



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As we approach the summer, I am acutely aware of how the world feels so tumultuous right now. I am long accustomed to agonising about Israel but the UK and USA are both contending with profound political and social struggles.

Here in Britain, we are reeling from the murder of the goodhearted and talented young Member of Parliament, Jo Cox. And, as I write these words, we are about to decide by a referendum whether to leave or remain in the European Union. The campaign waged by both sides has been lamentable. In particular, the underlying basis of the leavers' message is a hatred of difference.

“Democratic values, which have been forged over centuries, are at risk”

We are also reeling from the fifty murders in a Florida night club. With concern and dismay, we are witnessing the rise of the 'least-presidential' presidential candidate in American history. The basis of this campaign is a hatred of difference.

The ongoing turmoil and brutality in Israel and Palestine carries on without end. The current government is the most right-wing

in the country's history and greatly respected army generals are warning of its increasingly fascistic nature. Here, too, a hatred of difference is the motivation. This hatred is expressed as the need for security but the endgame is ethnic and religious cleansing plus the building of the third temple.

Of course, the particular contexts and concerns are different but what we are witnessing in all three countries is the explicit expression of the lowest kinds of human emotion and instinct: self-pity, victimhood, intolerance, bigotry and hatred. In all three instances, there are ego-driven and ruthless politicians harnessing these primitive feelings for their own selfish ends. I fear not only the ruthlessness of the leaders but also the mercilessness of 'the people'. Democratic values, which have been forged over centuries, are at risk. So, too, are universal values of justice and mercy as well as the accompanying moral basis for sustaining human rights for all individuals and groups. Without functional laws and policies based on these values applied to all inhabitants, we are in danger of plunging into an abyss driven by hatred.

Yet there is no shortage of decent people and humanitarians in this world. What is needed is a waking up to a full awareness >>

Note that there will be no issue in August. Copy Date for the September issue is 14th August.

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of the dangers we are facing. Moreover, courage and determination to engage in the struggle to preserve decency is required. Personally, I am inspired by the example of one young doctor, Joshua Corsa, in Orlando, who has written:

On [my new] shoes, soaked between [the] fibers, is the blood of 54 innocent human beings. I don't know which were straight, which were gay, which were black, or which were Hispanic.

What I do know is that they came to us in wave upon wave of suffering, screaming, and death. And somehow, in that chaos, doctors, nurses, technicians, police, paramedics, and others, performed super-human feats of compassion and care.

This blood, which poured out of those patients and soaked through my scrubs and shoes, will stain me forever. In these Rorschach patterns of red I will forever see their faces and the faces of those that gave everything they had in those dark hours...

For on 12 June, after the worst of humanity reared its evil head, I saw the best of humanity... come fighting right back. I never want to forget that night.

Let us not forget. Let us never give up. ■

MOSAIC LIBERAL



By Daniel Brown,
newly-elected
Chair of ML

If anyone asked me about the proudest moment of my Jewish life I would probably tell them about my bar mitzvah or my wedding but now I also have another string to my bow. I recently became Chairman of Mosaic Liberal, something the thirteen year-old me would have been amazed by.

Since we moved to Bessborough Road about four years ago many opportunities have been made available to our members with Mosaic – discussions about Israel elections, talks by elder statesmen and most recently the Finance Editor of the Daily Mail, as well as chocolate tasting to name but a few.

Working together our three synagogues achieve much more than they would apart and so much is done by volunteers – standing outside keeping us safe, organising our kiddushim, social events – even editing this newsletter is done by volunteers.

A lot of people do a lot already for our communities to make them work as well as they do and I thank everyone for everything they do. But here's the question – Is there more you could do to help make our community stronger? Can you spare some time to serve coffees at a social event for example?

When I was first asked to become Chairman of Mosaic Liberal I was just in the process of starting a new job and it was not the right time for me to take on the role. One year on I took on the role.

I hope now is the right time for you to become more involved with our Jewish community.

Home sweet home

An update on our search for new premises

By Phil Austin – Chair of Mosaic Jewish Community

As the new Chair of Mosaic, I was recently invited to join the 'Property Relocation Group' (PRG) – the body charged with the important task of finding our new shared home. In late May I attended my first PRG meeting and would like to share details of our ongoing efforts to 'strike a deal'.

The team:

The PRG is a focussed and motivated group which includes a surveyor, an architect and property management professionals who collectively bring an impressive mix of property expertise and experience to the table. The team is drawn from the Mosaic membership and all three constituent synagogues are represented.

