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

**May 2017**



## **Mosaic Community Remembers THE 6 DAY WAR**

We are holding a Mosaic Shabbat on

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

*(50 years since the end of the war)*

**3 services followed by joint Israeli-style Kiddush/lunch**

We need anecdotes/stories/soundbites/pictures from our  
Mosaic members, family and friends

**WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER? WERE YOU THERE?**

Please get in touch – e-mail: [admin@choosemosaic.org](mailto:admin@choosemosaic.org)

phone: **020 8864 0133**

write: **The Community team @ 39 Bessborough Road...**

so we can plan the afternoon with YOUR memories. Everyone is welcome to join us for  
a fascinating day – please let the Mosaic office know for catering purposes.

**We are waiting to hear from you!**

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

### *Since our last issue*

Children's birthdays are on page 14

See p18-19 for Daniel Goodman's bar Mitzvah and Emma de Magtige's Bat Mitzvah

See a note from the editor p20

### MOSAIC REFORM

#### MAZAL TOV TO

Antonia and Howard Berger on the birth of their grand-daughter, Amelie Moselle.

Karen and Stephen Glick on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Ben.

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

#### SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff Highfield, 65  
Alan Garfield, 75  
Marilyn Belson, 70  
Elaine Cohen, 97  
Lilian Finniston, 98  
Hanne Freedman, 93  
Linda Holman, 70  
Nat Levene, 94  
Philip Lewis, 70  
Andor Marer, 93  
Peter Mendel-Lion, 92  
Michael Wallace, 93  
Michael Winant, 70  
Melville Faber, 92  
Fiona Cristol, 70  
Angela and Leonard Ludwin on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Zella and Dennis Milstone on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Judith and Paul Russell on their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Rachel and Eddie Solomon on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

#### GET WELL WISHES TO

Viv Block  
Maurice Rosen

#### GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW HOME TO

Yvonne and Edmund Goldstein  
Ann Wilson

#### CONDOLENCES TO

Magdi Marer on the death of her brother, our member, Laszlo Fodor.  
The family of Claude Landes.

### HEMS

#### MAZEL TOV TO

Michelle and Dan Honey on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

#### GOOD WISHES TO

Craig Ellison for continued good health after his recent illness.

### NEXT ISSUE

Copy date for the June issue of Kehila is 14<sup>th</sup> May. This will be distributed at the end of May.

### MOSAIC LIBERAL

#### WELCOME TO NEW MOSAIC LIBERAL MEMBERS:

Michele Barda  
Yvette Barda

#### MAZAL TOV TO

Joseph Sanderson, son of Steven and Danielle Sanderson, on his wedding to Eh-Den Perlove in New York city (see p19).

#### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Cynthia Green  
Ursula Warner

#### CONDOLENCES TO

Michele, Yvette and Ray Barda on the loss of their father, Meborah Barda.

#### GET WELL WISHES TO

Susan Saunders  
Helena Stone  
Mary Vulkan



Editors: Martin Simonis and Judy Silverton

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## FROM THE RABBI

# Counting the Days

*By Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige*

In the reading room of my old University's Library hung a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> century Omer Calendar. It was a parchment Scroll with each day of the Omer beautifully illuminated, mounted in a little, wooden box with a glass front and two wooden poles on either side that allowed one to scroll from one day to the next. The calendar was permanently set on a particular day as it was never used for its intended purpose.

I spent much time in that reading room, and often I felt tempted to turn one of the handles, to discover the various illuminations of the other days. I often thought of the Omer calendar, when I realised I had forgotten to count. If only we had a calendar like that in the synagogue, we would not have to struggle with the perennial problem of remembering what day of the Omer it is today. Nowadays there are phone apps that do just that, and in my own home, we have established a little ritual of ticking a little box next to each day of the Omer on a paper calendar in our kitchen. Because my children enjoy ticking the box each day, we are quite good at remembering to count the Omer.

But why count at all? The Omer is a remnant of an ancient practice which has

its roots in the ancient Temple service, in which the grain harvest was celebrated with a special ritual. A measure of barley was reaped, and waved at the altar by the officiating priest on the first day of Pesach; this ritual was repeated all through the harvest period beginning with the barley harvest and ending with the wheat harvest seven weeks later on Shavuot.

