

MOSAIC **RED** NOSE DAY 2019

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

6pm supper followed by service

Everyone is welcome, so come and have lots of fun and help us raise as much money as we can for comic relief

WEAR SOMETHING **RED**

Supper included with a minimum donation of **£9.00** per Adult, **£3.00** each for Under 13s

****Please book your place by Tuesday 5th March as we need to know for catering purposes****

Book via the website www.choosemosaic.org or contact the Mosaic Office 0208 864 0133

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Purim

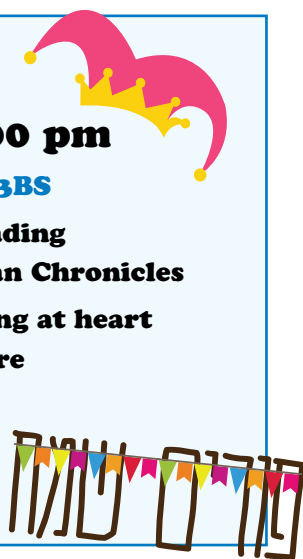
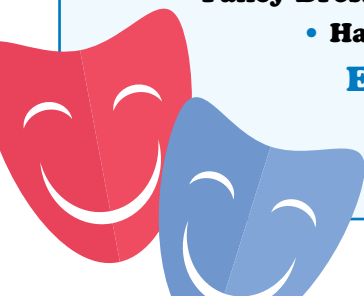
Wednesday 20th March – 6.00 pm

39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS

- **Short Purim service & Megillah reading**
- **A Purim Spiel – “Fake News” at the Shushan Chronicles**
- **Fancy Dress Parade for children and young at heart**
- **Hamman Taschen and “lots” more**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Dress code: fancy dress



Since our last issue *Children's Birthdays p4*

MOSAIC REFORM

MAZAL TOV TO:

Trudy & Bernard Segal on the birth of their grand-daughter, Phoenix Lily Rose.

Katie & David Leigh-Ellis on the birth of their son, Asher Isaac. Mazal tov also to Caroline & Lawrence Chadwick on the birth of their grandson.

Joy Zane on the birth of her great grand-daughter, Lily.

Sonia & Alex Gerlis on the birth of their grandson, Noah.

John Ashmele on being admitted as a Fellow of the Guild of Professional Toastmasters.

Kate Sinclair & Dan Burzynski on the birth of their daughter, Molly. Mazal tov also to Elaine & Lionel Sinclair on the birth of their grand-daughter.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Leila Webber, 85
Zella Milstone, 92
Sylvia Phillips, 92
Brian Sanders, 80
Hettie Shoop, 92
Gordon Smith, 75
Chaim Bacon, 50
Sandie Myers, 70
Rudi Braude, 95
Nigel Davis, 60
Samuel Dresner, 91
Linda Edward, 65
Doris Lee, 92
Steve Levinson, 70
Rachel Solomon, 85

Ann Wilson, 80
Rachel Young, 80
Hilda Freeling, 94

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:
Viv & Steve Levinson on their 45th wedding anniversary
Sonia & John Barnett on their 60th wedding anniversary

GET WELL WISHES TO:

David Lobb
Jeremy Banks
Inge Norris
Judy Silverton
Barry Pentelow
Doris Younger
Iris Cohen

CONDOLENCES TO:

Marion Bloom on the death of her husband, Emil.
The family of Ilse Dokelman

NEW HOME

Ruth & Roger Cole
The family of Rose Mikardo

MOSAIC MASORTI (HEMS)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:
Lore Lucas

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Brian Balkin, 55
Sophie Honey, 18
Andrew Cohen, 60
Zoe Buchalter, 18
Lore Lucas, 99
Toby Ross, 30

CONDOLENCES TO:

Alan Grossman on the death of his father, Jack
Stuart Grabski on the death of his mother, Gloria

MOSAIC LIBERAL

MAZAL TOV TO:

Elaine Pannell on the birth of a grandson, Zachery.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Simon Albury
Max Birne
Leslie Bouché
Philip Brand
Judith Dexter
Gideon Fiegel
Sheila Goldman
Ursula Gross
Neil Solomon

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family and friends of Irene Klein.
Alvin Miller on the death of his wife, Maureen.
The family and friends of Jewel Rose.
Trudy Goodman on the death of her son, Barry.

The next issue will be that for March 2019 – Copy Date 17th February and distributing on 28th February. The Pesach issue of seasonal Kehila has a Copy Date of early March and will be distributed on 28th March.



