

Kehila

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

March 2015

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www.choosemosaic.org

About our members

Childrens' birthdays are listed on page 19

HWPS

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Ruth Barnett
Gaby Rosenthal
Thelma Rosen
Sonia Sharp
Pat Zatz

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Val Spilfogel

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family and friends of
Eleanor Haberman

STONE SETTINGS:

The stone setting of David Bellman will be on Sunday 8th March at 2.45pm at Edgwarebury.

The stone setting of Renee Phillips will be on Thursday 21st May at 2.45pm at Edgwarebury.

Note the corrected dates.

HEMS

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Chanan Shuall, 70
Hannah Glass, 21

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Abi Ezekiel
Hannah Glass

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Rachel Rickayzen
Henry Altman

Mosaic Reform

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Edna Beber, 90
Edna Beber, 90
Betty Brand, 95
Peter Butters, 80

Arnold Gee, 85
Daniel Green, 85
Rosalie Tobe, 85
Trudie Leibling, 95
Helena Grossman, 50
Caroline & Lawrence Chadwick on their 35th anniversary
Gilda & Graham Zeitlin on their 25th anniversary

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Judith Denney
Andy Segal

MAZAL TOV TO:

Andrew Morrow & Carla Levy on their recent marriage.
Mazal tov also to Georgina & Stephen Levy.
Susan & Richard Freedman on the birth of their grand-daughter, Victoria Elizabeth.
Helen & Norman Cripps on the birth of their grandson, Alexander.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Harvey Kesselman
Basil Cohen
Norman Noah
Deborah Davis

GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW HOME TO:

Geraldine & Joseph Simon

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of our member,
Laura Howe

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Welcome

You may have noticed a small change to Kehila this month !!

The change to small-size (A5) pages is in part to reduce postage costs (no unsightly folding or 'Large' stamp is required). Perhaps more importantly, we feel it has produced a better magazine and is better distinguished from the 40+ page 'seasonal' Kehila journal.

The print size is unchanged – the readability is not diminished. As you will see in April, when the Pesach edition is issued, 'seasonal' Kehila will remain the same as it has always been with 'large' (A4) pages.

Reaction to a recent test run that we created was almost universally favourable, and we hope that most of our readers will also view the change in a positive light. We are happy to receive feedback, one way or the other.

Make sure you check out the new Mosaic website at www.choosemosaic.org – it is superb and well-worth the wait.

If you would like to get involved with any of the communications' avenues – Kehila, the website or the ChooseMosaic Facebook presence, then please get in touch.

Martin Simonis and Judy Silverton
(Joint Editors – 'small' Kehila)

**Send your articles, pictures, letters etc
to newsdesk@choosemosaic.org**

Copy date for the Pesach issue of Kehila is 1st March. Copy date for the May issue of Kehila-Monthly is 19th April.

A Rabbi's Word

By Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton



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Purim – Recognising Amalek

If ever the old joke was true that most of our festivals can be paraphrased in three short sentences: 'They went after us. We won. Let's eat!' it is true for Purim.

Purim, the festival of gaiety, dressing-up, noise and drink is generally loved by children, but not always appreciated by adults. I remember a synagogue I used to serve, where the adults could only muster a disdainful 'tut, tut!' whenever Haman was mentioned; there was certainly no drinking 'ad lo yada' (until one no longer knows the difference between 'Blessed be Mordechai' and 'Cursed be Haman' (Tb Meg 7b)) and dressing-up was reserved only for the children. As a rule, chapters 9 and 10 of the *Megillat Esther* were never read as it was deemed too violent.

The Talmud however claims that during Messianic times, all festivals will be abolished,

“Haman is the archetypal enemy, who resurfaces every now and then”

except for Purim. The rabbis found inspiration in the hidden presence of God in the Book of Esther, apparent only in the reversal of adversity through the actions of Esther and Mordechai - two fairly powerless actors in the greater stage of the Purim

story. Purim is a story of hope, that despite adversity, we - even we, the small players - can turn the tide of history.

Purim is also a story of wishful-thinking - a reflection of a world in which Jews had no political or military power and consequently were always at the mercy of others. How good it was to imagine once a year that the tables would be turned! No one ever worried about the killings at the end. It would be the same as worrying about the lives and loves of the many 'bad guys' killed in action-hero films. The end of *Megillat Esther* is a fantasy and meant to be read as such.