The Omer period links the two Festivals of Pesach and Shavuot, in a reminder that no liberation is complete unless it leads to awareness and responsibility. The counting is an exercise of increased awareness of our own role in the world in the eradication from oppression. We are not just counting the days which we know from experience, is quite difficult to do, but we are actually challenged to make every day count: To be fully aware of the world around us, and our role in it, to make every day stand out amongst others – even in the smallest measure; a simple gesture of kindness, the appreciation of a beautiful day. Counting the days is the first step of a life of mindfulness; and a concerted effort to make each day beautiful, like each illuminated number in the Omer calendar in the reading room of my University's library.

## Mosaic Reform charity funds allocation

*From Richard Phillips*  
*Hon Treasurer, Mosaic Reform*

At the last Mosaic Reform Council meeting it was agreed that we should notify our members as to how the High Holyday donations were distributed in 2016. Herewith:

### JEWISH Charities

Leo Baeck College	£500
Karen Morris Memorial Trust	£500
Chai Cancer Care	£500
Raphael Counselling Service	£500
World Jewish Relief	£250

**Total: £2,250**

### ISRAEL Charities

UK Friends of Abraham	
Fund Initiatives	£500

Sir Charles Clore Jewish-Arab Community Center	£500
Friends of Leo Baeck Haifa	£500
FPJ (Friends of Progressive Judaism)	£500
British Friends of Israel War Disabled (Edgware and Stanmore)	£500
Magen David Adom	£250
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,750</b>

### LOCAL Charities

Michael Sobell at Mount Vernon	£500
St Lukes Hospice	£500
Harrow Police Benevolent Fund	£500
Harrow Food Bank	£500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,000</b>

Mosaic Reform Bereavement Care	£500
Mosaic Reform Synagogue	£8,300

**Total: £8,800**

**GRAND TOTAL: £15,800**

## Mosaic Jewish Community AGM

A reminder to everyone that the Mosaic Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 4.00pm – refreshments available from 3.30pm.

This is the opportunity for members to hear from the Chairman and Treasurer, to quiz the Board on any matters that might be of concern, and to elect the Directors for the coming year. The Agenda, Chairman's

and Treasurer's reports, and reports on the various activities that take place during the year are on the website (see the link in the weekly e-mail). Hard copies of the booklet will be available at the meeting, but if you would like to have one beforehand, please contact Ann Simon in the office to either leave one out for you to collect or to post to you.

## Solidarity and Support at Wembley Central Mosque

One day after the tragic and violent incident in Westminster, faith leaders and the Borough of Brent Police Commander met at the Wembley Central Mosque to express solidarity and mutual support. Their reassuring message of unity and resilience was received warmly by the worshippers at the Mosque.



Left to right: Sohail Ahmed (Wembley Central Mosque Committee), Borough of Brent Police Commander Mickey Gallagher, Reverend Andrew Teather (St Matthews, Harlesden), Imam Abdul Sattar (Wembley Central Mosque) and Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith (Mosaic Liberal Synagogue)



## ON A SERIOUS NOTE



The Liberal Jewish Synagogue and West London Synagogue

### Memorial Service for the Loss of a Child or the Loss of the Prospect of a child

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 3.00pm

at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8 7HA

If you would like to mark the loss of a child, or the loss of the prospect of a child, a recent loss, or one that has stayed with you for many years, please do join us in this communal memorial service, under the joint auspices of the LJS and WLS, with violinist Alan Parmenter.

