





The Mosaic community magazine | Monthly

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Welcome





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Shana Toya to all our readers. We hope you enjoyed the big, seasonal Rosh Hashana issue. produced by our colleague Robert Pinkus. The two photogenic boys on the front cover are Robert's grandchildren - Bailey and Raffi.

This month's issue sees the first appearance of Mosaic's brand refresh, (on the front and back pages), a simpler, more contemporary design that also ties in with updated logos for Mosaic Liberal and Reform synagogues, as well as a freshening-up of the magazine design.

We hope you like the results, which came about through the expertise and effort expended by Mosaic's Marketing and Communications Officer Oliver Kenton – and Kehila's professional designer - Helen Mavrogiorgis.

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

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Sue and David Pollock on the engagement of their son, Ben, to Laura Niederberg.

Sue and David Pollock on the birth of a grand-daughter, Chloe Jo, to their daughter Katie, and husband Lior.

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Ann Wilson on the death of her husband, Philip.

The family of Shirley Jacobs.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Henry Rockwell, 95. Barbara and Henry Altman on their 50th anniversary.

GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW HOME TO

Elliot Rosen

MOSAIC LIBERAL

MAZAL TOV TO

Hannah Sanderson on achieving a First Class degree in International Relations from Durham University.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Linda Matlin

Sandra Rose

Harold Sanderson

Dennis Chefetz

Trudie Goodman

GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW

HOMF TO Reginald Ballantine

Darren Henry and Nicole Bouche

GET WELL TO

Rita Asbury

Rosemary Wolfson



L-R: Sohail Ahmed (Secretary-General of Wembley Central Mosque), Mayor Khalifeh Ad-Dayyat, Brent Mayor Parvez Ahmed, Sajid Adam (Wembley Central Mosaue), Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

Visit by Jordanian Mayor to MLS

By Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

"The emphasis at all events was the 'building of bridges' between communities and cultures to create an atmosphere of inclusion, respect, and peace"

osaic Liberal Synagogue and the Wembley Central Mosque jointly welcomed the Mayor of Deir Alla in Jordan, Khalifeh Ad-Dayyat, for his first visit to the UK.

The shared activities included discussions. held at the Shabbat morning service held on 17th September and at the Wembley Central Masjid on the following evening.

There was also a productive meeting with the Mayor of Brent, Parvez Ahmed, at Brent Civic Centre. The emphasis at all events was the 'building of bridges' between

communities and cultures to create an atmosphere of inclusion, respect, and peace.

Whilst in London, Mayor Ad-Dayyat also visited Parliament and Water Treatment facilities. The cooperative efforts of Eco-Peace Middle East to obtain 'water-justice' and cross-border cooperation in the region were also acknowledged strongly.

Mayor Ad-Dayyat was hosted by Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith and his family at their home.







Mosaic Challah Bake & decorating challah cloths Thursday 10th November

Mosaic Shabbat Saturday 12th November

3 services : joint lunch : afternoon activities

All members of Mosaic are invited to participate in Mosaic Shabbat. We would also very much like to welcome non-members to join us for this special day.

Please apply for the challah bake via our website $\underline{\text{www.choosemosaic.org}}$ or ring 020-8864 0133





Thursday 10th November

5.00 pm - Children are invited to come and decorate challah cloths. There is no charge for this but please register with the Mosaic office so we're sure to have enough material for you.

7.00 pm - Mosaic Challah Bake

Come to Bessborough Road and prepare your challot for this coming Shabbat in the company of friends, old & new. Bring your children & grand-children. At the end of the evening you will go home with your plaited challot, ready to bake.

£10 adults, £7.50 children/students. Apply via our website or by ringing 020-8864 0133.



Mosaic Shabbat Saturday 12th November

Three separate services (9.30 am Masorti, 10.30 am Reform & 11.00 am Liberal) to be held at Bessborough Road

This will be followed by Kiddush/lunch and then there will be a variety of activities to suit all tastes & ages.



5.06 pm Havdalah and then home time!

Refugee community kitchen

By Karen Pollak



Karen chopping wood

"Mum, how does cooking for 2,000 [people] appeal to you?"

t all started with a phone call from my daughter Mia... "Mum", said she. "Yes darling" said I. "You know you like cooking for large numbers". "Yes", said I, "what did you have in mind". "How does cooking for 2,000 appeal to you?

