

# Kehila

The **Mosaic** community magazine | **Monthly**

**June 2016**

## Shavuot at Saturday 11th June 2016



Erev Shavuot services take place at the Hatch End Masorti Synagogue premises utilising not only the Girl Guides Headquarters but also the two adjacent Scout Halls - allowing for 3 individual services. All are located at the rear of the Grimsdyke Road car park (free after 6:30 pm), Grimsdyke Road, Hatch End, HA5 4HP

### Order of Events on Saturday 11th June 2016

8.00 pm **Lashon-Hara: Opening Thy Closed Minds and Closing Thy Open Mouths:  
Three Approaches to Negative Talk:**

- 1) **Maimondes: The Problem of Talking About Others**
- 2) **Lashon-Hara Doesn't Speak to Me: Obligations of the Listener**
- 3) **The Problem of Empathy**

9.00 pm All join for a communal food/drink break (including cheesecake)  
in the Girl Guides H.Q.

9.30 pm **Plenary Discussion Concerning Lashon-Hara**

10.00 pm Individual services for Liberal, Masorti and Reform synagogues  
Liberal and Reform in Boy Scouts large and small halls  
Masorti in the Girl Guide H.Q.

All Mosaic Community Members and Guests are Welcome

Please refer to your synagogue weekly newsletter for the details of the times and  
location of any further Shavuot Services that have been arranged

## About our members

Children's birthdays are listed on page 18

### MOSAIC REFORM

#### NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to Nick Prentice who has become of Friend of Mosaic Reform

#### MAZAL TOV TO:

Elaine Ross on the birth of her grandson, Jack Geoffrey  
Jeanette and Victor Less on the birth of their grand-daughter

#### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Gabby Kessler, 80  
David de Magtige, 50  
Bernard Fisherman, 80  
Yvonne Goldstein, 70  
Neil Goodman, 70  
Jacqui Katz, 85  
Daphne Myers, 85  
Beverley Ringart, 70  
Jeffrey Lee, 70

#### ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Pauline and Peter Baars on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Beverley and Ronald Ringart on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Sandie and Martin Simonis on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

#### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Lawrence Chadwick  
Zella Milstone  
Delia Russell  
Joan Burns  
Ros Franks

#### CONDOLENCES TO:

Ivor Cohen on the death of his mother, Becky Cohen  
The family of Nicky Lister  
The family of Valerie Maltz  
Shirley Freeman on the death of her husband, Barry

Henry Kesel on the death of his wife, Frances  
The family of Daphne Lang  
Leila Webber on the death of her husband, Stanley

### HEMS

#### NEW MEMBERS:

Joel Rosenberg

#### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Joel Rosenberg, 21  
Paul Kaye, Sue Levy, 70  
Gil Kersen, 21  
Harold Curry, 95  
Traci Spivack, 50

#### ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Amanda and Ian Kersen, 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

#### CONDOLENCES

Jackie Kalms on the death of her husband, Ashley

### MOSAIC LIBERAL

#### MAZAL TOV TO:

A big mazal tov to Sandy Amber on the birth of triplet grandchildren, Eva Marian, Isabelle Esther and Ronald Isaac. Parents Katie and Jon Mackin will certainly be calling on her for help!

#### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

George Adams  
Daniel Brown  
Louis Chesner  
Jean Coleman  
Margie Goldman  
Walter Harwood  
Edith Horton  
Josephine Mans  
Stuart Rose

Olga Rosenbaum  
Anne Steiner  
Kenneth Travis  
Rosa Zarahiah

#### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Gerald Shindler

#### CONDOLENCES TO:

The family and friends of Ruth Wittels  
The family of Thelma Rosen

### Walking in memory of Stella Bennister

On 28<sup>th</sup> May Mosaic Liberal member, Mark Bennister is walking from London to Brighton in memory of his mother Stella. The 100k non-stop walk will raise funds for St Luke's Hospice in Kenton.

St Luke's is a fantastic hospice and provided wonderful care for Stella in her last weeks. The hospice desperately needs donations to carry on the great work in the local community. If you would like to donate please go online at [www.justgiving.com/TeamBennister](http://www.justgiving.com/TeamBennister) or contact Mark via email

Stella's stone setting will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 14:30 at Edgwarebury cemetery.