Friends and family welcome

For more details, or if you would like a confidential conversation you can contact:

Rabbi Alexandra Wright – a.wright@ljs.org / 07976 930112

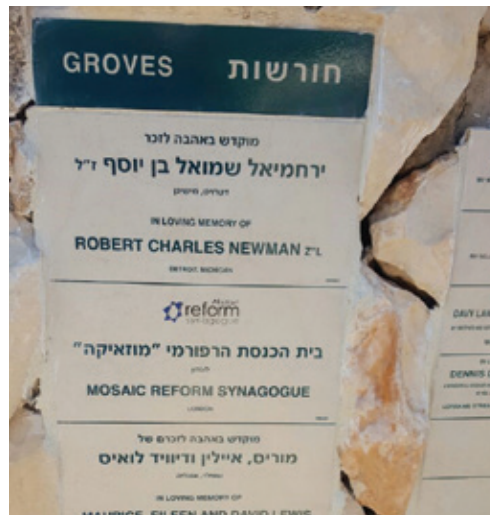
Rabbi Helen Freeman – helen.freeman@wls.org.uk / 07831 755409

## Mosaic Reform forest in Israel

*By Barbara Grant*

For many years Middlesex New, and now Mosaic Reform, has been putting down roots in Israel to celebrate our B'nei Mitzvah, special birthdays and celebrations, as well as remembering loved ones who have passed away.

Visitors to Israel may now wish to visit the Lord Sacks Forest at Aminadav in the Jerusalem Hills where our grove is growing nicely as we continue to support this forestry.



## Celebrating Shavuot

*We will be celebrating Shavuot from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June*



Shavuot by Moritz Daniel Oppenheim

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

- 7.00pm Study Session on the theme:  
'The Practice of Compassion  
and Kindness in Times of  
Hatred and Lies'  
Bessborough Road
- 8.15pm Coffee and Cheesecake
- 8.45pm Services

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

- 9.30am HEMS  
1<sup>st</sup> day Shavuot (in the Guide HQ)
- 10.30am Mosaic Reform  
Bessborough Road
- 11.15am Mosaic Liberal  
Bessborough Road

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- 9.30am HEMS  
2<sup>nd</sup> day Shavuot (in the Guide HQ)

# Interfaith Pre-Seder

*By Kevin Ziants*

There was an interfaith 'pre-Seder' at the Wembley Central Mosque on Sunday afternoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, eight days before Pesach started. The event was organised by Rabbi Frank together with Sohail Ahmed and it was well attended by Jews, Muslims and Christians.

The theme was about what we share in common concerning the ethic of renewing freedom, justice, empathy and kindness as a preparation for Passover, Easter and Ramadan. Three keynote speakers – representing Judaism, Christianity and Islam – gave their perspectives of how collaboration can help towards resolving the challenges that we face.

Rabbi Frank reviewed the Exodus story: how it started with Pharaoh's growing oppression of the Israelites, who were economic refugees, and his decree to kill all male new-born babies. The local midwives – we don't know if they were Hebrews or Egyptians – defied Pharaoh and refused to kill any Hebrew baby boys. This suggests that we can work together to save lives. With regard to the oppressors, it was fear and anxiety that led people to abuse others. At the end of Exodus, God manages to forgive the traumatized Israelites who struggle to understand what it is to become free let alone what it is to assume the necessary ethical, emotional and spiritual challenges. Yet, by the end of the Book of Exodus the ex-slaves move forward with a bit more harmony. This unvarnished story

gives us hope despite the gritty realities of group behaviour.

Reverend Leão Neto gave a Methodist-Christian perspective. He explained his rationale for Lent in preparation for Easter which shares the suffering of the world and of Christ. He acknowledged the imperfections we live with. Hope can be found through fasting, or giving up something, as this serves to turn our minds back in repentance and renew us to love life and work for freedom.

With respect to Islam, Aisha Kahn spoke of freedom from slavery and the freedom to practise one's religion. She recounted that at the recent funeral of anti-apartheid activist Ahmed Kathrada in South Africa, there was no dominant race or religion, showing how times have changed. As a message of hope for freedom she also recounted how Prophet Mohammed formulated a covenant between tribes, including Jews, so people could live and work together in harmony.

We then had two speakers from EcoPeace-Middle East. Gidon Bromberg, the Israeli Director, described the suffering of two-million people in Gaza, a 10km stretch of land where the only source of drinking water is a depleted underground aquifer. Salt water flows into the aquifer from the Mediterranean and there is no sewage system, so pollution further contaminates the ground water. This polluted water causes many gastronomic diseases and cancer and it is only a matter of time before there

will be a cholera epidemic. The Israeli and Palestinian authorities mostly continue to blame each other for the problem. However, EcoPeace encourages working together and taking responsibility for the provision of clean water and there is some progress with a further ten million cubic metres of desalinated water being provided by the Israelis. However, animosity still acts as a barrier to people working together in shared self-interest; pollutants and epidemics don't respect borders.