Editors: Martin Simonis and Judy Silverton

EDITOR NEEDED FOR SEASONAL KEHILA

After the Pesach edition of 'seasonal' Kehila, we are sorry to report that Robert Pinkus, who edits the seasonal version of Kehila, will be retiring from that position after 15 years of devotion to the cause. Robert has been absolutely brilliant at commissioning interesting articles for seasonal Kehila from his huge circle of friends and acquaintances. If anyone is interested in taking on that mantle, or part of that mantle, the Newsdesk team will welcome you with open arms. Support will be available – you will not be alone.

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

Momentous day as council agrees deal for relocation of Mosaic!

On Sunday 23rd December 2018, members of Mosaic Reform Council met to sign the paperwork that gives the go-ahead for the next stage of this exciting project. After months of negotiations with the property developers, Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement between Mosaic Reform and Heronslea to secure our future home at 65 Stanmore Hill. The new Shul will have a flexible layout that will accommodate separate sound-proofed prayer halls for the different Mosaic community services on the ground floor of a three-storey building. Over the past months, we have set out the full details of the new building in our newsletters, display boards at Bessborough Road and an information leaflet sent in the post.

Members will be aware that the Property Working Group (PWG) has been working tirelessly for over six years to find a new home for Mosaic. This has not been a simple



Jeff Highfield, Lawrence Chadwick & Steve Noble with documentation ready for signing

task with suitable locations being hard to find and negotiations with property developers notoriously challenging. In the autumn of last year, a site for our new building was identified in the Stanmore/Bushey catchment area, where we now have more members than in our present location.

Following our pre-application to Harrow Council, after which developers were invited to respond, preliminary negotiations with Heronslea began over the purchase of 65 Stanmore Hill and sale of 39 Bessborough Road. These discussions were

comparatively easy, compared to the complexity of documentation that followed. The transaction was not a straightforward sale of an existing building and the purchase of a completed development. Consequently, protracted and complex negotiations were required between our solicitors and those of the developers, as well as ensuring that we comply fully with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Continuous meetings, emails and telephone calls over several months brought us to the position where contracts have now been exchanged. As we have always been at pains to point out, the deal is conditional on planning permission being granted on both our current and new locations. The next phase is to submit detailed planning applications for the two sites, which we have now done. In time, you will be able to view these documents via the Harrow Council Planning Portal, but we will also be providing updates at key stages.

In getting this far, many members of our

community have been involved, but special mention should be made to Lawrence Chadwick (chair of PWG), Jeff Highfield, Steve Noble, Harry Grant and Michael Harris, whose tireless efforts have brought us to this stage.

In preparation for the move and while awaiting our new home, Mark Phillips is heading up various working groups and is looking for volunteers to assist in any way they can. We have already identified potential temporary relocation venues for our "Wilderness Period" and these will be put forward for discussion in due course. If you are able to help, then please let Mark know.

I am sure all congregants will wish to thank Lawrence and all the other members of the PWG for their unstinting efforts in securing this momentous deal.

נחיה לארך ימים טובים

nich'yeh l'orech yamim tovim
(May we live for many good days)

Saying Goodbye

A poem by Bernard Fishman

To move or not to move – that is the question.

Whether 'tis nobler to pack one's bags and strive out
to seek new horizons and say farewell to Harrow.

What pitfalls await, what problems to face
To start a new home in a new place
Onward and forward no fear to show
The time has come to boldly go.

Let the dithering cease; together we will prevail
And in future times tell a glorious tale.

Happy Birthday in January & February to:

Alex Landau, 12
Chloe Shackell, 9
Elizabeth Witte, 7
Victoria de Magtige, 12
Nathan Morrow, 2
Ria Morrow, 2
Daniella Phillips, 11
Isaac Wolff, 6
Danny Ellison, 10



Mosaic Reform Synagogue High Holyday Appeal 2018/5779

From Jeanette Leibling – Administrator of the MR HHD appeal

Many thanks to all the members of our synagogue who so generously gave to the 2018/5779 High Holyday Appeal. This year we have raised over £20,000 including Gift Aid, exceeding our expectations. This year the largest proportion has been given to the Synagogue itself as requested by the members. For the balance, the allocation committee decided this year to include a number of small charities as well as those individually nominated by members, many of which we might otherwise not have been able to include but for your generosity. We have received many personal thanks including one really touching message from an Israel charity: "we can now afford to buy the freezer we so urgently need"

These are the charities we have supported:

Local Charities

Admiral Nurses, Bereavement Care, Calais Refugee Community Kitchen, Harrow Police Benevolent Fund, Honeypot Children Support, Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre, New Hope (supporting the homeless), Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, St Luke's Hospice, The Speaking Forum (for disabled children in conjunction with Harrow Mencap), RCP (Residential Care Provider, Kenton).