#### Next issue

Copy Date for the July issue is 19<sup>th</sup> June

Note that there will be no issue in August

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# Working together for Holocaust Memorial Day

## Mosaic working with Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue for Holocaust Memorial Day

By Alex Gerlis



Every year in early February something remarkable takes place at the two synagogues in Northwood (Liberal and United) and at some neighbouring synagogues (including Watford and Kenton). More than 3,000 local school students and their teachers come to one of the synagogues to take part in a Holocaust education event. The events take place over a two week period and have been going on for more than twelve years now.

The programme for every school consists of an introduction by a rabbi, a film, a facilitator – led workshop, followed by what is always the most impressive part: a talk by a Holocaust survivor relating their life story, which never ceases to humble each and every one of us. A memorial candle and one minute silence concludes the visit and the students are invited to contribute their feedback to the speaker. The aim is to make them aware of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides and return to their homes and schools to discuss the lessons to be learnt for their generation to create a better future.

It is hard not to be enormously impressed by the professional way in which the events are organised and how well everyone works together. A few people from Mosaic have been involved in a personal capacity

with Northwood Holocaust Memorial Day and through this came the idea of exploring the possibility of extending it to Mosaic for February 2017. As NHMD have developed a tried and tested model, it makes sense to work under their auspices rather than setting up our own operation. We are very privileged to have the opportunity to extend this important and unique Holocaust education programme to Mosaic.

NHMD recognise that not only do we cover three communities and offer excellent facilities, but they also see it as a good opportunity to extend the scope of this invaluable education programme to the boroughs of Harrow, Brent and Ealing. We appealed for volunteers and a number of people did come forward to be trained as facilitators to run the workshops (a structure is provided) and as general helpers. For facilitators, some experience in facilitating and/or education is desirable, although training will be provided. We need a lot of helpers: people to show students where to go, help with refreshments and to assist facilitators in the workshops.

If you are willing to participate with such help, please contact Alex Gerlis or Joan Noble to enlist and we will keep you informed about the next stages in our work.

# A Rabbi's Word

By Rabbi Kathleen Middleton –  
Mosaic Reform



**T**radition tells us that the Israelites were quite unprepared to receive the Torah on Shavuot. In fact, they slept so deeply that night, before God declared the Decalogue at Mount Sinai, that

they had to be awoken with thunder and lightning. This we are told in the *Midrash* on *Shir Hashirim* (Song of Songs) (Chapter 1, 12:2), which says: “*Israel slept all night, because the sleep of Shavuot is pleasant and the night is short*”. R. Judan said: “*Not a flea worried them. God came and found them sleeping, so began to rouse them with trumpeters*”; as it says in Exodus 19:16: “*there were thunders and lightnings*”. In order to remedy the error of our ancestors, it is now our tradition to stay up and study all night as an act of *tikkun* (repair), so we are well prepared to receive the Torah in the morning.

It is not our tradition in Mosaic to study through the night, but I have done so in the past with a previous community, which was very proud of its *Tikkun leyl* Shavuot. During the course of the evening our numbers would swell, as other communities joined in, but past midnight the numbers started to peter out, so that after 4am only a handful

remained. It demanded much discipline and concentration to keep awake, and keep one's mind focused through unabated intellectual exchange, until the hazy light of dawn appeared and a chorus of birds indicated that it was time to pray *shacharit*.

Although *Midrash Shir Hashirim* is often quoted as the source of the *Tikkun leyl* Shavuot, it seems unlikely that it is indeed the case, particularly because the tradition of all-night study on the night of Shavuot was not recorded until the 16<sup>th</sup> century, even though the *Midrash* has existed since the 8<sup>th</sup> century.

“Progressive movements have happily borrowed the Kabbalistic concept of ‘*tikkun olam*’ to mean ‘repairing the world’”

As the title ‘*tikkun*’ (meaning ‘repair’ or ‘fix’) seems to suggest, the origins are more likely to be found in *Kabbalistic* circles. And there are indeed indications that the custom originated in 16<sup>th</sup> century Safed, from where the custom spread into Europe. Some scholars even credited the spread of this custom of staying awake to the spread of coffee drinking throughout the Muslim world; (coffee drinking became popular in 15<sup>th</sup> century Sufi circles to help people stay awake all night).