But with the fantasy comes a serious message; life is not an action-hero film. As Rabbi John D Rayner wrote: '*evil does not exist only in our morbid imagination: it exists out there, in the real, all too real world*' (An Understanding of Judaism). Haman is not a real historical figure, but he could be. Haman is the archetypal enemy, who resurfaces every now and then in history. At the time of writing, news has reached us about the shootings in Denmark, just a little over a month after the Paris attacks. Haman is not a remote, fictional character, but every 'lone wolf' with murderous intentions. Purim warns us to be extra vigilant.

And yet we also learn from Purim that,

despite the understandable fear this reality brings us, we should not allow ourselves to be paralysed by it. We do not stand alone - we are supported by our government which seeks to protect us. Nor are we powerless - our power is in our ability to foster ties with the community at large, to create better understanding, greater trust, and more support and an ability to speak out. Esther's boldest act in the *Megillah's* story is to move in circles where others couldn't, speak out when others daren't and act when most others expected her to be passive. In that respect *Megillat Esther* is a remarkably grown-up story and an example for us all.

Chag Purim sameach.

When a parent lives alone of course you do your best to be there as often as you can but when you have a job and family to support this is not always enough to stop your Mum or Dad from feeling desperately lonely.

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Come for a visit and see how we work or perhaps bring your parent in for a week's respite to see how they like it.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

From Harry Grant – Chairman, Mosaic



“We have created a larger community than the 3 shuls could have achieved on their own”

As we approach the first birthday of Mosaic, three things stand out from the past year which help put into perspective what we are seeking to achieve.

Our Erev Shavuot celebrations, where three separate services were held, followed by a combined study session, as well as a cheese cake extravaganza.

Nicholas Young's Bar Mitzvah, where for the first time all three communities celebrated Shabbat morning services under one roof, with a massive Kiddush for more than three hundred people.

Our Barbeque last summer, when members of all three Congregations chilled out together, on a beautiful Sunday afternoon of summer sun.

Anyone who was at any of these three events will know what I'm talking about, and those who were not missed something special. Each one, in its own way, epitomised what Mosaic is all about.

We have created a larger community than anything

that the three individual Shuls on their own could have achieved. We have also created an attractive, talked-about, new type of community, which is attracting interest from far and wide.

And all this has been done without compromising the particular strand of Judaism to which each one of our Synagogues adheres. Compromise is actually a very interesting word, as within Mosaic we consciously do it, and equally often deliberately avoid doing it. How typical of us as such a contrary group!

Those activities I mentioned were just three of the many things that have happened within Mosaic within our first year, and I know they have all given at least as much pleasure and satisfaction to those organising, as to those participating. There is very much more going on, as you can read each month in Kehila. I do hope you join in to the maximum in this exciting and fulfilling venture.

Legacy from the late Kaethe (Katie) Stern

By David Leibling

Mosaic Reform is very honoured to have received two legacies from the estate of Katie Stern who died in 2013 at the age of 106, one directly to the Synagogue and the other to the Simon Levi Fund.

Katie and her cousin Simon Levi were long-standing members of Middlesex New Synagogue having come

to Britain as refugees from Germany before the war. Katie sang in the choir and helped with the Friendship Club right up to the end of her life while Simon was Chairman of the Synagogue and very committed to the ritual of the synagogue.

The Council has decided to hold these donations and to use them for specific items in our new building where Katie's and Simon's names can be remembered.

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What's in a name?

From Adrian Cohen – Chairman, Harrow & Wembley Progressive Synagogue



your agreement to change our name from Harrow & Wembley Progressive Synagogue to Mosaic Liberal. I hear you all ask: "Why do we need to change our name? After all, it has served us well for long enough, and why change now?"

Firstly, we are no longer in the Wembley area and fewer and fewer of our members are currently residing in the Borough of Brent. Within a few years, hopefully, we will all be housed in our new Mosaic building, probably in the HA5 area – Pinner / Harrow Weald. So while strictly speaking still in the Borough of Harrow, it could be seen as limiting and misleading to potential new members.

