

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**

All profits will go to **RED** NOSE DAY

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15 MARCH 2019

Purim

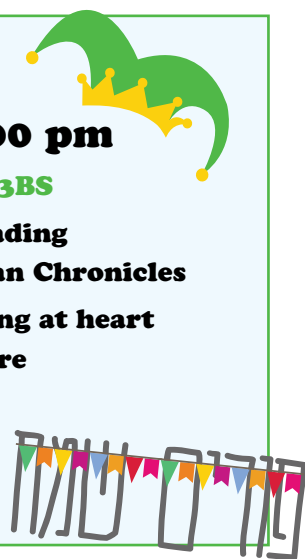
Wednesday 20th March – 6.00 pm

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



ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Since our last issue

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MOSAIC REFORM

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

James Swede
Lisa Kira

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME

Viv & Steve Levinson

MAZAL TOV TO:

Sue & David Pollock on the birth of their grand-daughter, Lihi Rikki.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Mel Marsh, 50
Betty Brand, 99
Richard Freedman, 70
Roger Hart, 80
Tony Holman, 85
David Leibling, 75
Fay Lifschitz, 80
Lydia Safir, 70
Trudie Leibling, 99
Linda Brunsten, 70
Stanley Carvin, 80

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Lorraine & Phillip Tureck on their 35th wedding anniversary.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Doreen Walport
Pauline Vickers
Hilda Tichauer
David Lobb

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Rose Mikardo

MOSAIC MASORTI (HEMS)

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Georgia Grabski, 21
Neil Mendoza, 60
Reggie Goldner, 80

MAZAL TOV TO

Frances & Michael Marx on their 30th wedding anniversary.

MOSAIC LIBERAL

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME

Howard Spencer
Mildred Morrison

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

George Adams
Louis Chesner
Shirley Collins
Joanna Drage
Andrea Gohil
Sidney Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs
Louise Joseph
Rhoda Kohn

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Joy Katz
Barbara Liff
Ray Lubert
Rosetta Muscatt
Mimi Rotbart

CONDOLENCES TO:

Harold Levy on the death of his wife Norma.



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.

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

The next issue will be that for Pesach – Copy Date 17th March and distributing on 11th April (not late March, as previously advised). After that, the next Kehila Monthly will be that for June – Copy Date 19th May, distributing 30th May.

RELOCATION

WE'RE NEARLY THERE...

But we need you please for this last "push"

After seven long years we have finally found somewhere that we want to call our Mosaic home! Conditional contracts have now been exchanged!

Why are they conditional?

Because they will only become unconditional when planning has been approved on both the Bessborough Road and Stanmore Hill sites.

The planning applications have now been published on the Harrow website and comments are invited.

**WE NEED YOU
TO ADD YOUR
COMMENTS
IN SUPPORT
OF OUR
APPLICATION**
Please follow the
instructions to the
right

Instructions

Go to the Harrow Council website **www.harrow.gov.uk** then click on 'Planning' in the left-hand column, then 'Planning applications and Decisions', then 'view and comment on planning application'. Then:

1. On the 'Quick search: applications and appeals' screen enter the planning reference number **P/0310/19** in the 'Application Search' area.
2. The 'Application details' Screen should come up.
3. Click on the "Make comment" oblong above the Application Address.
4. This takes you to the 'Submit Planning Comment Screen'
5. Fill in details using reference number **P/0310/19** and finally add your comment in the last box and submit. If you are in favour of the application please clearly state that you support the application.

If you would like to contact Lawrence Chadwick on **07798 935873**, he can talk through with you the type of message you might want to deliver and then you can use that as the template.



COMMUNAL SEDER

SATURDAY 20th April 7pm

Mosaic Members: Adults £30.00*

Mosaic Family ticket (2 adults + up to 2 children under 16) £70.00*

Additional children age 5-16 £16.00 each*. Under 5s - free

Non-members: Adults £50.00*

Book your place by completing this form & returning it, with your remittance and stamped addressed envelope, to Communal Seder, 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 4TH APRIL**. Alternatively, pay via our website, www.choosemosaic.org

***Nb: ALL PRICES DOUBLE FROM 5th April**

Please reserve:		Delete as appropriate
..... Adult member places at £30* each	= £	salmon/vegetarian
..... Family Tickets at £70*	= £	salmon/vegetarian (state numbers of adults/children) adults children
..... Child places (5-16) at £16* each	= £	fish/vegetarian
..... Child places under 5	= Free	fish/vegetarian
..... Adult non-member places at £50* each	= £	salmon/vegetarian

I enclose cheque/cash (payable to Mosaic Jewish Community Ltd) in the sum of £.....