Jewish Charities

Chai Cancer Care, Familial Dysautonomia (an Ashkenazzi genetic disorder), Jami, JCORE (racial equality), Jewish Blind & Disabled, Jewish Care, Jewish Deaf Association, Jnetics (genetic disorders), Karen Morris Memorial Trust (supporting leukaemia sufferers), Leo Baeck College, Moishe House for young adults, Rephael Counselling Centre.

Israel Charities

Abraham Fund (Jewish/Arab cooperation), British Friends of Israel war disabled S & E branch, UK Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum, Friends of Leo Baeck Haifa, Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe, IMPJ Reform and Progressive movement in Israel, British Israel Sports Centre for Disabled, Leket Israel (food distribution), Nitzanay Rishon (school twinning scheme), Sir Charles Clore Jewish/Arab Centre.

If you are visiting Israel soon why not visit one of these Israeli locations. I can give you the details and they would be delighted to see you; then you can give us a first-hand report on how our donation is being used.

We all know charity begins at home, but it is wonderful to be able to give to so many needy causes. We can feel very proud of our efforts, and I hope in 2019/5780 we will be able to be even more generous.

Rabbi Kathleen's Ten Years in Office

*Address given by David Safir
at the commemorative service on
24th November*

“I have good news and not so good news: the good news is that I'm not going to give a sermon; the not so good news is that I am going to make a speech that could mildly embarrass our esteemed but modest Rabbi. Synagogue Chairs and Vice-Chairs come and go (or at MRS are merely recycled) but a rabbi isn't just for Yom Tov – in fact, rabbis are so in touch with the eternal some seem to have been around forever. So, 10 years after I was Vice-Chair recruitment, I am back as Vice-Chair long service recognition – and Kathleen is fortunately still here too – but the world around us is very different from 10 years ago.

When Kathleen joined us in 2008, the world was in financial crisis and Britain consigned to a period of austerity; in 2018 the world is suffering from a long hangover, intoxicated by populism, false prophets and Brexit. In 2008, one “K Middleton” was already married to frequent-flyer Dovid Melech Yisroel, another was dating helicopter pilot William future Melech Anglia; while in 2018, the two “K Middletons” have more and more in common – each now has three children.

In 2008, Middlesex New Synagogue had spent over 30 years in the same building; in 2018, Mosaic Reform Synagogue is



Rabbi Kathleen with her parents, husband and children. (Photo: Maurice Hoffman)

planning next year in the wilderness. On a more depressing note, in 2008, the leader of the Labour Party was funding secondary schoolchildren's visits to Auschwitz; in 2018, the leader of the Labour Party ignores or trivialises threats to Jewish MP's – including one who grew up in our very own MNS community.

Of course, we didn't know then what we know now, so how could we as the Honorary Officers of MRS determine whether we'd chosen (and been chosen by) the right rabbi, not just to follow our much-loved Rabbi Simon Franes z' l' but to lead us into an uncertain future? Well, my fellow HO's would have pooh-poohed using my preferred technique of astrology, so as a rather eccentric and contrarian Reform Jew I thought gematria might prove more acceptable. Gematria assigns numeric values to Hebrew letters (for example, a Yud is 10) and, by adding them up, to whole words or phrases; so I calculated which words had the same value and meaning as “Kathleen”, which had the same value and meaning as “Mosaic Reform Synagogue”; and whether

the results indicated a successful match. It turns out that “Kathleen” and/or “MRS” (valued at 189 and 200 respectively) have the same value as the following words or phrases: challenger, brilliance, she has a heart of gold, peacemaker, Gan Eden and sweet and caring – so it seems we may have made an excellent choice of Rabbi – we got it right after all.

In fact, we needn't have worried. In Kathleen, MRS is blessed with a rabbi whose services and teaching are spiritually and intellectually uplifting, who relates as patiently and as engagingly – with a wonderful smile – to the under-16s as to the over-70s (which covers most of us); and who, when helping members in distress, has shown us the heart of gold and caring nature our gematria exercise predicted. When including and welcoming everyone, she reflects the ethos and democratic values of our community. We can also be proud of all she has done to address the needs of the vulnerable and the lonely as well as the physically and mentally disabled in Harrow and the wider world. Whether dealing with inter-faith, inter-Mosaic or inter-family issues, she has proved to be the conciliator and peacemaker gematria predicts; and her ability to harness the constructive elements of the three traditions that now inform our Mosaic Jewish Community, ever searching for the Highest Common Factor rather than the Lowest Common Denominator – has been invaluable to MLS and HEMS as well as to MRS. Whether on a Friday night or when we celebrate Festivals together, Kathleen, David and their lovely family have brought all of us together in our communal home. But a community is