Our AGM is fast approaching in early May this year, a couple of weeks later than is customary. This will be our fourth AGM since we moved into our new home in June 2011. In some ways, it feels like a lifetime ago and, despite all the wonderful happy memories of joyous occasions that we have from Preston Road, Bessborough Road is our home now where we continue to thrive amongst new friends and also to write new stories and memories into our collective consciousness.

At this May's AGM, our Council is going to ask you, the members, for

Secondly, Liberal Judaism changed its name from the Union of Liberal & Progressive Synagogues a few years ago and is now advising all its constituent synagogues to revert back to Liberal from Progressive. LJ argues that the label "Progressive" is really unhelpful, given that Reform

and Masorti Judaism are also progressive. So, we must distinguish ourselves from our two neighbours in Mosaic. Middlesex New Synagogue has ceased to exist under that name and is now called Mosaic Reform. So it seems natural that we should become Mosaic Liberal; Hatch End Masorti, whose AGM follows ours, will also be considering adopting the name Mosaic Masorti.

Thirdly, let us not forget that we started life in 1948, nearly seventy years ago, not as HWPS but as Wembley & District Liberal Synagogue. After a few years, we became Wembley Liberal Synagogue and around 1990 we became Harrow & Wembley Progressive Synagogue. Let us now make the change that brings us up-to-date: it lets people know exactly who and what we are and fits in perfectly with Mosaic, Mosaic Reform and Liberal Judaism.

Remember – a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

COMMUNAL 2nd NIGHT SEDER

Saturday 4th April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Prices held from 2012!!!

Mosaic Members: Adults £22.00
Family ticket (2 adults + up to 2 children under 16) £45.00
Additional children age 5-16 £12.00 each. Under 5s - free
Non-members: Adults £35.00

Book your place by completing this form & returning it, with your remittance and stamped addressed envelope, to Communal Seder, 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS
N.B. Places cannot be reserved without payment and will be dealt with on a "first come first served" basis.

Please reserve:

..... Adult member places at £22.00 each = £ (M)
..... Family Tickets at £45 = £ (please state no. of children) (FT)
..... Child places (5-16) at £12 each = £ (C)
..... Child places under 5 = Free
..... Adult non-member places at £35 each = £ (NM)

I enclose cheque/cash (payable to Mosaic Jewish Community Ltd) in the sum of £..... being the total amount due.

Please complete the following **IN CAPITALS**

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I require 1 adult salmon/fried fish/vegetarian meal*	Name of guest
I require 1 child salmon/fried fish/vegetarian meal*	Name of guest
I require 1 child salmon/fried fish/vegetarian meal*	Name of guest
I require 1 child salmon/fried fish/vegetarian meal*	Name of guest

*Please delete as applicable (Please ensure that all guests are named & state their food requirements)

I would like to be seated with.....

I need/can* offer a lift to & from the Seder *Please delete as applicable

This form should be returned by Thursday 26th March with your remittance & a **STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** to Communal Seder, 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS

Foreign Travel

(with a Jewish theme)

By Lydia and David Safir in Crete

A synagogue without Jews?

The old “chestnut” (or in Greece “macadamia nut”) about any island needing two shuls so that you could join one and refuse to be seen dead in the other has a bitter-sweet resonance in Crete. For 400 years the exquisite Etz Hayyim Synagogue and Mikva served the Greek-speaking Romaniot community of Chania, while their Venetian Sephardi cousins chose



to pray elsewhere; only for the 246 Jews left on Crete to perish when the German ship deporting them to the Greek mainland and Auschwitz in 1944 was bombed by RAF pilots assuming that it carried armaments.

With post-war austerity and any “culture vultures” heading for the Minoan ruins of Knossos, the building inevitably fell into disrepair - until Nikos Stavroulakis (a British-educated author and artist described as “the last living Chaniot Jew”) resolved in 1999 to restore and re-dedicate “a thread of both Jewish and Cretan history going back to the very beginnings of the diaspora”. Today, thanks to his vision and the commitment of the non-Jewish custodian and local volunteers, Etz Hayyim hosts exhibitions and concerts and celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat as well as major festivals; and it is British expats, Israeli tourists and furloughed NATO servicemen who ensure that a community and culture long gone will not be forgotten.



An Enjoyable Erev Shabbat!

