

Ian Austin MP

**Tuesday,
13th November
at 8pm**



**39 Bessborough Rd,
Harrow, Middx
HA1 3BS**

Hear Ian Austin speak about his experiences as a Labour Party Member of Parliament in this period of uncertainty.

In 1939 Ian's father, Fred, arrived in the UK as a ten-year-old Jewish refugee from what was then Czechoslovakia. He was the only member of his family to survive – his mother and sisters were murdered in Treblinka. Ian is a supporter of Labour Friends of Israel, a member of the Jewish Labour Movement and has worked closely with the Holocaust Educational Trust, helping secure Government funding for their 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project in 2006. Ian has been the MP for Dudley North since 2005.

Refreshments available

**Tickets can be booked through the Synagogue office
020 8864 0133 at £10 per head (£12 on the door) or via the Mosaic
website. A donation will be made to the Holocaust Educational Trust.**

**Remember to book your 'early bird' tickets for the Mosaic Supper Quiz
on 25th November. See advert on page 3.**

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Since our last issue

MOSAIC REFORM

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Scott Buchan – Friend of Mosaic Reform

MAZAL TOV TO:

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Shirley & Peter Mendel-Lion on their 65th wedding anniversary
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Judy & Philip Silverton on their 45th wedding anniversary

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Jonquil Nicholls
Gerry Amias
Jeff Young

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Lily Sheldon on the death of her husband, Jack.
Pauline Pike on the death of her sister, Ruth Glassman.
Sandra Pentelow on the death of her father, Jack Green.
The family of our member, Sara Leigh.
Dita Lewis on the death of her husband, Philip.
The family of Thelma Rose.
The family of Sheila Gura.
The family of Daniel Green, companion of Eve Porath.
The family of Susan Rotter.

NEW HOME:

Lew Leaderman

HEMS

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Miriam Smith

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Harry Mans
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David Pearson
Geraldine Kaufman



Editors: Martin Simonis and Judy Silverton

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

Next issue

The next issue will be that for December. Copy date 18th November and distributing on 29th November.

MOSAIC LIBERAL

MAZAL TOV TO:

Alan and Brenda Hunt on the birth of their fifth grandchild, Hector Francis – a second child for Julian and Tammy.

Irene Kessler
Michael Lane
Dora Mandel
Harry Mans
Gary Morby
David Pearson
Thelma Windisch

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Trudy Goodman
Rhoda Kohn
Ray Lubert
Robert Gellman

CONDOLENCES TO:

Marian Bliss on the death of her husband, Alan
The family and friends of Marion Conway.

COMMUNAL

By popular demand, we welcome back the team from QuizQuizQuiz www.choosmosaic.org

Mosaic QUIZ Supper

Sunday 25 November | 7.15 | £19.50*

*Earlybird price until 15/11/18 – £24 thereafter. Price includes a fish supper!

Holocaust Memorial Day 2019

We will be holding our third Holocaust Memorial Day education event at Mosaic at the end of January 2019 with local secondary students attending workshops and listening to a guest Holocaust Survivor speaker.

We are part of the Northwood Holocaust Memorial Day Education (NHMDE) programme, where over 3000 students attend various synagogues over two weeks to be informed on how the rise of anti-semitism brought about the death of six million.

We are extremely proud to be establishing ourselves with local schools and rely on our volunteers to make these facilitated workshop sessions both informative and valuable to the next generation. Once our final number of students are known, we may have some vacancies for volunteers to assist with security, catering, hosting, facilitating workshops (training dates are in late November) or assisting facilitators.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joan Noble or Barbara Grant via the office.

Sermon given on 2nd Day Rosh Hashana by Harry Grant

The lay sermon that Harry Grant gave to Mosaic Reform on the second day of Rosh Hashana was particularly well received. If you missed it on the day, you can read it on the Mosaic website via this link:

<https://choosmosaic.org/all-news/news/rosh-hashanah-sermon-harry-grant/>



Mosaic in the news

Rabbi Kathleen and co-chair of Mosaic, Mark, were interviewed for the 'London Jewish News' podcast this month. The interview is at 33 minutes 40 seconds of the podcast. Mosaic has also been in articles for the Jewish Chronicle and London Jewish News. Listen at:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/TheJewishViews/nikki-haley-music-is-the-most-beautiful-language-in-the-world-and-mosaic-jewish-community/>

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£400 for 12 months.