And so, a few weeks later, I found myself in the Refugee Community Kitchen based in an enormous warehouse on an industrial estate in Calais.

I was firstly impressed with how large and how well organised things are. Not only are the kitchens situated there but also a vast area set aside for clothes sorting and, round the side of the warehouse, a massive lumber yard which is constantly on the go sawing trees into even lengths, lengths into planks, planks into strips then strips into small pieces no larger than 20cm. This is used as fuel for residents on the camp to use to heat up water or to cook with. Anything larger than 20cm can be construed as building material and confiscated by the authorities.

Clothing is sorted thoroughly into gender, size, inappropriate (which is sold on in vintage shops at music festivals) or are

such poor quality that they are sold to the rag man who comes weekly.

Dry goods and hygiene kits are sorted in another area and given to as many of the newcomers as possible in the 'Jungle'.

Food is vegan, delicious and lovingly prepared by volunteer chefs, who work tirelessly, along with a large number of volunteers, chopping, slicing, grating (and singing). I think I peeled as much garlic in the kitchen as I ever have in my whole life. Vegetable peelings, pips, cores, absolutely everything, is given to the local pig man every evening, who raises organic pigs. Nothing is wasted.

Many of the refugees come with absolutely nothing. The shameful feet dragging by our Government means that there are many unaccompanied children there whose parents are already in England. The monthly census that was taken when I was there told us that just over 700 children are there, 608 of whom are unaccompanied. The youngest is eight years old.

As a Jew I find it painful to imagine that this can happen again in such a relatively short time. We just don't seem to learn.

I left Calais with determination to return. I feel it's the least I can do. I could write on and on about the stories heard, and the wonderful people I met, but fear not, I won't.

I will, however, be at Mosaic Reform on Mitzvah Day, 27th November, with my daughter [see below]. We will answer any questions and, if you possibly can, please bring clothing, bedding and towelling (no holes please) so that we can take them to Calais when we next go.



Karen and colleagues in the refugee kitchen

Mitzvah Day

Sunday morning, November 27th from 11:00

Key activities

The Jungle at Calais – and in particular the plight of the refugees living there – will be a key focus of our Mitzvah Day this year. We will running a clothing collection for the refugees as well as making up parcels of arts and crafts for children.

At 11am (at Bessborough Road) Karen Pollak and her daughter, Mia, who have been volunteering at The Jungle will give a talk about their experience. Karen and Mia will speak about the work of the Refugee Community Kitchen in Calais that supplies food and clothing to refugees living in The Jungle.

Please come along to hear a first-hand account of what is happening on our



doorstep and, if you can, bring donations of money, clothing and shoes (no holes please), sleeping bags, unopened toiletries and baby and children's clothes.

We will also act as a centre for Delete, which collects saliva, to be put on the Bone Marrow Register. This is particularly urgent as part of the Spit4Mum campaign set up by Jonny Berger for his Mum. Anyone up to the age of 55 can be put on the register.

As in past years we will also help out on Stanmore Common with the help of the Harrow Conservation Group.

These activities are for adults as well as children. HaMakom will be joining in with some of the activities as well as doing a few more of their own.

We look forward to seeing you.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mosaic Reform

Head covering for Ladies performing mitzvoth

At MR our lady congregants are asked to cover their heads when they are performing a mitzvah during the service.

For those who prefer not to wear a kippah, the choice available is becoming pitiful. It would be of great benefit if anyone who has unwanted hats or berets (in good condition) would donate them to the shul.



Renaming of the Youth Lounge

There were four entries in the competition to rename the lounge (see the September issue). Council, in their wisdom, unanimously, and uncontrovertially, decided that the room should now be known as 'The Mosaic Room'.

Board of Deputies report

By Michael Reik

"There have been a number of incidents in UK which included an attack in Russell Square where one person was killed"

Defence and Group Relations Committee meeting 19th September

e started with a report from CST:
Nine arrests have taken place in the UK of a terrorist nature in the past four weeks.

Regular Foot Patrols are taking place to protect the Jewish Communities in Golders Green, Hendon and Stamford Hill.

Anjam Choudary has now gone to jail for (originally) a five year sentence. However, taking into account his time in custody, he may well be released in two-and-a-half years.