The Kabbalist's concept of ‘*tikkun*’ dates back to the *Kabbalistic* creation myth, based on the teachings of Isaac Luria (1534-1572), which tries to explain why evil exists in the world. In the beginning, there was only God's infinite light, and in order to create the world, God (known as *Ein Sof*), had to retract Himself (*tzimzum*) in order to make a place for creation. God then poured the Divine light into this void. The light thickened into vessels, to contain more light, but the vessels were not strong

enough to hold all of God's light and they fragmented. As the light returned to God, the broken vessels scattered all over the earth, trapping some sparks of Divine light (*nitzotzot*) within them. The shards or shells (*Kelipot*) are the source of all evil and suffering. We can repair the world by finding the sparks, which represent all that is good and holy in the world and free it from the *Kelipot*.

This work is known as *tikkun* (repairing) and all Progressive movements have happily borrowed and appropriated the *Kabbalistic* concept of ‘*tikkun olam*’ to mean our ‘repairing the world’. We generally understand this as a call for social action, but, for the Kabbalists there were many ways in which one could perform *tikkun*: in prayer, by eating particular foods, in our personal interaction with others and in study (hence, *tikkun leyl Shavuot*). It demands a kind of mindfulness, a greater awareness of the impact we make on others and a desire to draw goodness, and a sense of holiness out of every situation. We might not stay up to study all night for Shavuot, but we could at least train ourselves to engage in some more ‘*tikkun*’ in our lives.



Israel's long-term security and sustainability must be based on social inclusion and cohesion between its Jewish and Arab citizens. Recent research (Pew Research Center : *Religiously Divided Society*) indicates such inclusion and cohesion to be in short supply.

The Abraham Fund Initiatives (TAFI) continues to demonstrate programs and policies that increase inclusivity and foster tolerance between Jews and Arabs.

The four key initiatives this year are::

- **Education Programs for Israel's Pre-Army Leadership Academies** aims to increase understanding of Israel's Arab minority among Jewish-Israeli high school graduates, who are on a path toward leadership positions in the Army and Israeli society afterwards.
- **The Minority Mainstreaming and Media Initiative** established a Hot off the Arab Press newsletter, which translates major stories from the Arabic media in Israel into Hebrew. This publication is actively distributed to members of the Knesset, prominent Hebrew language journalists and other thought leaders in order to help them better understand the Arab society in Israel, its concerns and discourse.
- **Academic Institutions as Shared Spaces** launched a new partnership with Israel's leading Hebrew University of Jerusalem, running cultural-sensitivity trainings for their administrative and security staff and facilitating Arab-Jewish student leadership groups.
- **Community Volunteering in Arab Society** was launched with the end-goal of having the program recognized and adopted by the Ministry of Welfare. This critical program offers to post high school Arab youth in Israel the training and skill building opportunities for future employment.

Anyone who wishes to know more or to become more involved may contact Michael Reik, who is an overseas member of the Fund's Israeli board.

# AGM reports

## Mosaic Jewish Community

by new Chairman, Phil Austin



**A**t the recent Mosaic AGM on May 8<sup>th</sup>, I picked up the baton from Harry Grant and became the second Chairman of the Mosaic Jewish Community. I am very excited about the prospect of helping to take Mosaic forward on the next phase of its journey and look forward to working with the Board and our membership.

Of course it won't be quite the same without Harry – and we will all miss his presence and contribution at Board Meetings. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Harry for his unstinting efforts in the past two years – his influence has been invaluable.

Do we face any challenges in the years ahead? Of course we do. As with any new Jewish community it takes time to put down roots and to develop our own personality. Our continued focus is to make Mosaic a relevant and rewarding experience for our current membership. We also need to increase our profile to attract new members to the fold. I will keep you updated on our progress including our efforts to find a new shared home.

### Mosaic Reform

#### **From Juliet Grainger**

The Mosaic Reform AGM was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The following were elected to Council. We look forward to a productive year. Mazeltov to all elected.

