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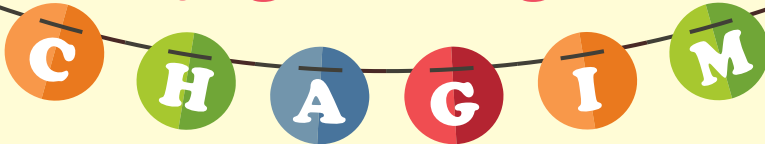
The **Mosaic** community magazine | **Monthly**

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Everything you wanted to know about our festivals but were too afraid to ask...

Mosaic Adult Education presents

A voyage through our



**Further sessions about the how, why
and wherefore of our festivals**

The Tishri Festivals

Tuesday 5th September 8.00 pm

Selichot

Saturday 16th September

Study session 'Heal Yourself, Heal the World' 8.30 pm

Services: Liberal 7.45 pm, Reform 9.45 pm



Chanukah

Tuesday 5th December 8.00 pm

**Come and join us for a fascinating
insight into the origins and practice
of the Jewish Festivals that we
think we know so well**



**Each session will be held at
Bessborough Road**

Refreshments available

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Since our last issue

Children's birthdays are on page 10

MOSAIC REFORM

MAZAL TOV TO:

Loretta & Geoff Collett on the birth of their grand-daughter, Jessica.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Irene Leigh, 75
Stephanie Lindley, 70
Barbara Gee, 80
Lawrie Nerva, 95
Thelma Rose, 105
Janet Simons, 70
Eddie Solomon, 91
Sheila Solomons, 91
Colin Dunston, 60
Sylvia Wiseman, 85
Frances Jeffries, 80

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Judy & Ivan Beckman on their 60th anniversary.
Linda & Paul Graham on their 30th anniversary.
Ros & David Lobb on their 45th anniversary.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Lew Leaderman

GOOD LUCK IN THEIR

NEW HOME TO:

Janet & Robert Simons

MOSAIC LIBERAL

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Ruth Ben-Or

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Shirley Ariel
Harry Benham
Jacqueline Kaplan
Derek Levene
Anthony Rose

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family and friends of
Nora Sher.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

George Vulkan
Cynthia Green

HEMS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Stephanie & Stuart Rosen on the birth of their grand-daughter, Clara Jade.
Lynne & Sam Charkham on the birth of their grand-daughter, Ellie Scarlett.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Talia Austin
Lili Balkin

CONDOLENCES TO:

Howard Smith on the death of his mother, Naomi Smith.
Shelley Cooper on the death of her husband, Simon Rosenberg,
and Joel & Kezia on the death of their father.



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and Judy Silverton

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pictures, letters
etc to [newsdesk@
choosemosaic.org](mailto:newsdesk@choosemosaic.org)

The next issue of Kehila will be the Rosh Hashana 'seasonal' magazine – last date for articles is

23rd August. Distribution will be on 14th September.

After that, the next monthly issue will be that for November – copy date 15th October. This will be distributed at the end of October.

COMMUNAL

Guy Frati: Future Mosaic Liberal Synagogue Music Director (Visa Application Pending)

by Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith



At Mosaic Liberal Synagogue, we are very proud of our liturgical music. Our Music Director and singers are all talented professionals, classically trained and proficient with our Hebrew liturgical music. We were privileged, for example, to employ for many years Ernest Herbert Warrell MBE FKC Hon FTCL (1915-2010) who also worked as organist at Southwark Cathedral and at Kings College London where he taught a generation of church organists.

Very recently, our long-serving Music

Director, Mary Banks, retired and we sought a replacement through advertising as well as professional networks. Israeli-born Guy Frati was the sole respondent and, amazingly, amply qualified. Within the parameters of his student visa and his studies at the Royal Academy of Music, he has played, sung and directed the other players for our Saturday morning and festival services recently. It is obvious that Guy is uniquely qualified to become our next Music Director. Not only is he extraordinarily talented but he commands the respect and loyalty of our existing choir. Being a native Hebrew speaker, an additional nuance is added to both the biblical and more modern lyrics. Our congregation, very accustomed to top quality music, has warmly embraced Guy's contributions.

We are working closely with Guy in the process of his receiving the necessary visa so that he can hopefully soon return to the UK and work on a more permanent legal basis. In addition to retaining his ties with the Royal Academy of Music, we hope that he will teach student rabbis and lay people at Leo Baeck College. Here and, in other endeavours, Guy will be able to reinvigorate the field of liturgical Jewish music for many years to come.

The High Holydays Start Here...

SELICHOT SERVICE

Saturday 16th September

@ Bessborough Road

7.45 pm Liberal service

9.15 pm refreshments

8.30 pm study session

9.45 pm Reform service

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

Are You Planning a Holiday?