What we have learnt so far:

Bessborough Road is a highly saleable asset which continues to raise lots of interest.

Whilst we haven't been able to close an acceptable deal so far – we have come close on several occasions. Our experience to date has given us the confidence that there are no significant financial or planning impediments to finding a new home. However, in common with all purchasers, including those looking for a new domestic home of their own, we are subject to the vagaries of vendors and

this has proved to be the stumbling block in recent months.

What more can we do:

As noted above, Bessborough Road is a highly saleable asset and we have identified some actions which will make it more attractive to a prospective purchaser. For example, we intend to apply for outline planning permission for the site to credibly illustrate its development potential.

Keeping our ears open for new opportunities is a given and we continue to actively network with Agents and Developers to give us the best chance of striking a deal that works for us.

Across Mosaic we are all excited at the prospect of sharing our new home but finding that home is a complex and very time consuming challenge which the PRG is dealing with every day. I am sure you will agree that this isn't about striking a deal at any cost – rather, it's about finding a home we will be happy with for the foreseeable future.

I believe that we are appropriately organised and energised to succeed in our quest for a new home. Further updates will follow from time to time to keep you informed about our progress.

AGM report

HATCH END MASORTI (HEMS)

By Edwin Lucas

The HEMS AGM was held on Sunday 22nd May 2016. Thank you to all our members on the HEMS Council who give so much of their time. The following people were elected to Council:

Chairman: Neil Mendoza

Hon. Secretary: Edwin Lucas

Treasurer: Sass Ezekiel

Members of Council: David Benson, Edward Kafka, Frances Marx, Gill Ross, Howard Smith, Jonathan Fenster, Linda Lucas, Mark Sachon, Marvyn Ellison, Michael Marx, Simon Glass and Traci Spivack.

Jewish Joint Burial Society

Woodland Cemetery up and running
and exceeds expectations

By David Leibling – Chairman JJBS



Members of Mosaic Reform and HEMS will be pleased to learn that the JJBS Woodland Cemetery at Cheshunt is now fully operational with its attractive ohel (prayer hall) providing a quiet area for funeral services. The Woodland Cemetery provides an alternative to a conventional cemetery – with the trees surrounding the graves which are marked by a small plaque rather than a large tombstone. In addition there are separate areas where Jewish people can be buried with their non-Jewish partners either in the woodland environment or with a simple vertical stone in the section which has been laid out with a lawn environment. For the first time, JJBS can now offer a dedicated area for the interment of cremated ashes in the columbarium with a plaque.

The ohel has been built with sustainable

materials and is surrounded by landscaping which keeps the noise level down.

The number of woodland funerals has exceeded our expectations because families appreciate the attractive and environmentally friendly surroundings.

We welcome visitors to see the Woodland Cemetery by arrangement with the JJBS office (tel 020 8989 5252).

To cover the costs of the cemetery, there is a surcharge of £1,500 for the first burial in a double depth grave but this is offset by the saving in the cost of a full tombstone. This sum can be pre-paid at the current price to save any issues at death.

If you are a member of either Mosaic Reform or HEMS and are interested in considering a Woodland burial, consult your rabbi and register your intentions with your Synagogue office and with the JJBS office.

To visit the Woodland Cemetery please arrange via the JJBS office 020 8989 5252

The Labour Party

A personal opinion by Lawrie Nerva (Granted Honorary Fellowship of the World Zionist Organisation (1994) and a Merit award from the Labour party (2012) after 67 years' service).

As we well know, anti-Semitism, the longest hatred, is a light sleeper. It is very worrying that it seems to have stirred in the Labour Party.

As a member of the Party since 1945 I have witnessed many ups and downs. However the present spate of incidents around the country where anti-Semitism in the Party has been reported, is a serious development. Around 50 members have been suspended, pending further enquiries. Given that the membership of the Party is a little short of 400,000, this is a miniscule number but of course there should be none.

Jeremy Corbyn, the Leader of the Party has appointed Shami Chakrabarti, former Liberty Director, as Chair of an enquiry into anti-Semitism and other forms of racism, including Islamophobia, within the Party, Baroness Janet Royall subsequently accepted an invitation to join the enquiry panel to feed in the experience and findings of her prior investigation into allegations of anti-Semitism in parts of the youth movement.

Over the past several years, there has been rising hostility towards Jewish students and increasingly aggressive anti-Israel campaigns on many University campuses. For many Jews, especially those with strong attachments to Israel, an attack on Zionism strikes at the very core of our Jewish identity.