By George Vulkan

It was a new and pleasant experience when members of Mosaic Reform and HWPS living in the Kenton area, met in the home of Judith and Basil Bara to jointly celebrate Erev Shabbat. About 25 people were present and it was an opportunity for members to meet away from the synagogue, as well as to get to know each other.

After chatting and introductions the evening started with a Kabbalat Shabbat service beautifully conducted by Rabbi Kathleen Middleton. We were then treated to a variety of nicely presented and tasty food, with most dishes having been previously prepared and brought by those attending. As in any Jewish function there was no risk of anyone being left hungry! This was followed by Grace After Meals and more chatting. Time passed very quickly and all agreed that it was a very enjoyable way of welcoming Shabbat as well as being a social occasion. A cold, wet Friday evening in mid-February had turned into a delight. Let us hope it won't be too long till the event is repeated. Meanwhile many thanks to Judith and Basil for hosting the evening, to Kathleen for conducting the service and to all those who helped to make the evening such a great success!

What makes Britain a great place to be Jewish



The following article by Mosaic board member Mark Phillips, was published in Jewish News on February 6th.

Anglo-Jewry is more vibrant and open to new ideas (mostly!) than ever before – thriving in the tolerant and inclusive society we share. The diversity of opportunities to engage with Judaism are incredible; from www.Limmud.org and www.jw3.org.uk to lesser known examples such as the www.tzedek.org.uk response to extreme poverty and www.choosemosaic.org – London's first pluralist synagogue community.

Wherever we are on a spectrum from “ultra-orthodox” to “non-believing secular” we are at our best when engaging positively with our Jewish identity, and influencing the wider world through Jewish values. Our role in British society is out of all proportion to the 0.4% of population we represent.

The world is not perfect. Terrible things happen, and not everybody loves me – as a person or as a Jew. My parents grew up through the horrors of World War and the Shoah; as children we lived with the threat of nuclear holocaust, and National Front inspired thugs on the streets. We should and do speak out to make the world a better place – both for Jews and for the wider world – but let's have a sense of perspective and, rather than cower in fear in a self-imposed ghetto, celebrate the life we have in Britain.



**The following volunteering tasks are required across Mosaic.
If you are interested in any of the jobs listed,
please contact the Office**

Task: Silver cleaning

Time: at the convenience of the volunteers

A small team of 3 or 4 volunteers to clean the silver on the Mosaic Reform Torah scrolls prior to Pesach.

Task: Updating social media postings

Time: 20 minutes a few times a week

Someone comfortable on Facebook and/or Twitter to help post updates to our social media feeds.

Task: Graphic design

Time: Maybe an hour a week

Any(!) graphic design skills. Help the Mosaic Events and Communications team create the "adverts" for events for Kehila, our website, emails and posters.

Task: Membership Application Form Design

Short piece of work for someone good at computer form design, to create new membership forms for all our shuls.

Task: 'Postie' organisation project

Time: a few hours over the course of 4-6 weeks

Project to reduce the number of magazines delivered by mail. Someone with good organisation skills to review the existing "postie" arrangements and help identify new posties from the 3 synagogues.

Task: Tikkun Olan (repair of the World/ Social Action) team

No meetings involved!

Mosaic is setting up a team focused on Tikkun Olam across our three synagogues – anyone with an interest in this area is invited to join the team.

Bereavement Support Group

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

By Bobbi Riesel

Please let the Synagogue office know if you are able to come

Middlesex New Synagogue has had a Bereavement Support Group for the last 30 years. It is a successful group that offers support to all who have suffered bereavement in the community and beyond.

Now that you have joined us in the Mosaic family, it seems very sensible that we get together and offer this service to all three components of Mosaic.

There are really no complications: it only requires volunteers who are prepared to take the training course provided by "Bereavement Care" under whose umbrella we work.

If you feel that you would like to consider taking part, please come along to Bessborough Road on Sunday May 10th at 11am (without obligation) when we can discuss all the options and answer all your questions.



Visit to Highclere Castle

location of Downton Abbey

See where Downton Abbey was filmed. Imagine yourself as one of the characters – upstairs or downstairs....

Private visits are difficult to arrange so Bereavement Care is organising two coach outings on:

Thursday 23rd July and Thursday 27th August.