There have been a number of incidents in the UK (not necessarily reported) which included an attack in Russell Square where one person was killed and another, who was Israeli, was injured.

The CST are very concerned at the present time at the terrorist situation in the UK. There are increased security arrangements for the High Holidays. Government Funding for schools had passed to Synagogues but because of the increasing number of Jewish Schools much of the funds have been redirected back to the schools.

Amber Rudd, the New Home Secretary, spoke at The Emmunah Dinner, very much commending the work of the CST.

A vote took place where it was recommended that the Division have its name changed to The Defence and Inter-Faith Relations Division.

It was noted that the Royal report (which included a major section on antisemitism) had finally been released at the start of the summer. Unfortunately many of its recommendations have not been implemented.

The UJS President, Joshua Nagli, again gave an excellent report. He affirmed that the election of Malia Bhouattia as President of the NUS has resulted in little communication between the Presidents of UJS and NUS. There is a distinct possibility that a number of Jewish Student Unions will cut off all ties to the NUS. The major problem is that Ms. Bhouattia denies making antisemitic remarks when she often blatantly does so.

Marie Van de Zyl is to become a Trustee of the Interfaith Forum. Jonathan Arkush, Board President, continues to visit Muslim Communities, in particular in Bradford and Leeds.







Mosaic JACS Programme

November - January

All events are on Tuesdays and start at 14:00

8th Nov

98 hours in the emergency room at Shaare Zedek Jerusalem

22nd Nov

The naked truth – life modelling – Hana Schlesinger

6th Dec

Life as a female rabbi – Kathleen Middleton

20th Dec

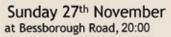
How does a passion for writing become a novel – Karen Millie James

3rd Jan

Jim Buttress – former Royal gardener and top gardening judge

17th Jan

What makes you laugh - Steve Nallon



Patrick Bade will be interviewed by Michael Reik

about his fascinating career with examples of his favourite artists and pieces of music.



Patrick is a Lecturer and lead journey presenter with Christies Auction House. He is a classical music expert and writer of many novels including Femme Fatal; Images of Evil and Fascinating Women.

He has worked in various capacities as lecturer for the National Art Collections Fund, The Royal Opera House and Classic FM Radio. Over the past 15 years he has forged a close relationship with JW3 and given lectures there on various cultural matters.



Save the date...

28th December 2016







Celebrate Chanukah on Wednesday 28th December

An event for all Mosaic families and friends 3-5 pm at Bessborough Road

Details to follow...

Friendship Club

Entertainment for the over-60s

Mondays: 11:00 to 14:30 Tel (on the day): 020 8423 2903

NOVEMBER

7th Return visit of Gayathrie and Bill Patrick

14th Club Birthday Party – Ronnie Goldberg entertains

21st Popular singer Bill Smith

28th Lynda Styan presents her Music Hall programme

DECEMBER

5th Cards and Games afternoon

12th Harry's choice

19th Celebrate Chanukah with the

three Plonkers

26th CLUB CLOSED

CAMEO

Come and Meet Fach Other

A support group for those who have recently lost a loved one

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 20th November Sames afternoon in

Games afternoon in Hatch End/Pinner

Please call Bobbi Riesel on 020 8428 7977 for further details

Solomon brothers do triathlon

By Janet and Alan Solomon

n a somewhat unusual way to raise money for charity, our three sons – Mike, Neil and Paul – decided to emulate the Brownlee brothers (well, sort of) by entering a Sprint Triathlon. What prompted them to take this on? Mike (our eldest), aged 49 and a non-smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer earlier this year. This was completely unexpected and, of course, came as a shock to the whole family. However, he has responded well to the treatment he has been receiving at The Royal Marsden Hospital and has gone back to part-time working.

It so happens that for some years Mike has swum regularly, Neil has taken part in several long distance bike rides, and Paul has run, including completing the London Marathon. So the idea of the three of them entering this mini-triathlon as a relay team was perfect. And what more appropriate cause for which to raise funds than the Royal Marsden, where research into and



Neil. Mike and Paul

treatment of lung cancer are being carried out.

The event took place in St Albans one Sunday in September. Mike kicked off with a 400m swim, Neil then rode 20km, and Paul, who came over from his home in Israel to take part, finished by running 5km.