The inquiry which will report by the end of June will:

- ✓ Consult widely with Party members
- ✓ Consult with the Jewish community and other minority representatives.
- ✓ Look into training programmes for parliamentary candidates, MPs, councillors and others.
- ✓ Examine the need for rule changes

Nationally the Jewish Labour Movement, headed by its chair, Jeremy Newmark is in regular contact with the leadership of the Party and is in the process of submitting a rule change for debate at September's Labour Conference, strengthening the rules against members who engage in anti-Semitism and other forms of racism, to restore inclusive policies that will mean members, irrespective of race and creed are treated equally and with respect.

The Jewish Labour Movement (www.jlm.org.uk) in Westminster is supported by stalwarts such as Louise Ellman, Luciana Berger, Lord Clinton-Davis and many others. I have, for many years, been Secretary of Brent & District JLM. Poale Zion (Workers of Zion), the predecessor of the JLM, was affiliated to the Labour Party in 1920. Consequently Brent & District JLM has for some years been affiliated to Brent North constituency Labour Party and has thus been able to play an active role in the affairs of Brent North LP, including sending Resolutions and speaking to the Party's annual conferences.

Conclusion

Clearly these are difficult times for Jewish members of the Party but I am satisfied that the Leadership of the Party is determined to root out and prevent any recurrence of anti-Semitism and will reach out to the Jewish community in an effort to restore relationships.

Mosaic Jewish heritage tour of Lithuania

2nd – 6th June 2016

By David Wyman

(See pictures on facing page and also article on page 10)

Lithuania was never a country high on my list of countries to visit. I knew many Jews had lived there and was vaguely aware of atrocities that had happened to them during WWII. I have certainly been enlightened after this trip. It will be impossible to mention everything our small group experienced in the five days.

Rabbi Frank organised our trip and led us together with Chaim Bargman – a polyglot Lithuanian who also speaks Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, English as well as a smattering of other languages, Chaim has devoted his life to ensuring that Lithuania's Jewish past is never forgotten.

In Kaunas we visited the house of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara who, against orders, gave visas to an estimated 1200 Jews who could as a result take trains to Moscow to travel via the Trans-Siberian railway to Vladivostok and then on to Japanese territory.

Vilnius ('Vilna') was known as the 'Jerusalem of the North' as it was a seat of Talmudic learning. We walked through the areas of the former ghettos stopping at various places of significance including a cellar with a concealed hiding place.

In the Panerai forest are memorials at the sites where over 50,000 people were murdered. The majority were Jewish but many Poles, Roma, Communists and Russian POWs suffered, too. In 1943 the

Nazis began to hastily destroy evidence of their crimes. Jewish prisoners had to dig up the bodies and burn them. At the conclusion of our visit, we said Kaddish and expressed our gratitude that we could drive away from such a terrible place alive!

The Ninth Fort in Kaunas was another site of genocide where at least 10,000 Jews from the ghetto were murdered. Many Jews from France were brought there to be murdered and one can see graffiti inscriptions made by prisoners on the cell walls. There was also an audacious escape by 64 Jews.

We travelled to the Rudnicki forest and saw reconstructions of cleverly camouflaged WWII partisan bunkers. One had even been adapted into a bath house.

We visited two contrasting styles of synagogues. The Ohel Yaakov Synagogue, Kaunas from the 19th century with a very ornate interior still attracts a minyan on Shabbat mornings. By contrast, in Žiežmariai exists one of the few remaining wooden synagogues. The Nazis established a work camp here from which Jews were later taken to be shot. This wreck of a synagogue is a Holocaust site as well as an architectural monument. Work has only just started to restore it.

We also visited Kedainiai, steeped in Jewish heritage, and Lake Trakai renowned for both its moated castle and where there still is a practicing Karaite community.

Although always mindful of the Lithuanian Holocaust, our group was fortunately able to engage in lively conversation and to enjoy good traditional food!



Tourists visit the Kaunas home of Chiune Sugihara (1900-86), the altruistic Japanese diplomat who issued thousands of transit visas that enabled Jews to flee to Shanghai via the Soviet Union



The Neman River begins in Belarus and ultimately flows into the Baltic Sea at Klaipėda



Underground hiding place in the Vilna Ghetto used during the Shoah



Unrestored wooden synagogue, Žiežmariai



Our guide, Chaim Bargman, stands next to images of young Karaite Jews in ethnic costumes placed to advertise a traditional restaurant in Trace



This spot marks the entrance to the Kovno Ghetto during the Shoah

Kvass, curd cheese and Karaite cooking

A foodie's guide to the Jewish Heritage Trip to Lithuania 2nd-6th June 2016

By Hana Schlesinger

Dedicated with many thanks to Frank, Cathy and Chaim.