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



Transport To Cheshunt & Waltham Abbey Cemeteries

Sunday 17th September

Once again, the Synagogue has arranged transport to the cemeteries at Cheshunt and Waltham Abbey in advance of the High Holydays. We will leave Bessborough Road on Sunday 17th September at 9.30 am, returning at approximately 12.30 pm.

Places are very limited and can only be provided by prior arrangement. If you wish to reserve your seat, please contact the Synagogue office no later than 15th August.

5778 – New Year Greetings – 5778

You are invited to place a New Year greeting to friends and family in the Rosh Hashanah edition of Kehila. The cost is £10 for up to 30 words.

Please email the greeting to newsdesk@choosmosaic.org or use the form below and post to **Kehila, 39 Bessborough Road, Middlesex HA1 3BS**

Payment can then be made (promptly, please) to the Office (cheques payable to Mosaic Jewish Community Ltd) or by BACS directly to Account No. 43671224, sort code 20-74-12, making sure that you provide a reference that includes your name. Please notify the office if your payment is sent via BACS.

The LAST DAY for acceptance of Orders is 17th August 2017

N.B. Even if you have placed a greeting in previous years, please write the copy in full – do not mark the form 'as in previous years' or similar. Your assistance is much appreciated.

ORDER FORM

Greeting (max 30 words)

Family member's full name

£10 payment by cheque or via BACS

We have received several comments concerning the recent decision of the Israeli government to restrict the right of progressive Jews to pray at the Western Wall (the Kotel) in Jerusalem. At Lawrie Nerva's suggestion, we are reprinting the following from the WUPJ



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We are currently in Jerusalem attending the board meeting of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) as Progressive Judaism's international representatives. This morning, the board passed a resolution calling on Knesset members to reverse these decisions of the Cabinet. In protest, JAFI also cancelled our scheduled meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

The sacred civil right "to live as free people in

Jerusalem, Israel – 26th June 2017

We are profoundly disappointed in the decision of the Government of Israel to deny the Jewishness of Israeli citizens not converted under the authority of the chief rabbinate, and its refusal to honour its commitment to uphold the right of Jews to pray at the Kotel as they do in their own synagogues.

These decisions deliver a divisive and insulting blow to the millions of Jews who passionately believe in Jewish pluralism. By implementing its agreement, relations between Diaspora Jews and the State of Israel would have improved. Sadly, the Government violated the trust between us by changing the rules of conversion.

our land" has been sold to maintain a weak political coalition. The unity of the Jewish people, a central pillar of Zionism, has been seriously harmed by yesterday's decisions.

With our movement partners in Israel, we must commit ourselves anew to defend religious rights in Israel. We urge you to contact your local Israel representatives, ambassadors or Consul General to express your outrage.

We will not allow others to tell us how to live as Jews.

Rabbi Daniel Freeland, President, WUPJ
Carole Sterling, Chair, WUPJ
Rabbi Lawrence Englander, Chairman, ARZENU



Once in a Laughtime

*An Evening with Paul Mendelson,
Screenwriter and Novelist*

Sunday 8th October 8pm

The creator of BAFTA-nominated hit BBC comedy series 'May to December', 'So Haunt Me', 'My Hero' and acclaimed ITV drama 'Losing It' will give a light-hearted talk about the curious connections between his life and (so-called) art. With clips from his TV work and readings from his newly-published novels. With Q & A.

£7.50 including drink and canapes.

Please pay via website:

www.choosemosaic.org or pay by cheque to Mosaic Jewish Community Ltd.

Please apply for tickets by 28th September. Signed books will be available on the evening for purchase

FILM MOSAIC

No showing in August

Future showings:

Tuesday 26th September – 'Walk on Water'

Tuesday 24th October – 'Fugitive Pieces'



Save the Date!

Sunday 26th November 2017

SITUATIONS VACANT

Do you have a spare half an hour a week?

Are you passionate about community, social action, education, or Judaism?

If so then Mosaic and our Synagogues would appreciate your assistance

Email development@choosemosaic.org to find out more

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mosaic JACS Programme



August 2017

All events are on Tuesdays and start at 14:00

- 1st:** The Life of Sammy Davis Junior – Nigel Coleman
- 15th:** Finding my Jewish Roots in Kolkata (Calcutta) – Arlene Levene
- 29th:** The History of Mount Vernon Hospital – Jan Sutton



Rumikub Club

The next meeting is in Wembley on Monday afternoon, 7th August

The Tea Set

A small group of ladies meeting in each other's homes on a Sunday afternoon for tea and company. The next get-together is 13th August in Rickmansworth.

If you are interested in joining either of the above groups, then, send a message to Gay at Community Care via the office

Friendship Club *Entertainment for the over-60s*

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



AUGUST

- 7th** Bill Smith entertains
- 14th** Singer/keyboard player Roy Blass
- 21st** Cards/games afternoon
- 28th** CLUB CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith in conversation...

By Paul Zatz

The tenth in the Mosaic series of 'conversations' was held on Saturday 24th June, when Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith of Mosaic Liberal was interviewed by Michael Reik.