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Hospital Visitors

We need people who can visit members of our community in any of the local hospitals – Northwick Park, Hillingdon, Hammersmith, Willesden, Potters Bar Community. Anyone who can help in this way should get in touch with Gay Saunders – our Community Care Co-ordinator.



ML Contemplative Service:

Next service:

Friday 2nd November at 7pm

Our New Home

All the current details about our proposed relocation are contained in the separate supplement.

Wembley, HWPS and Mosaic Liberal 70th Anniversary

*You are Invited to Celebrate the
70th Anniversary of Our Synagogue Community*

Share Your Memories of Wembley, HWPS and Mosaic

Videos - Photos - Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 4th November 2018, 3.00pm

39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS

RSVP admin@mosaicliberal.org.uk or telephone: 0208 864 5323

AJEX Remembrance Ceremony & Parade

Sunday 18th November

Please come and join other members of Mosaic at the annual Remembrance parade at Whitehall. Last year 5 Mosaic members joined together with a small community and remembered those who perished in the Second



There will be a contingent there from Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides, as well as the Jewish schools. Please contact Edwin at HEMS if you would like more details please contact edwin.lucas6@googlemail.com

Word War. There is the opportunity to wear your relatives' medals. It is a moving occasion and all ages are welcome.

at 1:30 pm on Horse Guards Parade, with the Parade and Ceremony taking place at 2:30 pm at the Cenotaph, Whitehall.

Mosaic Liberal New Director of Music, Joseph Finlay

Joseph writes: I am delighted to have been appointed the new Director of Music for Mosaic Liberal. I have met many members already and looking forward to meeting many more over the coming months. A little about me and my background: I trained as a classical musician at Cambridge University and the Royal Academy of Music,



and have worked as a composer, conductor and pianist. I have also worked extensively in Jewish music: I have been choir director at New North London Synagogue and the New London Synagogues, Musical Director of Hendon Reform, and I am currently also Musical Director of the London Jewish Male Choir. Beyond music. I've been involved with setting up grassroots Jewish groups

such as Moishe House London and the Open Talmud Project.

I am excited to be part of such an innovative community – I really like the work Mosaic is doing to make post-denominational Judaism a reality. I particularly enjoy the warm and relaxed atmosphere of Mosaic Liberal, and really appreciate Rabbi Frank's thought-provoking and bold sermons. I will be introducing many new melodies, which hopefully will prove popular – but I can't guarantee that everyone will like everything I bring – that would be impossible! I also really want to build a culture of participation – let's have everyone singing at the top of their voices, and really raise the roof!

Joint Erev Shabbat Services

Continuing the alternating monthly arrangement, Mosaic Liberal joins the Mosaic Reform Erev Shabbat service downstairs in the Reform Synagogue Hall. Yahrzeit will be observed for both Reform and Liberal members.

The next joint service, on 16th November, will be led by Mosaic Reform.

These special services are usually held on the third Friday of the month.

Brainteaser

Compiled by John Ashmele

November 2018

The agents at GCHQ are known by an agent number:

Ian is Agent 6, Nina is Agent 9, Tina is Agent 10, Anita is Agent 11, and Anne is Agent 12.

What is Annette's agent number?

Answer to July Brainteaser...

If 355 equates to 524 and 1235 equates to 2521, then what does 850 equate to?
3:55 = Five to Four = 524; 12:35 = Twenty Five to One = 2521; 8:50 = Ten to Nine = 1029.



Less Shouting, More co-operation

By Joan Noble

We are reasonably regular Shul goers. Often we can be deflated with Friday night and Shabbat morning attendance – not always, but it was so uplifting to drop into Shul on Sunday (24th June) to see HaMakom – a vibrant young Community in action. The Head teachers welcoming all the children, different faces on security, young teenagers preparing for classes in all the areas of the building for a variety of ages – a genuine buzz about the place.