Jordan Director Munqeth Mehyar spoke about the Jordan River, with the five bordering countries all struggling with limited water resources. Some 98% of the water is diverted and the river is highly polluted. We again witness a blame culture. But Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli EcoPeace representatives have studied the river together and have spoken to the different governments in an attempt to provide water security for everyone. This has been partially successful as 9 million cubic metres have been recovered so more water can be provided to the many Syrian refugees in Jordan. Munqeth, ever the optimist, hopes for further peace treaties

one day so this collaboration could be extended to Syria and Lebanon. EcoPeace continues to work for cooperation to make change for the good of all.

In response, the Mayor of Brent endorsed the need for peace to help resolve the problem. He promised to work with EcoPeace in their efforts, even after he leaves office in May.

Rabbi Frank further described the sessions held at the Mosque to train police officers to cope with the concerns of Jews and Muslims, especially with respect to increasing hate crime. He also mentioned a planned art project to paste different styles of texts on parchment to create a large scroll as a multi-faith message of hope.

The final speaker was Salman Butt, a Muslim scholar. He stated that he does not like to use the static word 'religion' but looks at faith as reflecting a positive existential power transaction to acknowledge and share what we all receive from God. He also recounted how the Prophet Mohammed advocated not wasting water and that we all have a moral responsibility for providing adequate water resources to everyone.

We were left feeling renewed hope and strength as we tucked into the generous helpings of savoury and sweet 'light bites'. It was uplifting to be involved with three communities united intellectually, spiritually and socially. This does go some way to move forward in our troubled and 'not so free' world.







Picture: FDS

## Red Nose Day – £900 raised for charity

*By Annette Ashmele*

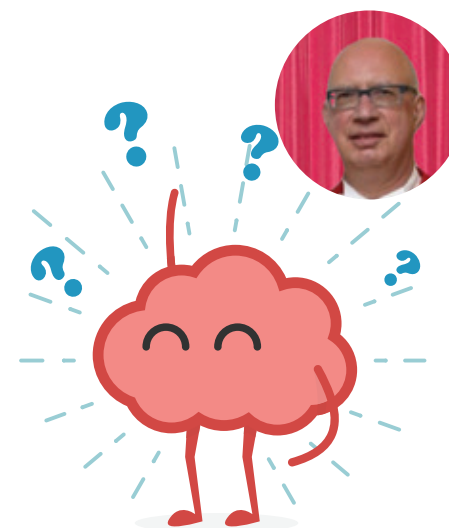
**A**nother year, another red nose! And not just red noses: red jumpers, red trousers, red shoes (and my red beret) and Rabbi Kathleen dressed in the fashion of Cardinal Richelieu.

The evening began with a moving service, led by Rabbi Kathleen and Rabbi Frank. We remembered those killed and injured in the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Westminster terror attack.

We were then invited to a veggie feast where all the food was red!! In fact, we were forced to go back and refill our plates, as the kitchen elves had worked so hard to provide this substantial feast for 90 members and friends in both Harrow and Hatch End.

The meal was followed by grace and then a musical interlude from our ever-youthful Plonkers.

Our thanks to all those who made this splendid evening possible and to the congregants for their generous donations.



### Brainteaser

Compiled by 'Toastmaster John'

**What is the connection between the following: SARMENTO, SPRINGFED, INDAAPOLIS, POVDCENCE?**

Answer coming next month

Answer to March edition's brainteaser:

"The day before yesterday I was 45 and next year I will be 48." What day is my birthday?

This statement is true on 1<sup>st</sup> January only, as I was born on 31<sup>st</sup> December.



# Mosaic Summer Barbecue

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May*

From 1:00pm in a member's home in Pinner

£14.50 (children under 13 free)

Visit [www.choosemosaic.org](http://www.choosemosaic.org) to book

As this is May in the UK, we do have a plan for a rainy day, with enough space for everyone inside!