Frank described being brought up in San Diego as the child of two New Deal Democrats, much involved in the Synagogue and social issues. He went to university at Berkeley where his course was Linguistic Anthropology (the place of language in describing people's culture) and he developed an empathy with people who lived on the margins or were dispossessed. This strengthened his view that authority should not be imposed from above, but should be open to rational analysis (co-incidentally, the theme of the day's Parasha, Korach). He developed an early interest in photography and attended a post-graduate course in Israel, where he met Cathy, from Kenton Orthodox Synagogue, who became his wife. They returned to Israel, but he became dissatisfied with the political scene there, and went to London to study for the Rabbinate at Leo Baeck College.

After qualification, he worked at



Rabbi Smith (left) and Michael Reik. Picture: Maurice Hoffman

Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue, and a couple of years later he was encouraged to apply for a vacancy at Harrow and Wembley Liberal Synagogue. He was appointed Rabbi of HWPS in July 1998.

Frank likes the challenge of working with a mature congregation, helping to shape memories and give meaning to the lives of congregants, rather than concentrating on future expansion. He has always felt that Synagogue activities are more important than buildings, and played an active part in the sale of the Preston Road premises and the move to Mosaic. >>

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Frank described several areas where he can express his belief in social action. He is active in the Brent Multi-Faith Forum where his particular interest is in working with the police to help them understand the needs of Jews and Muslims in the area. He is also involved with Ecopeace Middle East which tries to bring Jews and Muslims together to collaborate in sharing water rights in the area. He feels strongly that we should try to engage with Palestinians, including Hamas, even if we do not agree with all their policies. Only by engagement can the hostility be diminished.

Frank has led many trips overseas to give congregants and others a broader knowledge of Jewish life elsewhere, whether in New York, Jerusalem, Berlin or Morocco. He has some ambitious plans for future trips.

He has just completed work on his PhD thesis, studying the work of the German family which owned the Leica camera factory and which played an important role in helping Jews during the Shoah. He tries to be optimistic, seeking to build relationships rather than being fixated on the threats from anti-Semitism.

Kabbalat Torah Students

On 2nd July, Temmie Brown and Emma de Magtige led a brief service before HaMakom staff and students, including the reading of the Ten Commandments. They also presented ten aspects of their KT-trip to Berlin in April 2017 and discussed both their reactions to a range of Holocaust memorials and their hopes for the continued renewal of Jewish life in this extraordinary place of contemporary freedom.

Emma and Temmie were taught by Rabbis Kathleen and Frank.



Kaballat students Emma and Temmie with HaMakom Headteachers Toria Landau and Viki Kenton (FDS)

Happy Birthday!

Leo Moualed (3)
Maya Shackell (10)



EVERY WEEK

August | September

Monday	11:00	Friendship Club
Every other Thursday	14:00	Singing Seniors
Sunday (term time only)	09:45	HaMakom

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

AUGUST

Tue 1 st	14.00	JACS – 'The Life of Sammy Davis Jnr.'
Sat 5 th		Shabbat Va'etchanan
Sun 6 th		Kehila copy date (Rosh Hashana edition)
Wed 9 th	20.00	Mosaic Book Group – 'The Gustav Sonata' by Rose Tremain.
Sat 12 th		Shabbat Ekev
Tue 15 th	14.00	JACS
Sat 19 th		Shabbat Re'eh
Sun 20 th	14.45	Stone-setting – Philip Wilson Cheshunt
	15.30	Stone-setting – Michelle Aaronson – Cheshunt
Sat 26 th		Shabbat Shoftim
Tue 29 th	14.00	JACS

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1 st	19.00	Contemplative Service
Sat 2 nd		Shabbat Ki Tetze
Tue 5 th	20.00	Adult Learning – The Tishri festivals
Wed 6 th	20.00	Council meetings
Sat 9 th		Shabbat Ki Tavo
Sun 10 th	09.45	HaMakom – new term starts
Tue 12 th	13.30	Honey Cake Bake-In
Wed 13 th	12.30	Lunch Club
Thu 14 th		Kehila Distribution

Sat 16 th		Shabbat Nitzavim/Vayeilech
	Evening	Selichot (see page 4)
Sun 17 th	09.30	Community visit to Cheshunt
Wed 20 th		Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thur 21 st		1 st day Rosh Hashanah
Fri 22 nd		2 nd day Rosh Hashanah
Sat 23 rd		Shabbat Ha'azinu
Tue 26 th	20:00	Film Mosaic – 'Walk on Water'
Fri 29 th		Kol Nidre
Sat 30 th		Yom Kippur



Brainteaser

Compiled by 'Toastmaster John'

What is unusual about the following words: revive, banana, grammar, voodoo, assess, potato, dresser, uneven?

Answer to June's Brainteaser

The question I asked my friend on the phone that I would not have asked 30 years ago (before the advent of mobile phones) is "Where are you?"



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