I was there as I had invited a friend Rosalie, who is an expert in Parenting, to lead a talk entitled “Less Shouting – More co-operation”.

I had little idea who might attend on a sunny summer's day but was pleasantly

surprised to find we had a group of 20 for a very interesting and helpful session.

Specific skills were suggested as tools to deal with issues that parents face bringing up their young children and teenagers. Clearly the reality of parental handling can create on-going behaviour for a better and more harmonious home life.

It can be a mine field and many factors come into consideration, but the big difference today is the effect of Social Media and “Screen time” allowed to children.

The most positive result was the desire for the parents to meet again on Sunday mornings to share experiences and build our next generations.

Rabbi Kathleen's 10th anniversary

Saturday 24th November, 10am

Please join us on Shabbat Vayishlach, 24th November, for a special Mosaic Reform service to celebrate Rabbi Kathleen's 10 years as our Rabbi!

Service starts at 10:30am followed by Kiddush



Simchat Torah Celebrants

Mosaic Reform

David Martin (Chatan Torah) and Juliet Grainger (Callat B'reishit)



Photo: Maurice Hoffman

Steve Noble writes: This year we were delighted to have Juliet and David as our Chatan and Callah to celebrate Simchat Torah.

They have both been involved with all aspects of Shul matters, both on and off Council for many years and are very much at the heart of our community.

Juliet has been Honorary Secretary for several periods of tenure and, even though she is no longer on Council, she continues to perform many of her previous activities with quiet efficiency.

David is currently on Council as well as holding down the position of Director of Music and the result of his tenacity and hard work are shown every year at the High Holy Days services as well as on Shabbat and Chagim.

Not least, David is a member of that much-celebrated and famous home-grown trio, 'The Plonkers' ... Much to be admired.

They are a much-loved couple in the community and carried out their tasks on Simchat Torah impeccably.

Mosaic Liberal

Paul Zatz (Chatan Torah)



Kevin Ziants writes: Paul Zatz has been a member of our Shul since 1961. He was impressed with the welcome he received from the Youth Group compared with other local Shuls.

Paul was on the R and P committee for many years and then chairman before he became chairman of Council 1979-81. He was Hon. Solicitor for a number of years in the 1970s. Currently he is chair of the Investment Committee which monitors the proceeds from the sale of the Preston Road building.

Paul likes the friendly informality and the absence of pettiness. He feels the decline in our numbers is being well managed due to joining with Mosaic. There are lots of Mosaic activities open to the extended religion school, the Kiddushim, films, and walks.

Lindsey Cohen (Chatan B'reishit)



Kevin Ziants writes: Lindsey Cohen has been a member since 1994. She joined as she was going to marry Adrian who was already a member.

Lindsey has been on Council for many years. She is Marriage Secretary as well as Membership Secretary, trying her best to attract new members. She is also a member of Rites & Practices, a tiny committee without which Shul services could not function. She is a team leader for the Kiddush.

Lindsey likes the friendliness of our community and the fact that it is not pretentious. Everyone is welcome at whatever level of Judaism they are comfortable.

Lindsey feels that, as part of Mosaic in a new building, we can be re-energised, with more opportunities to thrive and grow. She loves coming to services, marking the transition from working week to weekend. She enjoys singing the beautiful melodies along with the choir and her fellow congregants. There is something very powerful about reading in unison and singing together – she always feels really good afterwards!

HEMS / Mosaic Masorti

Selwyn Langley (Chatan Torah)



Edwin Lucas writes: Selwyn has been the HEMS connection with the Property Group. Selwyn advises the board of a £200 million plus Jewish charity and has had dealings with Lord Neuberger, the ex Lord Chief Justice. Just like Lord Neuberger, Selwyn is a man of conscience and principles. He is a true Mensch. He was a prominent member of

his lodge (twice in the chair) but resigned, when a friend was refused admission, on account of his skin colour. When his eldest son, Jamie, was barmitzvah, he discovered that others in his group were not having lessons, as they had to pay for them. He complained to the Rabbi and as a result the rules were changed and thereafter all boys had the same benefits. To work with shul committees is a mitzvah. He has had involvement with other faith buildings too, including mosques. He currently acts for a church and recently was consulted over a historical site dispute.