still a collective noun for individuals and, as a Rabbi, Kathleen will have officiated at not only more baby blessings, B'nei Mitzvah and weddings than any of us could ever hope to attend, but also at countless funerals, stone-settings and Shiva prayers where her emotional intelligence, warmth, kindness and compassion have meant so much to the bereaved. Whether regular shul-goers, behind-the-scenes volunteers or congregants she has rarely met, all are treated with the same dignity and respect by Kathleen Rabbenu; now she just needs to lead us all safely to the Promised Land.

When we came together to form Mosaic (and, perhaps even more importantly, when we decided to build a new community for our children and grandchildren rather than manage decline), it was Kathleen who combined enthusiasm and reassurance to give so many of us the courage to support and join in our great adventure. As she plans to lead us through the wilderness up the hill to Stanmore, this is an appropriate moment in an appropriate place to thank her for all she has already done and to hope and pray that she will continue to represent and lead us with her customary elegance and grace as well as courage and resolve.

Kathleen, on behalf of all of us at Mosaic Reform Synagogue – members and colleagues alike – I am delighted to mark your first 10 years as our rabbi by presenting you with something sure to make for a more enjoyable and relaxing evenings than any Council or Ritual meeting – as long of course as you don't arrive late. Thank you for all the time you've spent and will spend with us; now please go and enjoy an evening without us.”

Kindertransport Anniversary Service at Mosaic Liberal

On 1st December, Rabbi Dr Frank Dabba Smith organized a special service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport rescues. We heard four very different personal and historical perspectives by our speakers: George Vulkan, Ursula Warner, Ruth Barnett and Evelyn Friedlander. We were also joined by a guest, Heidrun Helwig, a journalist from the German newspaper, Geissener Anzeiger.



Unfortunately, Ruth Barnett does not appear in this photograph as she departed beforehand for another engagement.

Sidney Fenton – The Jewish teacher whose legacy lives today

By Steve Levinson – Trustee of the SF Education Foundation

Generations of bar and bat mitzvah children, along with teenagers on Israel tours and adults widening their Jewish experiences, have benefitted from the work of the Sidney Fenton Education Foundation.

The work of fostering Jewish religious education, has been ongoing for over 35 years, and with Mosaic about to embark on a new venture in a new home it is likely to play a key role in the years ahead. But despite its continuing efforts, few if any of today's Mosaic Community know anything about Sidney Fenton, or the Foundation that bears his name.

It is not just the provision of bar or bat mitzvah books. The Trustees of the

Foundation take a very wide view of what can qualify as Jewish education. Recently we helped fund a successful visit to the Holocaust centre in Nottingham. We also helped send young members of the community with learning disabilities on a Norwood mountain trek in central Europe. The group, themselves raising sponsorship for Norwood, touched base with many of the areas from which Jewish families fled in the 19th and 20th century. They met Jewish families and added to their understanding of the Holocaust.

Others have benefitted from our support in being able to attend Limmud, Israel tours and camps. The Foundation has also helped with the provision of equipment,

such as iPads, for the religious school, and even helped our Rabbis attend conferences and seminars in Israel and elsewhere.

Although we prioritise members of our own communities, we also help others if they meet our criteria and our focus on matters that are both "Jewish" and "educational". In this spirit we have sponsored discussions and debates on Jewish and Israeli issues.

This has all come a long way from the days when Sidney Fenton was a senior teacher at the Middlesex New Synagogue religion school in its early days. He died in 1978, at the relatively young age of 54.

Writing from Jerusalem in the Synagogue Magazine in 1979, Rabbi Adi Assabi described Sidney as "a perfect example of the committed Jew that is so needed for the survival of Judaism in our time."

His widow Freda was one of the original Trustees of the Foundation and always attended meetings until shortly before she died in 2008.

Rabbi Frank's Sabbatical

Rabbi Frank will be on the first part of his well-deserved sabbatical until 11th April 2019. During that time, it will be business as usual as much as possible for ML services.

For Erev Shabbat we will be trialling services in members' homes. The next will be at the home of Pat & Paul Zatz in Pinner on 8th February followed by one on 22nd February in Edgware and one on 8th March in Harrow.

If you wish to attend, please book through the office or contact Kevin on 07841 375458.