For the nine members of the trip to Lithuania, the food helped us to feel at home immediately. "Just like Buba used to make it", was the general consensus. We ate three meals a day for five days and as a result this writer is on a strict diet. The wonderful food was much needed as a morale booster as some of the places we visited were pretty grim (David Wyman's article on p8). While much of the food was familiar there were some surprises.

At our first meal in a restaurant by a marina on an artificial lake near Kaunas (Kovno) we were introduced to kvass. This can be compared to Elizabethan 'small beer' as it is only 1.2 per cent by volume and made from either bread or raisins. Served very cold it is a great thirst quencher on a hot day and you hardly notice the alcoholic effect. Bread based kvass is darker with a hint of liquorice while the raisin based variety is golden and sweeter.

The same evening we walked through Kaunas along pedestrianised streets lined with cafes and elegant small shops to Rotuses Square, to the Hunters' Inn opposite the imposing Town Hall. We were treated to a glass of kvass by our guide, Chaim Bargman. He deserves an article to himself as he should be a National Treasure. What he doesn't know about Jewish history in Lithuania through his mother, many contacts all over the world and

his intimate knowledge of the forests, and what took place in them during World War II is simply not worth bothering about.

The Hunters' Inn specialises in game and fish cooked to a very high standard. My roasted duck breast with tiny gnocchi was accompanied by a blackberry sorbet! The group was by now aware that borscht comes hot with pieces of beetroot and pickled gherkin with potato wedges on the side or cold, diluted to a bright pink with sour cream and containing a quartered hard-boiled egg with boiled potatoes on the side. We watched the sky slowly darken as we ate and finally the charming waitress offered us all a glass of brandy on the house.

The next day was spent at Trakai by the shore of a lake. This town is the headquarters of the Karaite community whose synagogue we saw. Karaites are an ancient Jewish sect of uncertain origins who read the Torah and follow its commandments. However they totally ignore all Rabbinic teachings. Thus they will not seethe a kid in its mother's milk, but will happily disregard all the rules of Kashrut as laid down by the Rabbis. Some of us decided to be Karaites for the day and enjoyed Kybynlar (stuffed pastries) such as curd cheese with spinach, meat stuffed aubergines stuffed with cheese and other very 'mixed' Karaite delicacies, preceded of course by borscht and, if desired, kvass.

That evening we ate in Chaim's favourite restaurant on a bluff overlooking a slow moving river with tall old firs and birch trees on the slopes above us. As it was a little chilly outdoors the restaurant provided bright blankets for our shoulders, a custom we met in other eateries too. Lithuanians love soup so hot tomato and beef soup, mushroom soup and chicken broth with a chicken patty, as well as cold cucumber and sour cream soups were on offer. Chopped liver with caramelised onions and cranberry sauce was another favourite.

Although we habitually ate lunch late – two thirty was the usual time – there was a minor mutiny in Vilnius (Vilna). Chaim often greets passers-by with "where do you come from?" followed by a chat in any one of his several languages. On this occasion two Americans latched on to our group for a good long talk just as we were hoping for lunch. Eventually Chaim decided there was one more place we had to see, just half an hour's drive out of town. It was now three o'clock and an inviting restaurant with tables outside was five yards away. Frank gracefully gave in to group pleading and tactfully persuaded Chaim to sit down and eat another delicious meal. Sighs of relief all round.

Lithuanians have a sweet tooth catered for by splendid patisseries and coffee shops. We found such a place in Kedainiai, an old town with a restored synagogue. Its short streets are lined with shtetl type houses guarded by large suspicious dogs rather than security alarms. The owner of the patisserie speaks excellent English and his mother bakes the mouth-watering cakes, pastries and biscuits. She uses a lot of nuts (mainly almonds) and apples, cherries and apricots in the crunchy biscuits and fresh pastries. The cakes are mostly based on chocolate, caramel and coffee. We sat at small tables drinking from a large choice of hot beverages, while Cathy discussed matters of professional interest with the owner's mother who offered little tastes of different cakes for us to try. Later, on a walk around the town, we attempted to wear out the calories.

A few restaurants in both Kaunas and Vilnius offer foreign foods but why bother when the local food was so tasty, fresh, well presented and served? The Jewish Heritage Trip sensitively combined history and gastronomy to create an unforgettable taste of Lithuania.

Mosaic Notices

ARE YOU PLANNING A HOLIDAY?