Jo Lewis (Callat B'raichis)



Edwin Lucas writes: There are two types of friends, fair weather, and friends. The former go running, when the going gets tough, whilst friends

stick through thick and thin. You will guess where Jo fits. If you do not, call her help line, which opens at 0639, every weekday. I know, as we regularly chat and not just about Rota Central. She has managed the transition from quill to technology and whilst not perfect, I quote from Mary Poppins, as it is "Practically perfect". Jo copes with folk changing rotas on a Thursday for a shabbat, folk not turning up, folk moving their rotas lots, as well as listening to comments about being on rota too often. She listens, she acts, she takes the blows, all in her stride. We made changes and our in-house tennis star is delighted that he is off security and can now play tennis with your 'small' Kehila editor, post set-up and be back for take-down. Jo is so caring and willing to please.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mosaic Mens' Cooking Club

Quick recipe ideas for men in the kitchen, from Joan Noble

For further information contact Gay Saunders on 020 8864 0133 or email communitycare@mosaicreform.co.uk

Tuesday 13th November

Seasonal Harvest Cookery:
Apple Strudel, Vegetable Strudel,
Pear & Chocolate Upside-Down Pudding

Tuesday 27th November

Seasonal Cookery – Latkes and
Chocolate Log

League of Jewish Women

All meetings commence at 8 pm

For venue, contact Kay Sackwild

Thursday 8th November: Maureen Gorb a
Jewish girl goes sailing

Tuesday 4th December: Chanukah party
with an entertainer

Adult Learning – Chanukah

Tuesday, 27th November

Please join Rabbi Kathleen at 8pm for the last in a series of sessions on “A Culinary Voyage through the Festivals” – this time looking at Chanukah

Shabbat Shira

17th November

Rabbi Kathleen invites everybody young and old to Shabbat Shira at 11.00am
Singing, music, Torah service followed by Kiddush. Early arrivals will be treated to an informal singing session before the service.

Happy Birthday

in November to:

Adam Feldman, 10
Ava Kenton, 11
Sophie Kenton, 9
Sam Landau, 9
Amy Phillips, 7
Tilly Wolff, 11
Max Burzynski, 5
Maia Leigh-Ellis, 2
Naomi Witte, 5
Chloe Ellison, 12



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mosaic JACS Programme

November – December 2018

All events are on Tuesdays and start at 14:00 with tea and cake, followed by a talk and questions at 14:30

6th Nov The Israeli Guide Dog Centre

20th Nov Jewish Greece

4th Dec The History of Harrods. Chanukah
candle lighting

18th Dec JACS party

Film Mosaic

JULLA' (1977)

Tuesday 20th November at 8:00pm

This multi Oscar-winning drama, directed by the legendary Fred Zinnemann, based on the writing of Lillian Hellman, depicts the relationship between two friends and its unexpected consequences. After Lillian (Jane Fonda), a renowned playwright, reunites in Russia with her childhood playmate Julia (Venessa Redgrave), the writer is recruited to smuggle funds into Germany to aid the anti-Nazi movement. Waiting in the wings is Lillian's lover and mentor, Dashiell (Jason Robards), who is unaware of her dangerous assignment.