**Presidents:** Gill Reik and Linda Holman,

**Chairman:** Barbara Grant,

**Vice-Chairman:** Stephen Noble,

**Treasurer:** Richard Phillips,

**Hon. Secretary:** Juliet Grainger

**Members of Council:** Jeremy Banks, Benje Noble-Bougay, Lawrence Chadwick, Robin Goldsmith, Jane Harrison, David Martin, Michelle Singer

### Hatch End Masorti

The HEMS AGM is on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. A report will be included in the next issue of Kehila.

### Mosaic Liberal

#### **From Alan Solomon**

Adrian Cohen stepped down from the chair of Mosaic Liberal Synagogue at the AGM on April 21<sup>st</sup>, having served in that position for the previous seven years. Members expressed their sincere gratitude to Adrian for his leadership during such a momentous period in the life of the Synagogue, leaving Preston Road after 60 years and moving into Bessborough Road in 2011. The new Council elected Daniel Brown as his successor.

#### **The Council for the forthcoming year comprises:**

Daniel Brown (Chairman),

Alan Solomon (Vice-Chairman),

Steven Sanderson (Treasurer),

Maria Landau, Brigitte Levin, Maureen

Lubert, Joy Katz, Miriam Smith and Kevin

Ziants.

# Situations Vacant

We can all be extremely proud (and even amazed) that we have created the UK's first pluralist Jewish Community, and that we have managed to bring three independent Synagogues together.

We have managed to do things that none of

our individual Synagogues could even think about on their own, and intend to do more in the year ahead – and for that we need your support. Whether you can spare half an hour a week or more, please get in touch to volunteer to help us make Mosaic even more vibrant and successful.

**We currently have opportunities to join and lead teams in the following areas:**

### Activities and Events

Joining the team that plans and runs our events on festivals (Shavuot, Chanukah...) and Mosaic Shabbat, working with the Ritual / Rites & Practices teams of our three Synagogues

Joining the team that plans and runs our events and activities – specifically we are looking for people who would each be willing to take the lead for one event over the coming year

Supporting our regular activities, working with the leaders of those activities to see how we can support them more effectively, and develop those activities

### Beyond Mosaic (tikkun olam)

**communitydevelopment@choosemosaic.org**

Joining the 'Beyond Mosaic' team in areas including inter-faith, poverty, foodbank and Israel

### Education

**communitydevelopment@choosemosaic.org**

Joining the 'Education' team that arranges speakers and our other education programmes and events

### Communications and Marketing

'Journalists' to create articles for our magazine, website and social media (facebook and twitter)  
Being part of the team that creates content for our website and social media (facebook and twitter)  
Supporting production of the magazines – commissioning and chasing articles and other content, proof reading.

Obtaining magazine advertising from appropriate sources, by telephone or in person, to help fund production and so release funds for other projects.

### Membership

Joining the 'Membership' team: arranging membership campaigns and events

### Behind the scenes

Assisting the Office for a few hours a month in simple or more complicated (as you wish!) administrative tasks



**If you can help with any of these, then please contact the people named in each section, or [redacted]**

**Many thanks!**



# Mosaic continues to support René Cassin



By Jeff Highfield – Treasurer, Mosaic Jewish Community (but there are some things more important than finance...)

**D**uring Mosaic Shabbat last October, the community was delighted to welcome Sam Grant from René Cassin, the charity which is “*the Jewish voice for human rights*”, to talk about its work to “*promote and protect universal human rights, drawing on Jewish experience and values*”.

Barbara Grant and I were able to demonstrate the Mosaic community’s continuing support for this vital work by attending a meeting at the Houses of Parliament on 20<sup>th</sup> April. It was organised jointly by René Cassin and Tzelem UK, the rabbinic campaign for social and economic justice in the UK. The meeting’s immediate purpose was to demonstrate support for Amendment 84 to the Immigration Bill. The Bill proposed an automatic judicial review after 28 days on a Home Office decision to detain someone on immigration grounds. Without this amendment, detainees may be detained indefinitely, with no recourse to any legal mechanism for review. The Immigration Bill was debated by the House of Commons on May 9th, and the amendment was defeated. However, an alternative Government amendment, proposing an automatic bail hearing for people detained for over 4 months, was passed, together with a 72-hour limit on the detention of pregnant

women. Tzelem described this outcome as “*far short of what we would have liked to see*” but an “*important milestone*” nonetheless, as neither provision was in the Government’s original bill.