If you're going abroad and would like to visit the local Jewish community, why not contact the Synagogue office and ask for the relevant details from the Jewish Year Book. You can find out about communities all over the world and we would be delighted to share this information with you. For Progressive Jewish communities in Europe, details of all those affiliated to the World Union for Progressive Judaism can be found on www.europeanregion.org

THE HIGH HOLYDAYS START HERE...

**SELICHOT SERVICE
SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**

at Bessborough Road

20:00 study session and refreshments; 21:00 Liberal service; 21:30 Reform service

Traditionally, the Selichot Service is held during the hours of darkness on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah. This service provides an opportunity to prepare for 'The Days of Awe' in a quiet atmosphere, which is enhanced by some of the music of the High Holydays.

Join us at 20:00 for a study session followed by refreshments. Then stay for one of these beautiful services which will commence at 21:00 (Liberal) and 21:30 (Reform).



SOME ENCHANTING EVENING!

Join us for a memorable evening of music, food and drink at a beautiful house and gardens in Ickenham in aid of



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**TRANSPORT TO
CHESHUNT AND WALTHAM ABBEY
CEMETERIES**
Sunday 25th September



Once again the Synagogue has arranged transport to the cemeteries at Cheshunt and Waltham Abbey in advance of the High Holydays. We will leave Bessborough Road on **Sunday 25th September at 09:30**, returning at approximately 12:30. Places are very limited and can only be provided by prior arrangement. If you wish to reserve your seat, please contact the Synagogue office no later than 15th August.

Mosaic Liberal Synagogue invites you to participate

Facing ourselves, facing others:

An inner retreat for the High Holydays

16th-18th September 2016

The High Holydays offer us the opportunity to pause and take stock of ourselves and our lives so we can enter the New Year with a new heart and a new spirit.

With involvement by

**Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith, Esther Aronsfeld,
Aisha Khan and Reverend Graham Nind**

During this special weekend we will:

- * Explore themes of forgiveness and renewal from Jewish, Christian and Muslim perspectives
- * Engage with texts in a personal way
- * Share a restful and renewing Sabbath experience
- * Develop positive life skills
- * Enjoy delicious meals

Cost: £80 includes meals and refreshments.

Venue: Harrow on the Hill

Times: Friday: 18:30-21.30; Saturday: 10:00-18.30;
Sunday: 10:00-16:00

Bookings: Contact Mosaic Liberal Synagogue office on 020 8864 5323. (Places are very limited and closing date is Thursday 1st September.)

Upcoming events



Mosaic Supper Quiz

Dazzle your friends at our fundraising supper quiz. Everybody wins

Sunday 6 November | 7.15 | £17.50*

*includes a fish supper

QuizQuizQuiz Mosaic Choose your Jewish life

Line dancing comes to Mosaic!

Line dancing taster sessions will be held over a 4-week period from
19:30-20:00

in June and continuing on Thursday 7th and 14th July

The sessions will be led by Mosaic Reform member –
Stephanie Lindley – who has been teaching for over 14 years.

We look forward to the class growing to a viable number during this introductory period, after which

we hope to continue at a
weekly cost of circa £5

Please bring your friends and relatives with you – all are welcome. Trainers or leather soled shoes are advisable and tea/coffee will be provided



Mosaic JACS

Mosaic JACS first programme of six fortnightly talks has just ended. More than 50 people of all ages have enjoyed a varied programme of interesting and entertaining talks over the last three months. There was an opportunity to learn about supporting victims in court and to find out how to go about taking on this role; a talk about the history of Jews in Britain with lots of facts and figures and the history of chocolate production, which was fascinating, and had the added bonus of chocolate tasting! There were two extremely entertaining presentations: the first from Michael Bennet, son of the famous photographer, Boris Bennet, who explained how his father came to be such a famous photographer and what family life was like for him and his siblings during this time. The second presentation was from Reg Wheeler, an amateur actor, who provided us with a real insight into the world of theatre and shared many amusing anecdotes from the plays in which he had performed. Finally, there was a presentation about Boys Town Jerusalem and all that it has achieved.

Each talk gave rise to some lively discussions and lots of questions at the end; the talks were enjoyed as much by the speakers as by the audience!

Another series of six fortnightly talks begins on **12th July**. Please do join us for tea and cake at **14:00**, followed by the talk and discussion **14:00-15:30**.