(SUBTITLES ARE NOT AVAILABLE)

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

Friendship Club

Entertainment for the over-60s

Mondays: 11:00 to 14:30

Tel (on the day): 020 8423 2903

NOVEMBER

- 5th** Geoff Bowden presents “What a Carry On”
- 12th** Return visit of harpist Margaret Watson
- 19th** Celebrate the club's birthday with Ronnie Goldberg
- 26th** Stevie Permutt entertains

DECEMBER

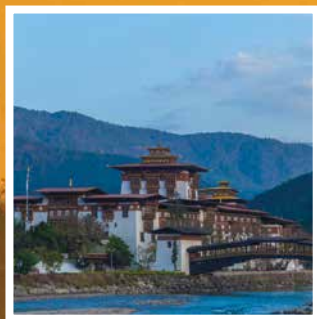
- 3rd** Bill Smith entertains
- 10rd** Singer/keyboard player Roy Blass
- 17rd** Singer/guitarist Alex Samos
- 24rd** CLUB CLOSED
- 31st** CLUB CLOSED

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MOSAIC MOMENTS



*HEMS Sukkot
brunch chez Gill
and David Ross*

*HaMakom prepare
the succah decorations
(photo FDS)*



*Mandy, Benje and
Stefan getting cold and
wet while building the
succah*

MOSAIC MOMENTS



*Simchat Torah at
Mosaic Liberal
(photo FDS)*

*Wedding of Mosaic Liberal
Members Zoe Freedman
and Dan Henig. Lindsey
Cohen is 'in action', in her
role as marriage secretary
(photos FDS)*



*ML member Nathan
Godleman was ordained
as a Rabbi in July
(photo Kevin Ziants)*



The healing power of poetry

Esther Aronsfeld writes: To celebrate National Poetry day on 4th October, Mosaic Liberal's Rosetta Muscatt (87) penned a poem to reflect the Day's theme of 'change'.

Rosetta, a published poet and keen observer of life, began writing poetry when she was 14 after engaging with child holocaust survivors at Princess Louise Hospital in West London where her mother worked as a volunteer, and later with traumatised teenage survivors. 'The only way I could cope with listening to their stories was to put my feelings down on paper.'

Like Wordsworth, who describes poetry as 'the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings', Rosetta believes that writing poetry can take you away from suffering and help you through it. 'There is a healing power to poetry because it gives you a voice to express your pain and joys.'

When Rosetta was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, she put pen to paper to help her cope with the news. The result, printed here, was a poem entitled 'The Stoic'. 'Poetry helps connect me to my faith and to face whatever life throws at me. It also enables me to focus on the beauty around me.'

Her poems also reflect her love of life, the wonders of nature and her relationship with God. 'I believe the words are gifted to me,' she explains in her modest unassuming way.

Rosetta's poems have appeared in Jewish News and synagogue and church magazines. A regular contributor to her local residents'



Rosetta Muscatt – poet

community newsletter, she has also written speeches for friends and on one occasion was asked to write a sermon for a local Baptist minister. She currently offers a telephone befriending service to adults and teenagers with substance abuse issues.

The Stoic

Overcoming pain is the Spirit's delight,
To struggle through each day and night
Brings rewards with the gift of knowing.

It is God's own way of showing
Strength comes to those who fight,
Relief comes in reaching for the Light

And as the cruel darkness disperses
Amidst all the crying and curses
Small blessings are found all around,
Feet firmly planted on the ground,
The hum of bees and birdsong sweet,
Love in the air, the heart misses a beat.

The joy of the strength and the power
To smile and greet each minute and hour
With thankfulness for His Grace.
Who allows the stoic to see His face.

Calling all poetry lovers

If you are interested in joining a new poetry writing group or sharing your favourite poets, please text Esther Aronsfeld **07855 251 255** or contact the Mosaic office **020 8864 0133**

Neil Mendoza's amusing correspondence with the British Ambassador to Israel

Date: 15 June 2016

Subject: For the attention of His Excellency Mr. David Quarrey

Dear David,

Travelling overseas always brings with it many challenges, not least is dealing with the locals and having to speak ever louder in an effort to make oneself understood.

How reassuring it was for Susan (my wife) and I to check into the Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv and find that there was a tiny piece of Blighty barely a good 3-iron away with the Embassy being bang opposite. It really did calm the nerves in this rather troubled part of the world.