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But, the meeting in Parliament sent out a much broader message about human rights, as it was a living, breathing demonstration of the commitment of people of all faiths (and none) to our shared humanity. To pick out a few highlights to illustrate the cross-communal nature of the event:

It was hosted by Luciana Berger, Labour MP for Liverpool Wavertree, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and daughter of Mosaic Reform members, Antonia and Howard Berger.

The heart of the event consisted of moving contributions from two former detainees, Ajay

from Nepal, and Justice from Zimbabwe. Both talked about their harrowing experience and the damaging impact of indefinite detention on their mental and emotional health, and their family life. Justice described his feeling of being treated “*worse than a convicted criminal*”, because prisoners can at least count down to the end of their sentence; he could only count up the days of detention, with no known end in sight. His courage in standing up in front of such a large gathering, in such a place as the Houses of Parliament, shows he is recovering; but the hurt he had endured was clearly still very raw.

Then, representatives of three faith communities spoke; Rabbi Herschel Gluck OBE, a member of Tzelem UK; Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald, of the Catholic Caritas Social Action Network and Sheikh Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi, chair of External Affairs for the European Council of Islamic Scholars. Each acknowledged with deep respect their different religious motivations and starting points, but they all celebrated reaching the same conclusion in relation to human rights. There is no Jew, no Christian, no Muslim, no atheist, but just humans who need to stand together to protect and extend human rights.

The closing speech came from Richard Fuller, Conservative MP for Bedford and Kempston, who spoke forcefully about looking forward to the time when the word ‘refugee’ would once again be used as a term of honour in the UK, to welcome those who can contribute so much to our country.

So, watch this space! I’m sure there will be other opportunities for our community to support these two important organisations. You can find out more from [www.renecassin.org](http://www.renecassin.org) and [www.tzelem.uk](http://www.tzelem.uk)

## HaMakom

### HaMakom – Report on recent activities

By Jacky Martin – Head Teacher

**W**e have been celebrating all the recent festivals at HaMakom with lots of exciting activities.

Back in March we were lucky enough to have a professional puppeteer come along and help everyone put on a Purim puppet show. Everyone made their own puppets and after a very quick rehearsal put on the Megillah for all the parents who came at the end of the morning.

At our Family Pesach morning we made various items which were then used at the children’s family Seder the following weekend. As well as making some Pesach brownies, there were some of the plagues to make and a china Seder plate which should become a family heirloom!

To celebrate Yom Ha’atsmaut the children learnt how to ask for a variety of food which was being sold at our Israeli Café. Using toy Israeli money the café was opened and the children had to remember not only the Hebrew for the food but also to say please and thank you. A large map of Israel was used to play ‘Pin the site on the map’. Children eagerly awaited their turn to be blind-folded and then to place a picture in the correct location (see picture, page 13). Prizes were given to those who got the most correct sites. Israeli flags were iced onto biscuits which were quickly eaten. On the craft table, flags and Magen Davids were coloured and stuck with enthusiasm. Whilst this was all going on there was Israeli dancing which burnt off some of the calories from all the food which was being eaten.

# Mosaic multi-faith third night seder held on 24<sup>th</sup> April

By Kevin Ziants, Chair of Mosaic Liberal Synagogue Rites and Practices Committee

About ninety people attended this ground-breaking event, which was conceived and designed by Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith. Along with Frank, panellists included his close colleagues, Aisha Khan (a committed Muslim and Chair of the Brent Multi-faith Forum) and Reverend Graham Nind (Baptist Area Dean for Brent and Minister of the Sudbury Baptist Church).

We started with the communal welcomes, '*Shalom aleichem*', '*Salaam aleikum*' and one guest offered a Scottish Gaelic version, '*Ceud mìle fàilte*' meaning '*a hundred thousand welcomes*'. The scene was certainly set for a totally inclusive event! '*A Song of Freedom*' was played by guitarist and composer, Mohammed Nazam, leader of the multi-faith band Berakah, which reinforced this warm-hearted mood (see picture 1).

Our first speaker was Claudia Pietro-Piastro (at right of picture 2), a PhD student at Kings College, who gave a presentation on the cultural symbolism of foods in terms of ethnicity and faith. Claudia described how what we eat can define our identities. As examples, she discussed the special significance of pancakes for Christians, challot for Jews and Ramadan fasting for Muslims.