JACS Programme 12th July - 20th September

Tuesday 12th July	The Rise and Fall of Green Shield Stamps – Ted Adams
Tuesday 26th July	Visits to Jewish Prisoners – Keith Simons
Tuesday 9th Aug	Preventing fraud, burglaries and theft – Harrow Safe Neighbourhood team
Tuesday 23rd Aug	Tales from the Magistrates Court – Susan Shaw JP
Tuesday 6th Sept	Female Comediennes – Geoff Bowden
Tuesday 20th Sept	The making of the film, Casablanca – David Allen



Ukraine update

Rabbi Alex at Bessborough Road

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Alex Dukhovny, Chief Rabbi of the Religious Union for Progressive Jewish Congregations in Ukraine, to Bessborough Road to talk to us on

Saturday 27th August at 13:15

Mosaic Liberal has been raising funds for the congregations in Ukraine for many years through 'Kiev Koppers' and its Yom Kippur Appeal. This is an opportunity to hear from Rabbi Alex in person about the difficulties faced by our fellow Progressive Jews in his country and how the money we send them is used in their congregations. Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith will be 'in conversation with' Rabbi Alex upstairs after Kiddush. All Mosaic members and visitors will be very welcome.

Mosaic walk in literary London

(Piccadilly / Mayfair)

Sunday 17th July 14:00

This walk in Piccadilly, St James' and Mayfair passes two of the most sharply contrasting bookshops, each with its own literary history. St James is home to numerous gentlemen's clubs, while the quiet, elegant residential streets of Mayfair provide a welcome relief from unceasing traffic of Piccadilly. Look out for the most famous bird in publishing!

The walk will conclude with beverages and desserts (optional). Numbers are limited for this walk, so please contact John Ashmele or email john@ashmele.co.uk for further information as soon as possible. There is no fee for this walk, but a suggested donation of £5 to a Synagogue charity would be appreciated.

We hope you will enjoy taking part in Mosaic Walk, but please remember that everyone takes part at their own risk and that Mosaic and its representatives are not responsible for any injuries, loss or damage that may occur during the walk.

FILM MOSAIC

20:00 on Tuesday 26th July

'THE JAZZ SINGER'

(1980)

Neil Diamond stars in this motion picture as Yussel Rabinovitch, a young Jewish cantor who strives to make a career outside the synagogue in popular music as Jess Robin. Against the wishes of his rigid father and his loving wife, Yussel travels from New York City to Los Angeles to play his music. Swept up by the excitement, he meets a spunky manager who believes in his talent and shares his dream. He grows apart from his family, and becomes confused about what he should ultimately do with his life.

CAMEO

Dates for
your diary

Wednesday
10th August

CAMEO RESTAURANT
EVENING

Stanmore

Sunday
4th September

CAMEO GAMES
AFTERNOON

Pinner

Please call Bobbi
Riesel on
020 8428 7977 for
further details

Friendship Club

By Trudy Segal, Vice-chairman,
Harrow Friendship Club

Rainy days and Mondays... "always get me down" – according to the song made famous by the Carpenters. The committee, helpers and members of the Friendship Club would beg to differ! Whatever the weather, Mondays always turn out warm and welcoming to the 40+ members who regularly enjoy their special day.

The club offers a 2-3 course lunch with tea, coffee and biscuits, followed by varied entertainment provided mostly by professional singers and musicians; it is generally acknowledged to be the friendliest club in the neighbourhood. Transport is arranged with Dial-a-Ride and volunteer drivers help out where possible.

The club has capacity for new members. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and, for many of our members, Mondays are proving to be the highlight of their week. Come along and see for yourself!

Please ring either Bertha Levy on 020 8421 2233 or Trudy on 020 8423 3209 for more details.

Programme for July/August

JULY

- 4th Entertainer Bill Smith
- 11th Return visit of Stephen Dunnett
- 18th Keyboard player/singer Roy Blass
- 25th Stevie Permutt entertains

AUGUST

- 1st Mike Mirandi
- 8th Lynda Styan presents her 1920s programme
- 15th Singer/guitarist Alex Samos
- 22nd 'Harry's choice'
- 29th CLUB CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY

HaMakom

New Teachers wanted for September

We are looking for adults (20+) to teach Jewish studies on a Sunday morning. There are approximately 30 Sunday mornings during the year.

Rates of pay depend on qualification and experience.

Enthusiasm and commitment are more important than a great wealth of knowledge. You do not need to have taught before, we have professional teachers who are able to help and advise. Many of the books we use have teachers hand books with prepared lesson plans and ideas.