However, on stepping out in the evening we were both rather shocked and disappointed at the visible manifestation of HM outside our Embassy. Instead of the anticipated chest expanding sight of an impressive fluttering Union Flag, that hanging off the pole at your gaff was well, rather limp and tatty. In stark contrast to the illuminated, and rather fine example flown by Jonnie Foreigner above the Turkish Embassy virtually next door, ours was definitely a poor show.

Being far more experienced in these sorts of matters than me, Susan suggests running it through the machine on a delicate cycle but, if there's a difficulty, she is more than willing to step in and do a hand wash to restore national pride. We have noted that your foreign postings have included New York, New Delhi, Harare and, of course, Tel Aviv. We anticipate that, like us, you are well experienced as regards the difficulty in finding a respectable cup of tea. Being a former Brownie, Mrs. M. is always prepared and travels with a supply of English tea bags. Perhaps if you have some digestives we could pop over the road and offer you a decent cuppa.

With kind and patriotic regards.

Date: 5 September 2018

Subject: For the further attention of His Excellency Sir. David Quarrey CMG

Dear Sir David,

I always believe in giving credit where credit is due – perhaps that is, in part, derived from of our traditional national sense of fair play albeit more recently coupled with our newly-found teutonic expertise in penalty shoot-outs. Reacquainted with the mêlée of the Tel Aviv Hilton after just over 2 years, it was immediately apparent to the good (and ever so slightly older, but wiser) Mrs. M., that an important improvement had taken place opposite at your place.

Without wishing to complain, I have to confess that I was ever so slightly narked not to have received a reply to my email of 15th June 2016; however, I have put that down to some obscure and dusty regulatory prohibition buried amongst the FCO vaults concerning "Complaints as regards Embassy Flags – size and/or state thereof – waving for the use of". But no matter, since the flag that has now been run up your pole is evidently brand spankingly new, or lovingly washed and pressed by some loyal subject, eagerly awaiting a new-fangled blue passport. Now, I don't want to get started on Brexit since I do not exactly see eye to eye with HMG on this one (and I even like the French), but I am not averse to a bit of pride and patriotic fervour, and this Union Flag is one to set the national pulse racing once again after the drab disappointment of its predecessor. Well done indeed! It's now the flag of the Turkish lot next door that needs the spruce up.

By the way, Mrs. M. has travelled with her usual overseas supply of English teabags (Brown Owl would be proud of her) and our offer to pop over still stands. She did muse that you didn't respond to my previous email as digestives were not sufficiently inspiring and so came ready to tempt you with a far more exciting custard cream or two.

As ever, with kind regards and a stiff upper lip.

Oh dear no!

by Jack Lynes

I couldn't possibly headline an article with the words 'Harrow Ghanaians Association's (Harga) Inauguration & Fundraising Dinner Dance' albeit it was just that to which Bobbi and I were invited one August Sunday evening, as representatives of Mosaic Reform Synagogue. Oh dear no. No, no, no. It was just so colourful and anything but boring.

We arrived at the school where this function was taking place to be met by one of the Ghanaians dressed, from head to toe, in the most colourful National dress imaginable. As he most courteously moved some barriers, he guided us to a car space close by the school entrance. From the miserable drizzly grey of the night we were soon transformed in to a new world. The colourful National garb of the men competing, but seldom winning, with the quite extraordinary display of the wondrous patterns in the most glamorous magical bursts of colourful body coverings of, dare I say, dashing ladies, ever to be seen.

On our way, we had wondered who else might be at 'our table' but 'our table' was the top table, where we were seated alongside The Mayor of Brent, the Deputy Mayor of Harrow, the Councillor for Consular and Welfare, Ghana High Commission, and a representative of the High Commissioner of Ghana. We were each formally introduced to the gathering and loudly applauded. Seated majestically at our 'High Table' was the Association's Chairman, a somewhat mighty majestic figure in his robes and elaborate Chain of Office, and much gold ornamental fixtures in evidence. He was Barima Ati Awuah Kwaako, Chief of Akyem Ali. Behind him was his muscular bodyguard

holding a golden emblem, making sure all was well. We heard from the Chief and there were speeches by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