## Mosaic JACS Programme



*May/June 2017*

All events are on Tuesdays and start at 14:00

**9<sup>th</sup> May:** The history of Yiddish – Barry Davis

**23<sup>rd</sup> May:** A child's war: Growing-up in wartime Britain 1939-45 – Mike Brown

**6<sup>th</sup> June:** The perils and pitfalls of a theatre producer – Brian Daniels

**20<sup>th</sup> June:** Money laundering, bribery and corruption – Nick Kochan

## FILM MOSAIC

At 8:00pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

*REMEMBER*

(2015)

This unusual and very tense thriller tells the story of Max (Martin Landau) and Zev Gutman (Christopher Plummer) who go on a search for an ex-Nazi prison camp guard. The Wiesenthal Centre has found four possible suspects and Gutman 'needs' to find and execute the right one in 'retaliation' for the murder of his own family at Auschwitz.

*Donations for our chosen charity would be appreciated if you care to give.*

## Mosaic Walk in Literary London

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2pm

*Highgate*

Highgate exists in a kind of splendid isolation, between Hampstead Heath and Archway Road. The walk passes the houses of Samuel Taylor Coleridge and A. E. Houseman.

Numbers are limited for this walk, so please contact John Ashmele or e-mail [john@ashmele.co.uk](mailto:john@ashmele.co.uk) for further information as soon as possible.

*Participants take part at their own risk. Mosaic and its representatives are not responsible for any injuries, loss or damage that may occur during the walk.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Happy Birthday!

Benjamin Hipgrave (6)  
Chase Vincent (8)



### Friendship Club

*Entertainment for the  
over-60s*

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

#### MAY

1<sup>st</sup> CLUB CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY

8<sup>th</sup> 'A magical afternoon with Steve Cavendish

15<sup>th</sup> 'Harry's choice' – another selection of taped music

22<sup>nd</sup> Singer/keyboards player Roy Blass

29<sup>th</sup> CLUB CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY



Support Bereavement Care and join us for a

### Magical Midsummer Tea

Enjoy the magic of Paul Cavendish together with a delicious full afternoon tea  
at St John's Church House, Old Church Lane, Stanmore. HA7 2QX

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017, from 3.00pm - 5.30pm

Make up a table of eight, or we'll arrange it for you, and enjoy a wonderful afternoon

**Tickets £17.50, £10 for under 13s**

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or Bereavement Care Office Tel. 020 8427 5720 [admin@bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk](mailto:admin@bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk)

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

### Meet the Rabbi

*By Martin Simonis*

The Shabbat service on 1<sup>st</sup> April was memorable for being the start of Leviticus and there being a double Kiddush – courtesy of Woolf and Marie Heymann, whose 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was celebrated and a prelude to the after-service activities.

As the first in Mosaic's 'Meet the Rabbi' three-part series, Steve Levinson interviewed Rabbi Kathleen about her life and times. It was a fascinating session, touching on Kathleen's up-bringing and motivation for joining the rabbinate, the barriers and anomalies she encountered along the way and, as a born and bred 'European', her thoughts about Brexit and what it means to communities in Britain.

A large and appreciative audience from all three Mosaic congregations came away knowing a bit more about Kathleen and perhaps contemplating how fortunate we are to have her as our rabbi.

Picture: Maurice Hoffman



### Board of Deputies Meeting

(International Division)

3<sup>rd</sup> April

*By Michael Reik*

Mosaic Reform BOD Representative

Richard Verber reported on the AIPAC Conference in Washington DC. There had been 18,000 delegates there. Nikki Haley, the US ambassador to the United Nations gave the outstanding speech of the conference. The vast majority of Jews that support the conference are orthodox but the ultra-right do not participate as they do not support a two-state solution (between Israel and the Palestinian Territories).

We then discussed bias of UNHRC against Israel. The UK have stated they will veto all anti-Israel motions while this bias continues. The BoD international division will put forward a motion to the next plenary that commends our Government's stance on this.

A discussion then ensued on whether there will be a reduction in religious freedom inside Europe.