Three key food rituals were retained from a traditional Seder: sweet grape juice in acknowledgement of our relatively privileged lives; parsley dipped in salt water to signify



Picture by Maurice Hoffman

“We must strive to support and help each other as fellow human beings and as fellow refugees”

tears giving way to new growth and the unleavened bread of both poverty and freedom.

Then the panel, consisting of Aisha, Frank and Graham (picture 3) brought refreshingly different interpretations to the familiar story.



Picture by Maurice Hoffman

They each found a heartfelt way of sharing the Exodus theme from the perspective of their own faith. This was divided into the following themes:

- 1) Is Change Possible in Our Relationships and History?
- 2) Our Journeys from Slavery to Freedom
- 3) Moses, Jesus, Mohammed as Prophets and Leaders

(Each emphasised kindness and each was in conflict with an established religion and power structure.)

There were many lessons learned from each angle. For example, Frank mentioned how as Jews we were in fact all refugees. He then highlighted the current struggles for Syrians trying to escape their oppression. He stated that placing a wet training shoe on a Seder plate would serve as an effective symbol, reminding us of the current struggles of refugees to be free and safe.

Aisha described how Ibrahim/Abraham, revered for his hospitality and openness to strangers, failed to welcome an old man regarded as a pagan. God then appeared on the scene to scold the patriarch-prophet for being unkind and unjust. (This story is significant in both Jewish and Islamic traditions.)

Graham advised us that Passover is mentioned twenty-eight times in the New Testament. He movingly described how Jesus extended his love especially to poor people and beggars. He finally gave a talk on how he saw gospel music as an art form, expressing faith when African people were oppressed as slaves.

We concluded this memorable event by discussing, after all we have said and done, how should we live on earth. Very appropriately, one person contributed the word '*together*' to the question. We must strive to support and help each other as fellow human beings and as fellow refugees.

The event was an inspiration. As the guests were leaving, there were so many heart-warming smiles. I experienced feelings of renewal and hope that I will continue to bring to my day-to-day existence. I already feel excited about building on this success for next year's event.

Thanks are due both to the panellists and speakers and to Michelle Singer, Chair of the Seder Committee – and her band of helpers, who were responsible for catering and attending to the details of this special event.

Picture by Sarah Smith





# Mosaic moments

(April - May)



Purim Spiel (23<sup>rd</sup> March)  
(picture from Odeya B)



Hamakom Purim play  
(20<sup>th</sup> March) (picture FDS)

Three members who celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year cut a special cake at a cream tea on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, organised by the Community group, for Mosaic's over-80s to celebrate the queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (picture from Jonelle Roback)



Rabbi Kathleen and her children and Richard and Ryan Specterman and a visitor from Harrow school recite Ma Nishtana at the communal seder on 23<sup>rd</sup> April



Rabbi Frank and part of the crowd of ninety people celebrating the multi-faith seder on April 24<sup>th</sup>



The Mosaic Walkers take a break in New River Walk – one of the hidden secrets discovered in literary Islington – on 15<sup>th</sup> May



Anthony Myers 'Elder Statesman' in conversation on March 26<sup>th</sup>



Pinning the city on the state, at HaMakom Yom Ha'atsmaut party



# Upcoming events

## Chocoholics – a great evening for you

*Demonstration and tasters with the best quality chocolate masterfully handled by chocolatier Asher Toubkin to make a tempting assortment of delicious dishes. You will see it, handle it, smell it and taste a scrumptious variety of delights.*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 19:00**

*Put the date in your diary and book a place via the Office to attend.*

**£15.00pp**

## Tea parties on a Sunday

Mosaic Reform, together with Jewish Care, would like to bring people together for a cup of tea once a month on a Sunday. There are many people in the community who live on their own or have relatives who are busy at weekends – Sundays can often feel quite lonely. A cup of tea and a chat can make a big difference.

We would like to be able to hold these tea parties in members' homes and so we are looking for volunteer hosts from all Mosaic Synagogues who are willing to open up their homes for a tea party. We will also need volunteer drivers to transport people to and from the parties where necessary. Training will be provided, which will give all the information needed to become one of our Tea Party Volunteers.