The luxury coach will leave Pinner Memorial Park, Chapel Lane entrance at 8.00 am on the 23rd July and at 8.30am on the 27th August - returning to Pinner approx 5pm.

- Self guided tour of the house with its state rooms, antiques and works of art
- Free time to visit the famous Egyptian exhibition in the Cellars, the Capability Brown designed landscape gardens, or the parkland with follies
- Picnic on the lawn or enjoy refreshments or a light lunch in the tea rooms.
- See <http://www.highclerecastle.co.uk> if you want to know even more.

Tickets for travel and entry are only £32 each.

A good day out, in good company and for a good cause!

Please support us. Contact the Office for more information or to buy tickets.



EVENTS

VE DAY MEMORIES & CELEBRATIONS



We want to remember and celebrate 70 years since VE day.



Photographic exhibition - do you have any photos/memorabilia from 1939 - 1945 that we can borrow or copy?



Do you have any WW2 era recipes or ideas we can use?

Please contact Jane Prentice

c/o Mosaic office 8864 0133

Or Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

c/o HWPS office 8864 5323

ISRAEL GENERAL ELECTION 2015

MOSAIC invites you to

A VERY SPECIAL PRE ISRAELI ELECTION EVENING

(With just 9 days to the Israeli General Election)

At 7:00pm on

Sunday 8th March

At 39 Bessborough Road Harrow HA1 3BS

WILL IT BE MORE OF THE SAME

OR A STEP INTO THE UNKNOWN?

We have three Experts on Israel & Israeli Politics

Professor Alan Johnson of BICOM (Britain Israel Communications & Research Centre) & Editor of Fathom Journal

Jerry Lewis – Correspondent for Israel Radio & The Jerusalem Post, past Vice-President of the Board of Deputies

& our man on the Street in Israel –

- Rabbi Paul Arberman (live via Skype link)

The Evening will comprise short talks by our guests followed by a Discussion and then a Question and Answer Session where you are encouraged to ask the speakers any relevant questions.

There will be plenty of time to enjoy some very light refreshments and chat with friends and our invited guests.

The evening is free, but donations to MOSAIC's Chosen Charities would be appreciated.

EVENTS

FREDDIE KNOLLER

WILL VISIT HAMAKOM
At 39 Bessborough Road at 11.30 a.m. on

SUNDAY 8th MARCH

To tell his inspiring story
All those over the age of 12 are invited to attend



Freddie Knoller was 17 years old when the Nazis entered Austria in 1938 and he was forced to leave his parental home for the first time. He illegally entered Belgium and, after being held in various camps in Belgium and France, he was ultimately deported to Auschwitz. Forced on a death march from Auschwitz to Bergen-Belsen, Freddie was liberated by the British in April 1945. In 1947, he emigrated to the USA and became a naturalised US citizen. In 1950 he met his wife, Freda, an English girl. After two years in Baltimore, they made their way London where they now live. They have two daughters, Marcia and Susie.

Mosaic Bake-in sessions

The Mosaic Bake-in sessions have continued with a few willing participants making fresh and tempting goodies for Kiddushim. They are a fun few hours of team work, the results of which are enjoyed by many. New friends and techniques are acquired too! New faces are welcome - male and female. Just bring an apron and please let Ann Simon know at the office, if you are coming.

Favourite family Pesach baking recipes will be made in the next session which will be led by Judy Silverton on Wednesday 1st April at 10.00 am. The goodies can be enjoyed during Pesach.

FILM MOSAIC

Tuesday 24th March
at 8:00pm

School Ties

David Green (Brendan Fraser) is brought into a prestigious 1950s school to help their football team to beat the school's old rivals. David, however, is from a working class background, so he isn't really "one of them", but he's very successful at making friends. David is a Jew, and has to keep this a secret from his friends for fear of being rejected. Starring Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Chris O'Donnell, this 1996 movie highlights the covert (and not so covert) Anti-Semitism that existed in the Ivy League establishments of America in the 1950s.

Harrow Limmud



Harrow Limmud takes place on
Sunday 15th March
at JFS

Attendees can find the programme
for the day at <http://limmud.org/day/harrow>

Friendship and Luncheon Clubs

The Friendship Club meets every Monday at 39 Bessborough Road, kicking off with seated mobility exercises at 11 am followed by a two or three course lunch at noon and entertainment from 1:30pm until 2:30pm.