# Mosaic Walk in Literary London

*By John Ashmele*

A group of Mosaic Walkers met on a windy Sunday morning in March outside Covent Garden underground station for the first Walk in Literary London of 2017. Although a short walk, it was certainly one of the most pleasant areas in which to linger, from Bow Street Magistrates' Court (where Oscar Wilde spent two weeks awaiting trial) to Stanfords in Long Acre (the travel and book shop where Sherlock Holmes bought a map of Dartmoor in 'The Hound of the Baskervilles').

Quotations from Henry Fielding (Tom Jones), George and Weedon Grossmith (Diary of a Nobody) and Stevie Smith (Not Waving but Drowning) were read en route. Perhaps my favourite quote was from A. A. Milne, who bequeathed part of his estate to the Garrick Club where he was a member: "That's a goloptious full-up pot of honey", said Pooh. (Piglet Meets a Heffalump)

Fortunately, nobody became detached from the group as a result of window shopping, and having worked up a modest appetite, the Mosaic Walkers retired to the Crusting Pipe in the piazza for lunch.



# Mosaic bake-in for Pesach

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

*By Judy Silverton*

Volunteers, Hana Schlesinger, Trudy Segal, Jeanette Leibling, Pat Zatz, Rosemary Wolfson, Paula Rogers, Jemma Rogers, Vera Gellman and Joan Noble joined Judy Silverton in the Annual Pesach Bake-in on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Between them they made approximately 160 almond macaroons, 140 Cinnamon balls and about 100 coconut pyramids to be eaten at the Communal Seder, kiddushim and any events that happened

to fall during Pesach week. Gay Saunders, our Community Care Co-ordinator, also took some to distribute to some of our members.

We used three dozen eggs and kilos of almonds – the Synagogue kitchen smelled wonderful. Anyone who popped in from the office and those preparing the communal Seder all managed to help 'taste' them – all for quality control of course! So much nicer than 'bought' biscuits.

Many thanks to all those involved for giving up their time.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Mosaic Community Seder

*By the Grossman family*

Not quite knowing what to expect, apart from the obvious – matzah, parsley and so on – we arrived for the Communal Seder at Mosaic 'HQ', Bessborough Road. We were greeted by about 60 guests sitting around tables laden with festive Seder plates, bottles of wine, fabulous arrays of spring time daffodils and napkins in appropriate colours of sunshine yellow and pale green. It was a

welcoming sight.

We enjoyed a service illuminated by the scholarship of Rabbi Kathleen and Rabbi Frank and drank from ornate cups filled with luscious kosher wine! Another surprise greeted us: waitress service. How lovely not to have to queue at a buffet table.

During the delicious Kosher meal, we chatted to an Australian family whose father was Jewish and had decided to bring his two sons to enjoy a Seder. By the end of the evening his youngest (11) was joining in with all the other children enthusiastically hunting for the Afikomen. Indeed, part of the fun of the evening was the chance for the children to socialise in an impromptu manner.

The gathering was for all generations and was a lovely community experience. We would recommend it to other members of our community who have yet to come along to a community Seder.

Many thanks indeed to Barbara Grant and other helpers for a really wonderful evening. If you can't get to Jerusalem – L'Shana Ha'Baha in Mosaic – next year at Mosaic Communal Seder.



# Grossman Bar Mitzvah

By *Daniel Grossman*

The build up to my Bar Mitzvah on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was preceded by my first cousin, and great friend, Archie's Bar Mitzvah a week prior, held at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue. Archie set the bar really high and was fantastic. He even played the cello to conclude his service! A week later it was my turn!

The Friday night service was intimate with mainly my family and Archie's attending. My Dad gave a Study Anthology on the 'Meaning of a Mensch' and I learnt that a Mensch does the right thing, guided by honesty and with integrity, towards family, towards strangers, at home and in public, regardless of who knows about it.

Then to the following day, Shabbat, my Bar Mitzvah! It was amazing to see Mosaic full and buzzing with the usual congregants, friends and family. I even heard that Barbara and Harry Grant were watching the live stream from their hotel room in Israel!