Many members of our community have fond memories of a gentle and pious man. One of his fellow teachers, Pearl Simons, described him as "an East End boy" who had an orthodox background. "He was a very straight man, whose word was his bond. Like many of us from the East End, his social and political outlook was progressive. When the religion school was in its early days, we had hundreds of children and we taught in members' houses and bungalows."

The Trust that was set up in his memory, continues its work to this day. It has a low profile but is open to proposals for educational funding. Our philosophy is to help with small contributions towards a wide range of educational needs, rather than large scale projects. Further information can be obtained from the Mosaic office who will pass on inquiries to Michael Harrison, the Fund Administrator.

Details are given on the weekly notices that are emailed to you.

We will be holding Contemplative Services at Bessborough Road on Friday evening (7pm start) at the beginning of each month, 1st February, 1st March and 5th April. On Friday 29th March we will be at Sufra at 6pm.

Note that all our Shabbat morning services will be covered by a rich variety of rabbis and lay readers.



Mosaic Donation to Leket Israel

Letter received from the UK Development Coordinator of Leket Israel

Leket Israel (LI) would like to thank the Mosaic community for its generous donation and support of our work. It is thanks to donors such as yourselves that LI can feed an average of 180,000 needy people in Israel with an annual 2,200,000 hot and nutritious meals and 15,000 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables. All of this nutritious food is distributed through our partnership with a network of 200 non-profit organisations.

LI was founded in 2003 and is now the major food rescue and resource organization in Israel. According to the 2017 National Report of Food Waste and Rescue, a staggering 1.1 million tons of food, valued at 7 billion NIS (£1.5billion) is suitable for rescue annually. Bearing this in mind, LI works tirelessly to ensure this number drops, as 50% of wasted food can be rescued and made suitable for human consumption. For just £1, LI can rescue £4 worth of food. This is food that would otherwise have been wasted, polluting the environment and causing economic loss.

LI rescues hot meals from hotels, restaurants, wedding halls and corporate cafeterias, the police force and the Israeli electric company. The primary donor of hot cooked meals is the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). LI has a network of more than 500 farmers who can be relied upon to donate



Hot meal distribution at elderly day centre

their fresh surplus agricultural produce. Recipients of the rescued cooked food and produce include youth at risk in 'last chance schools', Holocaust survivors, the elderly and general community programmes that send food packages to the homes of the needy from all backgrounds and all regions of the country.

As an umbrella organisation, LI also works to support its NPO partners through nutrition education, food safety, and capacity building projects designed to improve their professional standards. All food must be kept refrigerated, untouched and transported in strict conditions and LI consistently checks that food and safety guidelines are followed, whilst ensuring that the needy are treated in a respectful way.

A grateful recipient, Sivan, 66, has two sons whom she raised as a single mother.

She cannot afford treatment and medicine for her depression and physical issues. She eats at Eshel Avraham soup kitchen daily. Sivan shared: "As a result of the healthy food that this kitchen receives, I have started to care a lot more about my own health, and I go to workshops that give me tips for healthy eating. Since I take so many pills every day, I need my vitamins, and this is the place where I get them. I only eat one good meal a day, so I make sure to do it right when I'm here. I care about three things above all else: cleanliness,

freshness, and dignity. I felt embarrassed at the last soup kitchen I went to. Here, I feel like I'm respected."

All of the above is made possible with the assistance of 100 employees and more than 50,000 annual volunteers, some of whom sort fruits and vegetables and others who pick in the fields to benefit LI's operations. We would welcome any of the Mosaic community visiting Israel to come to visit or volunteer with us, to learn at close hand more of what we do. There really is nothing like seeing with your own eyes.

Please contact zara@leket.org and take a look at our website to learn more about food rescue in Israel www.leket.org/eng

Donation to Holocaust Memorial Trust following Ian Austin evening



Letter received from the Holocaust Memorial Trust following receipt of the donation of £450 raised at the evening with Ian Austin MP.

The Giving Machine / Tzedakah 2019

From John Ashmele

Mosaic Reform has teamed up with TheGivingMachine™ to generate cash donations for us, every time you shop online – without costing you a penny. Every purchase generates a cash donation and it adds up quickly! It's estimated that 1,000 online shoppers donating for free to Mosaic Reform would generate around £15,000-£20,000 a year. You'll find more than 100 different shops at TheGivingMachine™ including all your favourite high street names.

Contact John Ashmele or e-mail john@ashmele.co.uk for further information and advice on creating an account.

The nominated charity for 2019 is Jami, the mental health service for our community. More details in next issue.