If you think you may be interested please phone me
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Review of past events



Alex Brummer 'in conversation'

By Martin Simonis

On 22nd May we were treated to a fascinating discussion; Mosaic's Steve Levinson expertly probed Alex Brummer, City Editor of the Daily Mail and author, among other things, on most of the current political hot potatoes. As might be expected, subjects included the EU referendum, anti-Semitism in the Labour party, Donald Trump, immigration, relations between the UN and Israel, as well as Alex's own career path from The Guardian to the Daily Mail.

Michael Reik had met Alex many times when he was a vice-president of the Board of Deputies and our thanks go to Michael for making this event happen. Thanks also to Steve Levinson for expertly steering Alex down the right paths and, of course, to those who provided the refreshments.

Mosaic Walk in Literary Marylebone

By John Ashmele

On Sunday 19th June, the Mosaic Walkers set out from Bond Street tube station, crossing Oxford Street

into Marylebone. As on previous walks, literary quotes were read as we passed each location associated with an author or poet, including Thomas Hardy, Edward Gibbon, James Boswell and Arthur Conan Doyle. Marylebone also provided the setting for the blossoming romance between Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett, who lived with her family and tyrannical father in Wimpole Street. (Yes, *the Pied Piper of Hamelin* was written by Robert Browning.) Leaving Marylebone High Street, which was taken over by its annual street fair, we paused for a group photo (below) by a relief of Charles Dickens' characters before traversing the busy Marylebone Road into Regents Park. Leaving the park, we crossed into Clarence Terrace to hear the origins of Wilkie Collins' *The Woman in White*, and how H.G. Wells annoyed his neighbours by playing his radio too loud. Pausing briefly by 221b Baker Street (obviously), the walk finished with tea at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel.

I will conclude with a quote from H.G. Wells' *Time Machine*: 'We all have our time machines, don't we. Those that take us back are memories, and those that carry us forward are dreams'.



Near-death by chocolate

By Paul Zatz



On 5th June, Mosaic Chocoholics were out in force for a demonstration by the Chocolatier and top chef Asher Toubkin, trained in Israel but now working in England.

He gave us plenty of information about the secrets of chocolate (for example, it should be sucked but not chewed, in order to release the full flavours) and he made himself busy with a wide range of goodies, all of which we sampled – fondants, truffles, cookies, elaborately iced cakes and cake decorations. By the time we were finished, even the most extreme chocolate addict was fully satisfied,

and we had also learned a huge amount about how chocolate is processed, marketed and used all over the world. It was very generous of Asher to work so hard on our behalf, and it was fascinating to watch the casual dexterity with which he handled the messy material, Particularly as he had to struggle on a hot evening, and without air conditioning, to keep his chocolate cool. We came away wiser, replete and probably weighing more as well.

Our thanks too to the under-chefs – Joan Noble and Gill Reik – who supported Asher in all the fetching and carrying.



Mosaic moments

The Bagel team Clair Brownstone, Tracey Garland, Milly and Peter Lewy and Lesley Etkind sold 80 bagels to children at HaMakom and raised £174 for World Jewish Relief



Rosemary and Geoff Wolfson at a pre-wedding celebration for Melanie. The cake was baked by Rabbi Frank's wife Cathy Smith

Ascot hat parade at Friendship Club (see article on page 17)



Pictures from the celebrations for the queen's 90th birthday at Bessborough Road



HEMS and HRH The Queen

By Edwin Lucas

On shabbat, we always read the prayer for the Queen. After a special kiddush to mark her 90th birthday, Jack Kushner, HEMS's newest member, told us how he had met the Queen many years ago at Sandringham. He was there through work and on arrival at the front gate, the Police said that Jack and the cameraman were expected. They drove into the palace and Princess Anne asked if they would like to have a drink. They parked up at the rear and were escorted into the Gun Room when, to their amazement, in came the Queen. She chatted to Jack and, as he had his camera with him, he asked, tongue in cheek, if he could take a picture. The Queen said "yes" and the rest is history to Jack and to HEMS congregants too now.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the party

I would like to express my thanks and admiration to the team who put on the delightful party in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. All the refreshments and the entertainment were a joy and the pleasure it gave to all the 90 (plus) year olds was memorable. The whole event was a compliment to the initiative of all the helpers, especially the musicians who raised the jolly singsong.

Trudie Leibling

Other quotes about the party:

"The ladies that prepared and served the food did a fantastic job and not forgetting the entertainers who were outstanding. A big thank you to everyone concerned".

"The party was most enjoyable, the refreshments excellent and the sing-song was fun. I know what a lot of work goes into such an event – so very many thanks to you all".