I felt lucky to have my Grandmas Frances (Omi) and Erica with me on the day and my thoughts were with my late Grandpas Monty (Opi), and Gerald, who joined Middlesex New Synagogue in the 1960s – hopefully they would have been proud of me.

As Bar Mitzvah, I felt honoured to be following the family tradition as both my parents, Paul and Helena, undertook their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs here, at



Bessborough Road, in the 1970s, went to the Youth Clubs and were later married in this synagogue.

My thanks must go to Rabbi Kathleen for all her help (and patience!!) in preparing me for my important day. Mandy and Stephan Roos acted as wardens and ensured everyone performed their mitzvahs on the day. And, of course, to the choir, who even sang Adon Olam to the theme tune of Match of the Day!

It was great to have all my family participating in the service, with my Grandma Frances and my Great Uncle Jeff opening the Ark, my Dad carrying and lifting the scroll, my sister Emily doing Gelilah, my uncle Nigel called up for Aliyah and my Mum and Archie giving the prayers for the Royal Family and the State of Israel.

My parsha was Terumah and I enjoyed telling the story of the building of the Mishkan in the desert, which I used as an analogy for my own life: to build on my best qualities, to build on my knowledge and to build on my friendships and relationships

with friends and family to make me a better and well-rounded person.

Finally, I wish to thank my parents and Archie's parents for making my fantastic day complete by organising a joint celebration party for me and Archie that evening, where all our friends, our parents' friends and family members had a night to remember forever!

# Heymann anniversary

Unmistakeable newly-weds 65 years ago.



# Sanderson wedding



# De Magtige Bat Mitzvah

By *Emma de Magtige*

I would like to thank everybody at Mosaic for their support and good wishes on my Bat Mitzvah. It was a wonderful day and a great experience to read from the Torah for the first time. The day was over in a flash and I can't believe that it has already gone.

Mosaic Liberal member Joseph Sanderson, son of Steven and Danielle, recently married Eh-den Perlove. The couple lives in New York City where Joseph practises law and Eh-den is an off-Broadway stage and production manager. Mazal Tov to the happy couple!



## From the Editors

*Martin Simonis and  
Judy Silvertown*

Pesach is behind us and Kehila, like the bread bin, returns to normal size and content.

We have to publicly congratulate Robert Pinkus on an excellent Pesach edition of Kehila. Humphrey Phillips – a wise and ‘mature’ MR member – had a ‘spontaneous reaction and desire’ to write a congratulatory letter to the editors, having read the issue ‘from cover to cover’. We can do no more than echo Humphrey’s sentiments.

The ‘fun’ things are behind us (Red Nose Day, Purim, Pesach), so choosing pictures for this edition was easy. The AGM season beckons, which may not be as photogenic but are no less important and requiring of your support and input.

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pictures, letters etc to  
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## From Michael Reik

*Ken Livingstone – Why the Labour Party have got it all wrong?*

It is no surprise, despite Ken Livingstone being found guilty of bringing the Labour Party into disrepute and of making ‘theoretically’ anti-Semitic remarks, that he was given a slap on the wrists and a two-year suspended sentence.

Until the Labour Party accepts the definition of Anti-Semitism as that provided by the EU and accepted by the Conservative Party: that it is in the eyes of the recipient (i.e. the Jew) whether a remark has caused offence and not of the prospective offender, then it is irrelevant who they put in charge of any committee. They appointed Shami Chakrabarti to produce the enquiry on Anti-Semitism inside the Labour Party. But instances of Anti-Semitic remarks by many inside the Labour Party were ignored because those making the remarks do not consider they are making Anti-Semitic remarks even if they are highly offensive.

This is specifically the problem of Livingstone. He has gone out of his way to make offensive remarks for as many years as I can remember (in this last case in relation to Hitler and Zionism). It is in my view irrelevant whether his remarks have any historical fact (the case with Hitler is totally taken out of context). It is the fact that he feels the need to be so offensive that defines him as an Anti-Semite.

Corbyn seems to have accepted that the two-year suspended sentence for Livingstone is acceptable. He did not ensure that the three persons who were judging him advise that he be removed from the Labour Party if found guilty. The fact that Corbyn has suggested that he should be retried for further remarks that he has since made beggars belief.