Reports from Board of Deputies

From Michael Reik, Mosaic Reform BOD Representative

At the recent BOD dinner, Sadiq Khan and Cressida Dick were the two main UK speakers. They were both well received, and both are great supporters of the Jewish Community.

At the plenary meeting on 2nd December, I made the point that, despite considerable publicity, there was no representation from the BoD executive, professional staff or Defence Division at the recent Mosaic evening with Ian Austin. The Board is likely to have a debate on antisemitism soon and a lot would have been learnt by hearing Ian Austin's views on antisemitism within the Labour Party.

Report of BoD meeting January 20th

The meeting took place at the same time as the burial at Bushey Cemetery of the ashes and bones received from the Holocaust Museum of the six Jews murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Jonathan Arkush, represented the Board at the burial ceremony. One minute's silence was held.

We were addressed by Professor Ed Byrne, Principal of Kings College London. He explained the close ties held with Israeli Universities. Kings College forbids hate speech while supporting freedom of expression. This particularly applies to events held with the Israel Society, which recently

included a visit by Mark Regev the Israeli ambassador. Israel Apartheid week will not be supported at Kings and students have been advised not to take part.

We were then addressed by Hannah Rose the President of the Union of Jewish Students (who had been opposed by our own Joanna Phillips when elected). Having thanked Marie Van de Zyl and Amanda Bowman for their help and support, she then called for a second vote on the referendum in the interests of the students.

The four Divisional reports were then presented. Of interest was the concern of three speakers directly complaining to the World Jewish Congress and the Executive of the Board who were objecting to the use of the phrase Yid Army in connection with Spurs where it is a common and lovable term.

The major debate of the day then took place on the subject of antisemitism. About twenty of us spoke with the general view being that it is still best to fight antisemitism in the Labour Party from within. It is accepted that there are other areas of antisemitism in the country, but these are fringe groups mainly on the right, that have no say in Parliament. The Board's fight should continue to be with Jeremy Corbyn and the executive of the Labour Party.

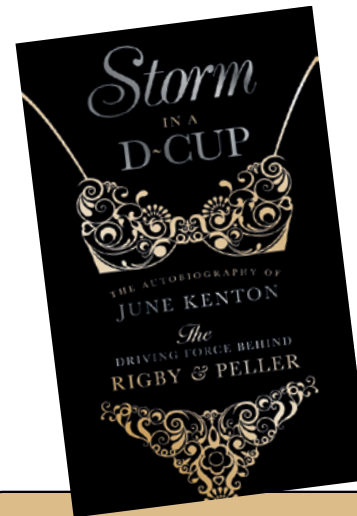


AFTERNOON TEA AND
A GLASS OF FIZZ WITH

JUNE KENTON

JUNE KENTON, director of lingerie firm Rigby & Peller, wrote *Storm in a D Cup*, revealing how she turned a once-struggling business into a global success and counted hundreds of celebrities and notables – including the Queen, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret – among her clientele.

Come and enjoy Afternoon Tea with June and listen to her tell her remarkable story



2:30PM TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019

TICKETS £15 for early booking

(£20 after 5 February)

At Mosaic 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS

Tickets can be booked via the mosaic website

www.choosemosaic.org

and a donation will be made to the MS SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bereavement Care Fish and Chip Supper Quiz

Saturday 16th February 2019

Reception 7pm; Fish & Chips 7.30pm

Make up a table of eight, or we'll arrange it for you, and enjoy a delicious fish and chip supper and the fun of the quiz

Tickets £21 available from Bobbi Riesel

bobbi@riesel.co.uk

Bereavement Care provides support free of all charge to bereaved adults and children in Harrow, Hillingdon and the surrounding areas

Film Mosaic *Marathon Man (1976)*

At 8pm on Tuesday 26th Feb 2019

Laurence Olivier & Dustin Hoffman star in John Schlesinger's Oscar Nominated version of William Goldman's Best Seller. Hoffman plays an innocent, unwittingly trapped and drawn into a game of intrigue involving a sadistic Nazi fugitive (Olivier – nominated best actor in a supporting role).

This movie is an absolute nail-biter, and not ideal for those who aren't too keen on dental appointments. It is two hours of edge of seat excitement.

League of Jewish Women – forthcoming meetings

Tuesday 12th Feb – Speaker Mark Mullaly – Friends Against Scams 8pm

Wed 13th March – Our 60th anniversary and AGM – guest speaker League president Yvonne Josse 8pm

For venues, contact Myra Wand on **020 8424 9746**

Hamentaschen Bake-In

Monday 18th March

Please join us at 2.30pm for a bake-in to make hamentaschen for the erev Purim service.