HARGA (The Harrow Ghanaians Association) meet at Mosaic monthly, and I believe that Edward, our Caretaker, (who incidentally looked splendid in his traditional robe) is the link, initiated our attendance. The Master of Ceremonies made mention of how Mosaic had befriended the Association and how Ghanaians generally had much for which to thank the Jewish community. In thanking our hosts, I caused a ripple of laughter saying that now we were so immersed in the Event, I had decided to cancel our holiday to Ghana – as we were 'already here!'. First in Hebrew and then translated, I said 'how good and pleasant it is, to dwell together in unity.' And making reference to the opening prayer before Dinner was served, by Rev. Benjamin Twumasi, who had asked The One On High to ensure the evening's success, I remarked that such a prayer-request was new to me, but there was no doubt that the answer was in the affirmative.

You will have noted the words that I felt inappropriate for a title, included 'Fundraising'. The cause for the evening was the Mampong school for the Deaf. How much those with a total loss of hearing would have missed this evening. True, the colours caught the eye and long remain in the memory of all who could see them. But added to the colour, almost integrating with it, was the beat of the music, which summoned the swaying to and fro of everyone, yes everyone, who was there. Nobody walked anywhere, they moved ▶▶

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 11am – Friendship Club

Every other Thursday 2pm –
Singing Seniors

Sunday (term time) 9.45am – HaMakom

NOVEMBER

Fri 2 nd	19.00	Contemplative service
Sat 3 rd		Shabbat Chaye Sarah
		Bat Mitzvah – Emily Grossman
Sun 4 th	15.00	Mosaic Liberal 70th anniversary tea (see p5)
Tue 6 th	14.00	JACS 'Israeli Guide Dogs' (see p11)
Wed 7 th	20.00	Council meetings
Sat 10 th		Shabbat Toledot
		B'not Mitzvah – Shachar & Tamar Noble-Bougay
Tue 13 th	14.00	Men's Cooking Club 'tuna' (see p10)
	20.00	Visit by Ian Austin, MP (see front page)
Sat 17 th		Shabbat Vayetze.
	11.00	Shabbat Shira (see p10)
Sun 18 th		Kehila copy date
		AJEX Remembrance Parade (see p 4)
	09.45	HaMakom. Mitzvah Day (at Kol Chai)
Tue 20 th	14.00	JACS 'Jewish Greece' (see p11)
	20.00	Mosaic Film 'Julia' (see p11)
Wed 21 st	12.30	Lunch Club
	20.00	Mosaic Book Club
Sat 24 th		Shabbat Vayishlach
		Rabbi Middleton's 10 th anniversary service (see p7)
Sun 25 th	19.00	Mosaic Supper Quiz (see p3)
Tue 27 th	14.00	Men's Cooking Club (see p10)
	20.00	A Culinary Voyage Through the Festivals – Chanukah (see p10)

Thu 29 th		Kehila distribution
Fri 30 th	18.30	Mosaic Liberal service @ Sufra
DECEMBER		
Sat 1 st		Shabbat Veyeshev
Sun 2nd		1st candle Chanukah
Tue 4 th	14.00	JACS 'Harrods' (see p11)
Wed 5 th	20.00	Council meetings
Sat 8 th		Shabbat Mikketz
Sun 9th		8th candle Chanukah
Sat 15 th	11.00	Shabbat Shira
		Shabbat Vayigash
Sun 16 th	09.45	HaMakom – term ends
Tue 18 th	14.00	JACS party (see p11)
Wed 19 th	12.30	Lunch Club
Sat 22 nd		Shabbat Vayechi
Sat 29 th		Shabbat Shemot

Oh dear no! continued...

their bodies showing off their robes and dresses. Bobbi and I were still swaying when we reached home and I felt like jumping on the stairs. We were presented, before we were finally on our way, with (colourful, of course!) ribbons to wear and a rather lovely wooden carved globe, a memorial (see photograph) to remember this unique occasion. But the colours...



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