Not only did they compete, but they actually won the relay category, and were presented with their medals by the Mayor of St Albans. This was sufficient compensation for the rest of the family having to get up at some unearthly hour in the morning for a 7am start! But much more important was the fact that they succeeded in raising the incredible sum of £20,000 through the generous sponsorship of a large number of family members, friends, including members of the Mosaic community, and fellow congregants at Belsize Square Synagogue, where Mike and his family are prominent members.

Film Mosaic Proudly Presents Phoenix

At 20:00 on Tuesday 22nd November 2016

A highly original and haunting tale of displacement, confused identities and moral ambiguities, featuring extraordinary performances by actors Nina Hoss and Ronald Zehrfeld.

Traumatised by the loss of her family, popular cabaret singer Nelly returns from the camps to the chaos of post-war Berlin to track down the husband who betrayed her. Not recognising Nelly, who has had plastic surgery, he persuades her to 'impersonate' the wife he has assumed is dead in order to win an inheritance from her now deceased family.

(English Subtitles)



Still young at heart

By Alan Solomon

o what was it that prompted 46 people
– mostly in their seventies with some
80 year-olds and a few 'youngsters'
still in their sixties – coming from locations as
diverse as Exeter, Norwich, Welshpool and
Nottingham as well as North-west London,
to gather for three days in September at a
hotel near Grantham in Lincolnshire? And
why am I writing about it in Kehila?

Well, believe it or not, we were all attending another three-yearly reunion of the highly successful Youth Club of the old Wembley Liberal Synagogue (now Mosaic Liberal), which met at 326 Preston Road in the late 50s/early 60s and regularly attracted 50 or

60 members a week. The majority of the 46 of us were ourselves members of the Youth Club, the others being partners collected over the years. Several of our number were children of the very early members of the Synagogue in the late 1940s including the Founder, Max Salter. The Club produced three Wemblev Liberal chairmen and others who were also prominent in shul life; a few later moved to Northwood or Elstree Liberal Synagogues or other shuls further afield and became involved there. A number of marriages took place between Club members; many of us have retained close friendships over the years, our children have grown up together, and we regularly celebrate each other's family simchas.

The high point of the Reunion was a visit to Beth Shalom (The National Holocaust Centre and Museum), a remarkable establishment started by two non-Jewish brothers, located in the middle of the Nottinghamshire countryside. We went on the 'Journey Tour', saw the exhibition,

listened to a speaker, and walked round the memorial gardens – all very moving. The after-dinner entertainment comprised an hour or so when we had an opportunity to voice our 'Grumps and Groans' on various aspects of modern life (people who refer to the letter 'haitch', holding on interminably waiting for a human voice whilst being told "your call is important to us", etc), and the following evening taking part in a not too serious quiz.

After the obligatory group photo and a visit to the nearby Belton House, a National Trust property, we went our separate ways, thankful for the lifelong friendships that originated all those years ago at Preston Road.

Toast the Toastmaster

azal Tov to John Ashmele (pictured in his finery) on passing the examinations of, and graduating from, the Professional Toastmasters' Academy.





Eva Jacob with some colourful friends, on a recent walk round Cassiobury Park (picture from Sandie Simonis)

Mosaic Walking Group

ost Tuesday mornings, Henry Altman leads a walking group round local country areas (Rickmansworth, Ruislip, Bentley Priory, etc). The walks are quite easy and sociable and usually include a cafe stop. They are much enjoyed by your editors and their spouses. The more the merrier. You can contact Henry via the synagogue office to get the date and location of the next walk.

RECENT MOSAIC MOMENTS

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Above:
Hannah Glass,
Marvyn Ellison,
and Max
Alexander hard at
work at the Mosaic
barbeque on 11th
September

Right:

Hamotzi lechem
min ha'aretz

(Both pictures from
Maurice Hoffman)







Above: *HaMakom decorating the succah*

Building the succah

Below:
Erev sukkot at
Mosaic Liberal

(All pictures from FDS)



MOSAIC CALENDAR

From Trudie Leibling

An enjoyable JACS event

Arriving at synagogue on Tuesday for JACS, we were greeted by the welcoming aroma of freshly made honey cakes. Our champion ladies then served us tea and delicious cakes, after which we were entertained with a most interesting talk about that very well-known film, Casablanca.