Please let us know you're coming so we are sure to have enough ingredients.



Mosaic Mens' Cooking Club

Quick recipe ideas for men in the kitchen

26th Feb Soup and Scones

12th Mar Something fishy

26th March Vegetable and fruit bakes

9th Apr A Pesach special

All sessions are 2:00-4:00pm; price per session £5; participants need an apron and a container to take food home.

For further information contact Gay Saunders at **communitycare@mosaicreform.co.uk**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mosaic JACS Programme



February

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

5th Feb Jonathan Grodzinski – 130 years in the baking

19th Feb Helen Fry – The life and death of Robert Maxwell

Senior Lunch Club



This is an invitation to all those who would like to spend a few hours in good company and enjoy a 3-course home-cooked meal and entertainment. We meet regularly on the third Wednesday in the month for lunch and light entertainment, all for £6. We look forward to seeing you on 20th February, when Bill Fitzmaurice, a leading local bee keeper, will talk on 'Bees & Honey'. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact Sylvia Kemp **020 8908 1988** at least one week before.

Friendship Club

Entertainment for the over-60s

Mondays: 11:00 to 14:30

Tel (on the day): 020 8423 2903

FEBRUARY

4th Discussion time with Rabbi Kathleen

11th The Plonkers entertain

18th Return visit of singer Jo Ballard

25th Popular singer Gemma Turner

Singing Seniors



Some of the singers at one of their regular sessions – every other Thursday at 2pm

Dora, 100, celebrates in style

From Esther Aronsfeld

To mark her 100th birthday, Mosaic Liberal's Dora Mandel celebrated with not just one party, but three: a pre-birthday party with 35 members of her family, a family lunch party at one of her grand-daughters and a special tea party with friends, neighbours and carers at her retirement home in Woodcock Hill. When asked the secret of her healthy longevity she said: 'hard work and a loving family.'



(Above) Dora cuts her special birthday cake watched by granddaughter Donna, sister Ray and daughter-in-law Roberta

(Right) Among the many cards Dora received was one from the Queen and one from Esther McVey, MP.



Ellen Cook meets Prince Charles



Great picture of our member Ellen Cook with Prince Charles, taken at a reception at St James Palace, hosted by the prince for members of AJR who came over to the UK on the Kindertransport.

Sam Dresner

– Survivor

On 27th January there was a programme – The Last Survivors – on BBC2. Catch it on catch-up, if you missed it. A member of Mosaic Reform, Sam Dresner, appeared on the programme.

Sam was born in Warsaw and survived various camps before coming to England, having lost his family, under the auspices of the Central British Fund. He became a painter with the aim of expressing his feelings about life in the camps through art. He feels proud to

be Jewish and duty bound to tell people what happened.

Sam's picture 'Benjamin' from 1982, is of Sam's friend and co-prisoner – Benjamin – who was killed at Theresienstadt. It avoids graphic description of the trauma and sadness of their situation. Dresner makes references to destruction and violence through the torn and burnt papers from which he constructs the image.



Sam's picture 'Benjamin' (1982)



Sam Dresner

John Ashmele presents



John Ashmele – Fellow of the Guild of Professional Toastmasters explaining 'The Role of the Toastmaster' to the JACS audience on 22nd January.

ARTICLES

Amos Oz – *An Obituary*

The following article about the life of Amos Oz by Anat Hoffman was suggested by Michael Reik. It is reprinted from IRAC's Newsletter The Pluralist of 7th January.

As a student bouncing back and forth between Israel and North America, Amos Oz's early novels (My Michael, Touch the Water, Touch the Wind and The Hill of Evil Counsel) helped me understand

the intricacies of being an Israeli. Born Amos Klausner (like many, he chose a Hebrew family name as part of the Zionist ethos), his love for the language, restored to life with an incredible richness, was another gift, and I knew just enough Hebrew to appreciate it.

Later, Oz's melancholy semi-autobiographical masterpiece, A Tale of Love and Darkness, wove together the strands (or burdens) of Jewish history and national redemption.

His characters were not cardboard cutouts and mythical Sabras from the movies; they were real people with complex relationships and inner lives. He also loved the land of Israel, and his writings portray the green hills of the Galilee, the Judean desert, and the stark contrasts



Amos Oz (left) with Anat Hoffman

between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, as characters as complex as his human protagonists.

But in international politics, he was never my cup of tea, to put it mildly. Like many gifted artists, I found his views on war and peace to be overly optimistic, or in less polite terms, naive. In his writings and interviews, Oz avoided the central role of power in politics, and instead, focused on individuals and social structures, as he did in his novels. His vision of peace with the Palestinians was based on the assumption that basic human traits are shared by all, and that we all have a primary desire to live in peace and with respect. This is a statement of faith, not political reality.