The Club is aimed at the over 60s and has over 60 members. For some, who have difficulty getting around, it is their weekly opportunity to socialise in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Transport is arranged through Dial-a-Ride and volunteer drivers. New members are always very welcome (as are helpers – if anyone has any spare time on a Monday please think about volunteering). You do not have to belong to Mosaic to attend.

The Friendship Club entertainment for the month of March is:

- 2nd March** Stevie Permutt entertains
- 9th March** Purim Party
- 16th March** Bill Smith entertains
- 23rd March** Singer/guitarist Ronnie Goldberg
- 30th March** Singing duo Barbara and Alan

The Luncheon Club meets at midday on the third Wednesday of each month and is a further opportunity for our senior members to meet, socialise and enjoy a meal.

The Luncheon Club meeting on 18th March will feature Rev. Malcolm Weisman talking on 'How Jewish Humour reflects the lifestyle of Jews throughout history'.

EVENTS

Ladies' & Gentlemen's GOLF DAY WEDNESDAY 1st JULY



Hartsbourne Country Club
Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath, WD23 1JW

Come and join us from 8.30 am for tea or coffee with a Danish, 18 holes of golf (pairs better ball Stableford) and a buffet lunch during prize giving.



£65 inclusive
Please register by 31st May with the Mosaic Office



DESIGN OUR CHANUKIAH !

We intend to design and build our own large outdoor Chanukiah this year.

When we have our own Mosaic Community building it will be positioned there permanently but in the meantime we would like to install it locally and have lighting services for our three synagogues.

We want innovative ideas/drawings by the 25th March and it is likely to be up to 3 metres high so

THINK BIG!

Initially, contact the Office, who will pass ideas to the organisers



Celebrate with Mosaic!

on **Wednesday 4th March**

at 6.30 pm there will be a HEMS service & a Mosaic Reform service with the traditional readings of the Megillat Esther.

at 7.45 pm there will be refreshments.

at 8.15 pm there will be a special activity concerning the rediscovered fragment of a Purim play performed during the Shoah in Theresienstadt.



Our guest scholar will be **Dr Lisa Peschel** who wrote "Performing Captivity. Performing Escape: Cabarets & Plays from the Terezin/Theresienstadt Ghetto."



Childrens' Birthdays

Emma de Magtige, 11
Samuel Feldman, 8
Jonathan Goldsmith, 10
Alfie Rowson, 5
Robyn Spikesman, 9
Finley Vincent, 8
Celia Rutstein, 5
Jack Jennings, 1

Kiev Koppers update

By Rita Asbury

Since last month's report I have spoken to Rabbi Alex in Kiev. As we all know the situation in Ukraine is very grave and the troubles in the eastern part of the country are far from being settled.

Although Kiev is far from the fighting it is impossible for the population there to feel secure. Inflation has now risen by 300%. Food, gas and electricity, transport, everything has become very expensive. Unfortunately pensions and wages have remained the same as before the crisis. Many people are struggling to survive on a daily basis.

Writing this mid-month, I have collected around £50. I would so much like to be able to send £100 at the end of the month. So please do ... KEEP the KOPPERS KOMING....

And thank you for all your donations so far this year.

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Jewish Joint Burial Society – New Ohel

The JJBS Woodland Cemetery took another step towards full operation with a service led by Rabbi Larry Becker for the unveiling of the foundation stone of the new ohel (prayer hall) by Jerome Karet, a founding Governor and President of the Society.

Twenty five funerals have already taken place in the Woodland Cemetery, which also has provision for the burial of non-Jewish partners of Jewish members.

The new ohel is designed to match the woodland environment and will also have a columbarium for the interment of ashes following cremations. A tree was planted to celebrate the occasion and Tu'Bishvat.



1. Under construction



2. Tree planting
3. Unveiling with Jerome Karet and David Leibling (Chairman of JJBS)



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Mosaic moments

Seasonal tables at the Tu b'Shevat Seder on 3rd February

Summer fruits table



Around the winter table



Reading from the Torah

Since one of the most prominent themes of Parashat Mishpatim is concerned with inclusivity, Rabbi Frank invited members and guests who had never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah to read a verse or two from our Sidrah, either in Hebrew or English. We had many volunteers and the experience was greatly enjoyed by all. We hope that this 'mini-taster' will encourage adults of any age to overcome nerves and to celebrate reading from the Torah scroll in the future.