For all us 'seniors' it was good to have our memories refreshed, recalling that wonderful film and the very special stars who gave us that gem.

Thank you for a most enjoyable afternoon.

From Rita Asbury

Kiev Koppers Update

Unfortunately I was unable to be with Rabbi Alex during his visit to us at the end of August. At the end of both August and September I was able to transfer £100 from the Kopper Kollection to Kiev, making the total, since January 2000 of £16,200!

I am sure that some of this money will go towards making the High Holy Days full of treats for the kindergarten children and their families.

Thanks to everyone who keeps sending in the coppers, the collection is growing again. And Shana Tova from our Kiev friends.

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 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 Nov | Dec

| Monday | 11:00 |
|-----------------|-------|
| Friendship Club | |
| (See p10) | |
| Sunday | 09:45 |
| HaMakom | |
| Thursday | 14:00 |
| Singalong | |

Wednesday 2nd

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| Friday | 4 th | | Contemplative service |
| Saturday | 5^{th} | | Shabbat Noach |
| Sunday | 6 th | 19:15 | Mosaic Supper Quiz (see p10) |
| Tuesday | 8 th | 20:00 | Mosaic Photo Group |
| Thursday | 10 th | 17:00 | Mosaic Making Challah Cloths |
| | | 19:00 | Mosaic Challah Bake |
| Saturday | 12 th | | Shabbat Lech Lecha. Mosaic Shabbat services followed by afternoon activities, concluding with Havdalah (see p4) |
| Sunday | 13 th | | Kehila copy date |
| Wednesday | 16 th | 12:30 | Lunch Club |
| Saturday | 19th | 10:45 | Shabbat Vayera Shabbat Shira |
| Tuesday | 22nd | 20:00 | Film Mosaic – Phoenix (see p11) |
| Thursday | 24th | | Kehila distribution |
| Saturday | 26th | | Shabbat Chaye Sarah |
| Sunday | 27th | 11:00 14:45 | Mitzvah Day Talk on Refugee kitchen Tombstone consecration – Alan Berl, Cheshunt |

November

| | 15.30 20:00 | Tombstone consecration – Ena Garman, Cheshunt Talk by Patrick Bade |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| Wednesday 30th | 20:00 20:00 | Mosaic Board meeting Mosaic Book Group Go Set A Watchman |

| Council meetings | | 15.30 | Tombstone |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Contemplative | | | consecration – Ena |
| service | | | Garman, Cheshunt |
| Shabbat Noach | | 20:00 | Talk by Patrick Bade |
| Mosaic Supper Quiz | Wednesday 30th | 20:00 20:00 | Mosaic Board meeting |
| | | | Mosaic Book Group |
| (see p10) | | | Go Set A Watchman |
| Mosaic Photo Group | | | |
| Mosaic Making | December | | |

From John Ashmele

Reuniting refugee children with their families

I would like to thank everyone in Mosaic who responded to my appeal to reunite a refugee child currently living in 'the Jungle' in Calais with their family in the UK. The donations have been forwarded to Safe Passage UK; we are making a difference! Visit www.safepassage.org.uk for further information.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS **IN NOVEMBER**

Eva Bown (2) Naomi Witte (3) Max Burzynski (3) **Emily Grossman (11) Tamar Noble-Bougay (11) Shachar Noble-Bougay (11)** Talia Solomon (12)



December

| Saturday | 3^{th} | | Shabbat Toledot |
|-----------|------------------|-------|---|
| Sunday | 4 th | 15:30 | Auction of Promises |
| Wednesday | 7 th | 20:00 | Council meetings |
| Saturday | 10^{th} | | Shabbat Veyetse |
| Sunday | 11 th | 09:45 | Kehila copy date HaMakom – end of term |
| Tuesday | 13^{th} | 20:00 | Mosaic Photo Group |
| Wednesday | 14 th | 12:30 | Lunch Club |
| Saturday | 17 th | 10:45 | Shabbat Vayishlach Shabbat Shira |
| Wednesday | 21 st | 20:00 | Adult learning session |
| Saturday | 24 th | | Shabbat Veyeshev 1st candle Chanukah |
| Wednesday | 28 th | 15:00 | Mosaic Chanukah party (see p11) |
| Thursday | 29^{th} | | Kehila distribution |
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