Thanks for allowing Bessborough Road to be used for a HEMS bar mitzvah

We would like to thank you very much for letting us use the Shul for our son Jacob's Barmitzvah last Saturday. It was a truly wonderful occasion. Indeed – Jacob has said that the weekend was one of the most special of his life! It makes such a difference having a Barmitzvah in a shul building! We were especially pleased to be there as we had our wedding reception at Bessborough Road back in 1997! Many thanks again to all who made it possible.

Rachel and Ben Rickayzen

Neil's Brain Teaser



What is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row on a typewriter?

Answer: Typewriter!!!

Kiev Koppers Update

By Rita Asbury

I am pleased to say that since my last report I have received some very generous donations for our copper collection. I am now almost half-way to the next £100. I really must thank everyone who continues to support this great cause and I must especially thank one of our non-members who collect great bags of coppers each month. Since the start in January 2000 so many members have been so generous and this is appreciated by our friends in Kiev.

KEEP THE KOPPERS KOMING!



Children's Birthdays

Ryan Specterman (4) Phoebe Ellison (6)
Harrison Rutstein (9) Connor Buchalter (13)

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:
Mosaic Liberal: Bessborough Road:
Friday 19:00 (Chavurah supper last

Friday every month after service),
Saturday 11:00
HEMS: Girl Guide Headquarters (GGHQ),
Hatch End: Saturday 09:30
Mosaic Reform: Bessborough Road:
Friday 19:00, Saturday 10:30

Every Week

Jul | Aug

Monday	11:00
Friendship Club	
Sunday	09:45
HaMakom	
Thursday	14:00
Singalong	

July

Saturday	2 nd		<i>Shabbat Shelach Lecha. Bat Mitzvah – Esther Brown</i>
Sunday	3 rd	10:00	Tombstone consecration – Monty Howard, Edgwarebury Lane
Tuesday	5 th	20:00	Photo group
Wednesday	6 th	20:00	Council meetings
		19:30	Line dancing – (see p14)
Friday	8 th	19:00	<i>Contemplative service</i>
Saturday	9 th		<i>Shabbat Korach</i>
Sunday	10 th	09:45	HaMakom – End of term

		14:00	Tombstone consecration – Gilda Baron, Cheshunt
		14:45	Tombstone consecration – Harvey Rose, Cheshunt
		15:30	Tombstone consecration – Shirley Glass, Cheshunt
		16:15	Tombstone consecration – June Wallace, Cheshunt

Monday	11 th	11:30	Friendship Club
Tuesday	12 th	14:00	JACS – The Rise and Fall of Green Shield Stamps (see p15)
Thursday	14 th	19:30	Line dancing – (see p14)
Saturday	16 th	09:30	<i>Shabbat Chukat. Parashat haShavuah. Shabbat Shira</i>
Sunday	17 th	14:00	Mosaic Walk Piccadilly/ Mayfair (see p16)
		14:30	Tombstone consecration – Stella Bennister, Edgwarebury Lane
Wednesday	20 th	12:30	Luncheon club
Saturday	23 rd	09:30	<i>Shabbat Balak. Adult learning – 'Let's talk about God'</i>
Sunday	24 th		<i>Fast of Tammuz</i>

Monday	25 th	11:30	Friendship Club
Tuesday	26 th	14:00	JACS – Visits to Jewish Prisoners – (see p15)
		20:00	Mosaic Film – 'The Jazz Singer' – (see p16)
Wednesday	27 th	20:00	Book Group (venue in Pinner – check with office)
Friday	29 th	20:00	Pot luck supper

August

Wednesday	3 rd	20:00	Council meetings
Saturday	6 th		<i>Shabbat Mattot/Masse</i> Bereavement Care – Some Enchanted Evening – (see p12)
Tuesday	9 th	14:00	JACS – Preventing fraud, burglaries and theft – Harrow Safe Neighbourhood team
Saturday	13 th		<i>Shabbat Devarim</i>
Sunday	14 th		<i>Tisha b'Av. Kehila copy date</i>
Wednesday	17 th	13:00	Tombstone consecration – Valerie Spilfogel – Edgwarebury Lane
Saturday	20 th		<i>Shabbat Va'etchanan</i>
Tuesday	23 rd	14:00	JACS – Tales from the Magistrates Court
Thursday	25 th		Kehila distribution
Friday	26 th	20:00	Pot Luck Supper
Saturday	27 th		<i>Shabbat Ekev. Bar Mitzvah – Connor Buchalter</i>
		13:15	Rabbi Alex Duchovny in conversation with Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith – (see p15)

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