If you would like to get involved in this project, which will make a big difference to a lot of people, or if you know someone who would like a tea party invitation, please get in touch with Gay Saunders tel 020 8864 0133 or by email [communitycare@mosaicreform.org.uk](mailto:communitycare@mosaicreform.org.uk)



## Bereavement Care goes to Chichester

**Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bereavement Care invites you to come with us to Chichester to visit the beautiful old Roman City with all its history as well as excellent shopping. We will then be going to the Chichester Festival Theatre to enjoy a matinee performance of the brilliant musical 'Half a Sixpence' which has been updated by Julian Fellowes, writer of Downton Abbey. Many Chichester productions transfer to the West End so enjoy a great day out for less than the price of a London show.

We have again booked a luxury coach to take us from Pinner, leaving at 9.00am. We will be returning to Pinner around 8.00pm. There are only 53 places available at £60 per person, including the theatre ticket. Please make your own arrangements for lunch.

Book now (first come, first served).

Booking can only be confirmed when payment has been received



## Mosaic Walk in Literary Marylebone

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2pm**

This walk (postponed from April) tells the great story of the love affair between Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett, and we will see where H. G. Wells played his radio much too loudly. "I love your verses with all my heart, Dear Miss Barrett..." Robert Browning (1812-1889). The walk will include literary quotes, and conclude with afternoon tea (optional).

Numbers are limited for this walk, so – please contact John Ashmele or email [john@ashmele.co.uk](mailto: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.*





## Harrow Friendship Club

Entertainment for the over-60s

**JUNE**

**Mondays: 11:00 to 14:30**

**Tel (on the day)** \_\_\_\_\_

6<sup>th</sup> Leonie Paige entertains  
13<sup>th</sup> Singer David Peace  
20<sup>th</sup> Ascot Day  
27<sup>th</sup> Return visit of Ronnie Goldberg

**For further information call Bertha  
(contact via the Office)**

## Supper Quiz

**No details yet, but there will be a big Supper Quiz on Sunday 6th November. Save the date!**



## MOSAIC WEEKLY WALKING

By Henry Altman

I have started a Tuesday walking group around the areas of Pinner /Northwood/ Harrow, with easy/ medium walks of 3 or 4 miles.

If you would like to join us, or if you have any suggestions for future walks, please contact me via the synagogue, and we can go from there.

## Film Mosaic

20:00 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

### '24 JOURS'

The true story of Ilan Halimi  
(French with English Subtitles)

Ilan, a 23 year old sales assistant, is tempted to meet an attractive customer. The next his family hears from him is via a ransom demand. Based on a book co-written by Ilan's mother, Ruth Halimi, the movie offers a searing insight into his vicious ordeal and the harrowing experience of the family who can only wait and pray for the Police to bring Ilan home alive. The Police fail to recognize the anti-Semitic hatred of his kidnappers.

Considered so important that the French Ministry of Education decided it must be shown in schools. – Shown at the London Jewish Film Festival

# Review of past events

## A mountain of macaroons, a cluster of cinnamon balls and a pile of pyramids

By Judy Silverton

**V**olunteers Anne Steiner, Hana Schlesinger, Viv Block, Evelyn Sheldon, Gill Reik, Trudy Segal, Jeanette Leibling, Helen West, Pat Zatz and Esther Aronsfeld joined Judy Silverton in the Annual Pesach Bake in on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Between them they made approximately 180 almond macaroons, 120 Cinnamon balls and about 100 coconut pyramids to be eaten at the Communal Seder, the Interfaith Seder, kiddushim and any events that happened to fall during Pesach week.



They used three dozen eggs, kilos of almonds and the Synagogue kitchen smelled wonderful. Many thanks to all those involved for giving up their time.



referred to in *Bleak House*. Passing Lincoln's Inn and the chapel where John Donne was inaugurated, we walked through Carey Street and onto Fleet Street before turning into Johnson Square and 17 Gough Square, the only surviving residence of Dr Samuel Johnson.

A short diversion from Gunpowder Square, and we arrived at Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, believed to be the model for the tavern where Sydney Carton and Charles Darnay 'enjoy a good plain dinner and good wine', as described in *A Tale of Two Cities*. Retracing our steps to Gunpowder Square, we eventually turned into High Holborn and the redbrick building on the site of Furnival's Inn, where John Westlock had chambers in *Martin Chuzzlewit*.