From left to right: Margie Goldman, Linda Baum, Rhoda Kohn, John Dimitriu, Edna Spielmann, Joy Katz, Rhona Caine, Nora Sher and Rania Bouakkaz. (Also participated but not in photo: Vivienne Shrier.) Photo: FDS

Kehila Quiz No. 6 (London)

Compiled by Neil Goodman

- 1** What was introduced in London on 16 February 2003?
- 2** Columbia Road market is famous for selling which commodity?
- 3** What was launched on to the London streets in 1954, to a design by A.M.Durrant?
- 4** On the house of which romantic poet was London's first 'Blue Plaque' erected in 1867?
- 5** What connects Das Kapital, Middelmarch and The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy?

Answers below

1. Congestion Charge; 2. Flowers; 3. Routemaster Bus; 4. Lord Byron; 5. The authors of these novels are all buried in Highgate Cemetery.

ANSWERS

KEHILA QUIZ NO. 6 (LONDON) -

Letters to the Editor

We include the following opinions in a spirit of free speech – the views expressed are those of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect those of the officers, council or rabbis of Mosaic or its constituent synagogues.

From Harry Levy

Tolerating the intolerable

Individuals, communities and nations will have been seriously considering their reactions to the barbaric acts of terrorism that have been carried out across the world in the name of Islam during 2014 and, more recently, in Paris, where Jewish people were targeted in a kosher supermarket. Not unexpectedly, reaction has spanned the whole spectrum of human responses, from those who would react immediately with overwhelming force, to those who would offer the proverbial olive branch; inclusiveness, and what they term “social justice”, to the terrorists - in short, a political response.

Those who favour the non-violent reaction may even try to support their position with statistics, citing road traffic accidents in Europe, comparing these directly to beheadings, the execution of homosexuals, burning people alive, the kidnapping of children and mass rape: acts of terrorism across the world from Australia to the Yemen. Their main concern would be that any reaction should be without violence, escalating into total confrontation. They accuse those who propose the use of “immediate, overwhelming force” of being in favour of war (for various reasons), acting emotionally and without due regard. In fact, they advise that the answer to violence is never more violence.

So, where does this leave us, our community, our nation; above all, our families at this time?

Well, what are the known facts? One thing we know is that the barbarians are at the gates. Islamic State (Isis, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram, etc.) have continued their self-proclaimed war against the West and ‘non-believers’, with increasing success during the last decade at least. Muslim Arab Nations, unaided, have clearly been unable to fight this cancer which is engulfing them, although some valiantly try. The pre-planned “withdrawal” strategy tried by America, Europe and Western nations during this last decade, has clearly not worked.

The closest historical fit to Isis during the last two centuries has been the Nazis in Germany. Interestingly, all my history books and personal experience in the media tells me that comparison with the 1930s is almost exact. Even the options and arguments and above all, the politics are comparable. One thing which is marked out as totally different, however, is the media and public communication methods, in general. If indeed we are in a war, whether we wish to recognise it or not, then we must, in Churchill's words: “Recognise our enemy: understand our enemy: DEFEAT our enemy”.

We can all play a part in ensuring that we, our families, communities and nations do not live in fear, nor simply seek vengeance. It is far too important for that. Perhaps, world leaders, assuming they still exist, will find the right way. In the meantime, we can remain tolerant but must never be prepared to accept the intolerable.

From Fred Stern

We shall survive

In history and geography lessons, we have learned about the annexation of one quarter of the globe by England, as portrayed in pink, in pre-war school atlases. None of these countries asked to be invaded and almost all of them have rid themselves eventually of their oppressors. The glaring exceptions are Northern Ireland and Gibraltar. The subjected countries of Africa and Asia have hardly changed their living standards as a result of their occupation, relying substantially on countries in the developed world for their existence. Worse still, at the present moment, there are more than 70 countries, many previously occupied by England, involved in fighting internal wars, as well as against neighbouring countries.