## From Viv Levinson

*Concerns about Bessborough Road Security Rota*

The week of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was blighted by the atrocity outside the Houses of Parliament. We watched in horror and read in graphic detail, made marginally tolerable by stories of massive compassion by passers-by who administered what help and comfort they could to the maimed.

We ended that week with Red Nose Day, the nation’s appeal to humanity’s charitable nature, again to help and support our fellow man.

On 25<sup>th</sup> March, at Mosaic Reform, despite the Shabbat Shira service being on a lighter side, Rabbi Kathleen, in her sermon, clearly felt obliged to refer to these events and how it is human instinct to come to others’ aid, that is, help and support our fellow man.

So, imagine, of all days, when our Community was on high alert, as I took up my duty at 9.45am to stand on Security alongside another member of Mosaic Reform (who shall remain nameless), how horrified, disillusioned, and may I say, disgusted I was, that not one other person arrived to share or take over after our allotted time. The Security Organisers have done their job. Everyone who attends Services in our building and is eligible, receives a call to the rota, a reminder, and has the opportunity to re-arrange if necessary.

Those of you who were on the rota for 25<sup>th</sup> March know who you are – shame on you for not turning up!

I am sure that when you, your children, maybe even your grandchildren, are in our building, you would like to know that they are in as safe an environment as we can possibly provide. That will not be the case unless we all do our share...

## From Jonathan Roback

*Security Officer*

*Security update*

Thank you to everyone who has fulfilled their shifts. A new rota system – Rota Central – was introduced at the start of the year. This has resulted in excellent interaction and feedback from the community.

The longer notice and the ability to rearrange dates, without needing to find a person to swap, has much reduced the number of ‘no shows’.

If you have not been receiving security rota emails from no-reply@rotacentral.com, or have changed your email address, please advise us at **secofficer@mosaicreform.org.uk**

# A letter from The Queen



## MOSAIC CALENDAR

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 May | June**

**Monday** 11:00 Friendship Club

**Every other Thursday**  
14:00 Singing Seniors

**Sunday (term time)** 09:45 HaMakom

### MAY

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yom Ha'Atsmaut
Wed 3	20:00 Council meetings
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	19:00 Contemplative service
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Acharay Mot/ Kedoshim
	09:30 Adult learning with Rabbi Middleton Mosaic Reform 'Auf Rif' Richard Segal and Sacha Green
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:45 HaMakom
	16:00 Mosaic Liberal AGM
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 JACS
	20:00 Mosaic Photo Group
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Emor
	Mosaic Reform Bat Mitzvah – Sasha Bell
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lag b'Omer
	Kehila copy date
	13:00 Mosaic BBQ
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	20:00 Mosaic Film – 'Remember'
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 Lunch Club
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	18:15 Family Friendly Friday
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Behar/Bechukotai
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	14:30 Stone-setting: Michelle Latchman. Edgwarebury
	16:00 Mosaic AGM (Refreshments from 15:30)
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 Jewish Women's Aid Drop-In
	14:00 JACS
	20:00 Adult Learning – Shavuot
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kehila distribution
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Bemidbar
	11:00 Shabbat Shira

### JUNE

Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Erev Shavuot
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> day Shavuot
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> day Shavuot
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shabbat Naso
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 Stone-setting: Thelma Rosen – Edgwarebury
	14:30 Stone-setting: Gerald Shindler – Edgwarebury
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 JACS
	20:00 Mosaic Photo Group
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	20:00 Council meetings
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Beha'alotecha
	Mosaic Shabbat
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	14:45 Tombstone consecration – Hilary Gura – Cheshunt
	15:30 Tombstone consecration – Ruth Jacobs – Cheshunt
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	20:00 Mosaic Book Group – 'The Mandibles'
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Shelach Lecha
	11:00 Shabbat Shira
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Jewish Women's Aid Drop-In
	14:00 JACS
	20:00 Film Mosaic
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	12:30 Lunch Club
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup>	14:00 Singing Seniors
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Korach
	13:00 Rabbi Dabba Smith in conversation with Michael Reik
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	15:00 HEMS AGM
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kehila distribution





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