Echoing his namesake, the biblical prophet Amos, he desperately wanted Israel to be a society based on justice, which is easier in fiction than the Hobbesian world of “all against all.” And like the characters in his novels, his politics were overwhelmed with hesitation and introspection – not a trait that goes well with the hard-nosed political realism required for survival.

At the same time, in his hesitation, Oz respected opposing views, and rejected the language of polarization that has come to dominate social discourse not only in Israel but everywhere. In a public event with Rabbi Jonathan Sacks at Bar Ilan University in 2001,

Oz repeatedly stressed the urgency of civility and respect in the Israeli public discourse. His political voice was anchored on persuasion, increasingly insistent, but not to the point of haranguing and debasing those who reached different conclusions.

After the Six-Day War in 1967, Oz was an early voice calling for a withdrawal from the newly conquered, or, from the opposite perspective, liberated territories. But as the conflict over boundaries and settlements increased, he remained a hopeful Zionist, and in his many speeches and interviews abroad, he distanced himself from zealots who adopt the anti-Semitic images that portray Israeli soldiers as war criminals and mass murderers.

In 2014, during a war with Hamas, Oz was interviewed in Germany. He pre-empted the attacks by asking: “What would you do if your neighbour across the street sits down on the balcony, puts his little boy on his lap, and starts shooting machine-gun fire into your nursery? What would you do if your neighbour across the street digs a tunnel from his nursery to your nursery in order to blow up your home or in order to kidnap your family?” In these questions, he showed that he was not as naive as he might have sounded.

In his death, Oz reminded Israelis that it is possible to debate the issues of the day with civility and respect, and to hold complex views that cannot be reduced to slogans. And like his characters and narratives, he reflected the complexity and the richness of Jewish history and today’s reality. For the readers in future generations, he has left a very rich legacy.

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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

Dec | Jan

Monday 11am – Friendship Club

Every other Thursday 2pm – Singing Seniors

Sunday (term time) 9.45am – HaMakom

FEBRUARY

Fri 1 st	19.00	Contemplative service
Sat 2 nd		Shabbat Mishpatim
Sun 3 rd	14.45	Tombstone consecration – Estelle Cligman. Cheshunt
Tue 5 th	14.00	JACS – Grodzinski (see p15)
Wed 6 th	20.00	Council meetings
Fri 8 th	19.00	Mosaic Liberal service in Pinner
Sat 9 th		Shabbat Terumah
Tue 12 th	14.30	Tea with June Kenton (see p13)
Wed 13 th	20.00	Mosaic Photo Group
Sat 16 th		Shabbat Tetzaveh
	11.00	Shabbat Shirah
Sun 17 th		Kehila copy date
Tue 19 th	14.00	JACS – Helen Fry – Robert Maxwell – (see p15)
Wed 20 th	12.30	Mosaic Lunch Club Club (see p15)
Fri 22 nd	19.00	Mosaic Liberal service in Edgware
Sat 23 rd		Shabbat Ki Tissa
Tue 26 th	14.00	Men’s Cooking Club (see p14)
	20.00	Film Mosaic – Marathon Man (see p14)
Thu 28 th		Kehila distribution

MARCH

Fri 1 st	19.00	Contemplative service
Sat 2 nd		ShabbatVayakhel/Shekalim
Tue 5 th	14.00	JACS
Wed 6 th	20.00	Council meetings
Fri 8 th	19.00	Mosaic Liberal service in a member’s home in Harrow
Sat 9 th		Shabbat Pekudei
Tue 12 th	14.00	Men’s Cooking – Something fishy
Wed 13 th	20.00	Mosaic Photo Group
Sat 16 th		Shabbat Vayikra
	11.00	Shabbat Shira
Sun 17 th		Kehila copy date
Mon 18 th	14.30	Hamentaschen Bake-In (see p14)
Tue 19 th	14.00	JACS
	20.00	Film Mosaic
Wed 20 th	12.30	Mosaic Lunch Club
	18.00	Erev Purim service & spiel
Sat 23 rd		Shabbat Tsav
Tue 26 th	14.00	Men’s Cooking Club
Thu 28 th		Kehila distribution
Fri 29 th	18.30	Mosaic Liberal at Sufra
Sat 30 th		Shabbat Shemini. Shabbat Parah
Sun 31 st	14.45	Tombstone consecration – Lilian Flatto (mother of Michele Flatto). Rainham



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