It would be hard to believe that we need the Falklands, some 8,000 miles away, for our own protection. On the other hand, Israel, to survive, must protect itself from attack and destruction by its neighbours by any means. Self-preservation

is denied Israel by, of all countries in the world, England! Israel, on the other hand, having rid itself of its ‘protectors’, has achieved an enviable financial record with an increase in the value of its currency by more than 30% relative to major industrial countries. Its record in numerous fields of outstanding achievement is second to none. Tiny Israel, disdained by many a country, surrounded by threatening neighbours, manages to survive against all odds and its presence is resented by them. It is expressed in Anti-Semitism.

There is only a thin dividing line between Jews in the Diaspora and the Jewish nation. It is undeniable that superior intelligence plays its part, as well as the driving force of ‘doing better than others’. The ambition expressed by the individual, imbued by one's parents and others, sets us apart from the multitude. We have existed for thousands of years, despite the disapproval of the majority of nations, many of which have disappeared from the globe. Of course, we pay the price, but - we shall survive!

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 via the office

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 09:30

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

March

Sunday	1st	10:30	Mosaic Walks – Soho to Mayfair
		15:00	Cameo - group for bereaved people
Wednesday	4th	18:30	Erev Purim activities (see p18)
Saturday	7th	09:30	Parashat haShavuah with Rabbi Kathleen
Sunday	8th	11:30	Holocaust survivor Freddie Knoller at HaMakom (see p14)
		19:00	Pre-Israeli Election Evening (see p15)
Tuesday	10th	20:00	Mosaic Photography Group
Wednesday	11th	20:00	Mosaic Book Group (Harrow location)
		20:00	Council meetings
Saturday	14th	10:30	Mosaic Reform - Civic Service
Sunday	15th	10:00	Harrow Limmud (at JFS) (see p17)
Wednesday	18th	12:00	Luncheon Club - Rev Weisman: 'Jewish humour through history'
Saturday	21st	11:00	Shabbat Shira family service
Tuesday	24th	20:00	Mosaic Film Club - "School Ties"
			(see p17)
Thursday	26th		Distribution of Pesach edition of Kehila
Saturday	28th	09:30	Torah Tots
		09:30	Zionist personalities with Rabbi Frank – Moshe Dayan
Tuesday	31st	10:00	Mosaic cooks: Pesach cook-in

Every Week

March | April

Monday	11:00	Friendship
		Club (see p17)
Monday	20:00	Group 326
Sunday	09:45	HaMakom

Some big, some small,
and everything in Shul.

April

Wednesday	1st	10:00	Mosaic cooks: Pesach cook-in
		20:00	Council meetings
Thursday	2nd	10:00	Mosaic cooks: Pesach cook-in
Friday	3rd		Seder night
			<i>See List of Pesach Services, below</i>
Saturday	4th	19:00	Communal Seder (see p9)
Sunday	5th	15:00	Cameo
Tuesday	7th	20:00	Mosaic Photography group
Saturday	11th	10:45	Shabbat Shira
Wednesday	15th	12:00	Luncheon Club
Thursday	16th		Yom HaShoah
Sunday	19th		Copy date for May issue of Kehila
Tuesday	21st	20:00	Mosaic Film Club - 'Out of the Ashes'
Thursday	23rd		Yom Ha'atzmaut
Saturday	25th	09:30	Torah Tots
Sunday	26th	14:00	Mosaic Walk - Hampstead
Tuesday	28th	19:30	Mosaic Reform – Annual General Meeting
Thursday	30th		Distribution of May edition of Kehila

Pesach Services

HEMS	HWPS	Mosaic Reform
1st day Pesach Saturday 4 th April – 9.30am	Erev Pesach Friday 3 rd April - 6.00pm	Erev Pesach Friday 3 rd April - 6.00pm
2nd day Pesach Sunday 5 th April – 9.30am	1st day Pesach Saturday 4 th April - 11.00am	1st day Pesach Saturday 4 th April - 10.30am
7th day Pesach Friday 10 th April – 9.30am	Erev 7th day Pesach Thursday 9 th April - 7.00pm	7th day Pesach Friday 10 th April - 10.30am
8th day Pesach Saturday 11 th April – 9.30am	7th day Pesach Friday 10 th April - 11.15am	