Turning into Furnival Street, we reached Took's Court, the Cook's Court, where 'Mr Snagsby, Law Stationer, pursues his lawful calling' in *Bleak House*. We crossed Chancery Lane and soon arrived at Staple Inn, a delightful garden referenced in *Bleak House* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

Crossing High Holborn and entering Brook Street, we turned into Brooks Court, then Gray's Inn Road, before crossing Chancery Lane and finding a welcome cup of coffee at a nearby hostelry.

## Mosaic Walk in Literary London

By John Ashmele

**I**t was a chilly afternoon in March when six Mosaic walkers set off on the first walk of 2016. It was inevitable that our route from Holborn to Chancery Lane would once again follow in the footsteps of Charles Dickens and some of his literary creations.

Our first stop was 58 Lincoln Inns Fields,

## Neil's Brain Teaser



1. Two boxers are in a match scheduled for 12 rounds. (Pure boxing only – no kicking, UFC takedowns, or anything else). One of the boxers gets knocked out after only 6 rounds yet no man throws a punch. How is this possible?

2. What is the shortest word in the English language containing letters 'a, b, c, d, e, f' (this is a repeat of the March Brain Teaser, for which we frustrated our readers by never giving the answer (sorry about that!))

Answers: 1. Both boxers are female 2. Feedback

## Letter to the Editor

### Thanks for the party!

Happy Birthday Your Majesty – and thank you, Jane and your hardworking and willing band of helpers for giving us 'oldies' such a wonderful afternoon in celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (over 80s tea party on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May)

The food was fantastic, the company good and the Three Plonkers led us all in a happy trip down memory lane.

This was the first of your special events that I have had the pleasure of attending and P.G it won't be the last.

**Edna Beber**

## Kiev Koppers Update

(May/June)

By Rita Asbury

I was able to give Rabbi Alex another £100 from the copper fund during his recent visit to London. Also a cheque from the Yom Kippur Appeal for £1,300 was banked for the congregation in Kiev.

Some of the Yom Kippur Appeal money helped to buy three computers for the kindergartens and together with our copper contribution, some of the very poor were given matzos for Pesach, and paid for their attending the Seders. Every penny which we are able to send to Kiev helps so many of their congregation.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Yom Kippur appeal and thanks to everyone who continues to support our copper collection. Our total now is £15,900... how soon to £16,000!!!

**KEEP THE KOPPERS KOMING!**

## Children's Birthdays

**Chase Vincent (7)**  
**Jacob Rickayzen (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

Jun | Jul

<b>Monday</b>	11:00
Friendship Club	
<b>Sunday</b>	09:45
HaMakom	
<b>Thursday</b>	14:00
Singalong	

## June

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	20:00	Council meetings
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	<i>Shabbat Bechukotai</i>
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Chocoholics evening
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	<i>Shabbat Bemidbar</i> Erev Shavuot
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day Shavuot</b>
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Shavuot
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	JACS – 'Boys Town, Jerusalem'
		20:00	Photo group
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	Luncheon Club
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	<i>Shabbat Naso</i> Bar Mitzvah – Jacob Rickayzen
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Kehila copy date (July issue) Mosaic Walk – Literary Marylebone Mosaic Walk – Literary Marylebone
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	20:00	Mosaic Film '24 Jours'
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	14:30	Tombstone consecration – Pat (Iris) Jacobs, Edgwarebury Lane
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	Pot luck supper
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	<i>Shabbat Beha-Alotecha</i> Adult learning – Skeptic session
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Tombstone consecration – Norman Benson, Edgwarebury Lane
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>		Kehila distribution

## July

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<i>Shabbat Shelach Lecha</i>
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Tombstone consecration – Monty Howard, Edgwarebury Lane
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	Photo group
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	Council meetings
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Contemplative service
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	<i>Shabbat Korach</i> Bar Mitzvah – Ben Watson
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	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
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	<i>Shabbat Chukkat</i>
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Tombstone consecration – Stella Bennister, Edgwarebury Lane
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	Luncheon club
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30	<i>Shabbat Balak</i> Adult learning – 'Let's talk about God'
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Fast of Tammuz</b>
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	Pot luck supper

# Get in touch!

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