Please complete the following **IN CAPITALS**

Name Tel No:

Address..... Post Code.....

'Lay' sermon given by David Pollak to Mosaic Reform

26th January (Shabbat Yitro)

When Linda invited me to give the sermon at this morning's service, I asked her to tell me what she'd like me to talk about. She reminded me that several months ago, she had suggested that I, together with other members of the EUPJ management board who were members of this synagogue, namely Michael Reik and Gordon Smith, might like a platform one evening in order to explain the activities of the EUPJ or, for those of you who hate acronyms, the European Union for Progressive Judaism. I went on to ask her what the sedra would be for today and she replied that it was Yitro, which includes the 10 commandments, (although, as you know, we didn't read them specifically as part of this morning's parsha).

I asked myself how I could find a connection between the EUPJ and the 10 commandments and it was my friend Gordon who gave me the inspiration. We all know the story about Moses being summoned by God to climb Mount Sinai and after 40 days and nights, he climbed down the mountain, carrying two tablets of stone bearing what we have come to know as the 10 commandments. We also know that the first set of commandments suffered a crushing defeat in the House of Israel and were destroyed by Moses when he saw how easily the people had turned their back on him. Moses was obliged to go back to God and collect a second set of the 10 commandments which were then accepted. Little



did the people know that the second set were the same as the first set but since nobody had bothered to read the first set, it was simple to produce the same set of commandments again and avoid a third referendum – sorry, set of commandments. Moses was asked by the people for a simpler set of rules which would allow for greater freedom, fewer obligations and the

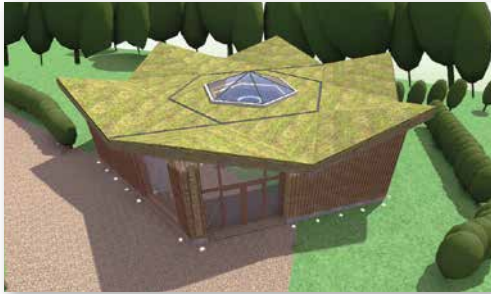
opportunity to negotiate alternative terms in the future. God insisted that the terms were not for negotiation and all that he could offer in the coming years was clarification.

With this message being clearly understood and accepted by at least 52 per cent of the people, the children of Israel gathered before Moses and there was silence in the community as Moses began to speak. Men and women stood together, there were no divisions between them and everyone was considered equal before the eyes of the Lord. There is no record suggesting that one tribe asserted its rights over and above another and believers and non-believers, orthodox and non-orthodox, all stood together as one.

Many years later, the Progressive Movement of Jews was formed for Jews across the world. It had its beginnings in Europe and its founders adopted these same principles as set by the example shown by the tribes of Israel upon receiving the 10 commandments. Men and women are not separated, there is no distinction between those who >> Continued on p19

Jewish Joint Burial Society (JJBS) Woodland Cemetery

From David Leibling – JJBS Chairman



**Planned new
Gathering Hall and
offices for JJBS
Woodland Cemetery**

The JJBS Woodland Cemetery is now nearly seven years old and proving to be more popular than originally expected. It provides a natural environment where the surroundings are planted with British native trees and plants to provide a green environment and graves are marked with a simple memorial rather than a large stone tombstone. A beautiful wood-clad ohel (prayer hall) has been in use for three years and an environmentally-friendly gathering hall is planned where families can meet before or after an interment or stone-setting. It will also provide an on-site office for the JJBS staff. Over 120 funerals have been conducted and 15 urns of ashes have been interred in the columbarium.

The Governors of JJBS have recently been discussing the management of the Woodland Cemetery and have come up with new guidelines to ensure that it maintains our ecological goals while providing a setting which meets the needs of families when burying their loved ones. Graves may be left naturally with meadow

grass or may be planted with native British woodland plants. The JJBS is responsible for the overall maintenance of the Woodland Cemetery and the planting of trees around the copses of graves but planting and maintenance of individual graves is the responsibility of the family. When you choose a woodland burial (either in advance or at the time of death) families are given the option of the type of areas where they wish to be buried. To maintain the natural look, the guidelines specify how the graves may be planted and what unsuitable items are not allowed.

If you wish to consider a woodland burial, do visit the Woodland Cemetery to see how it looks and the choices available. You may wish to discuss your choice with your family and Rabbi and the JJBS staff will be happy to answer your questions and offer advice.

More details are available on the JJBS website: www.jjbs.org.uk or call the JJBS office on 020 8989 5252

The Giving Machine / Tzedakah 2019

From John Ashmele



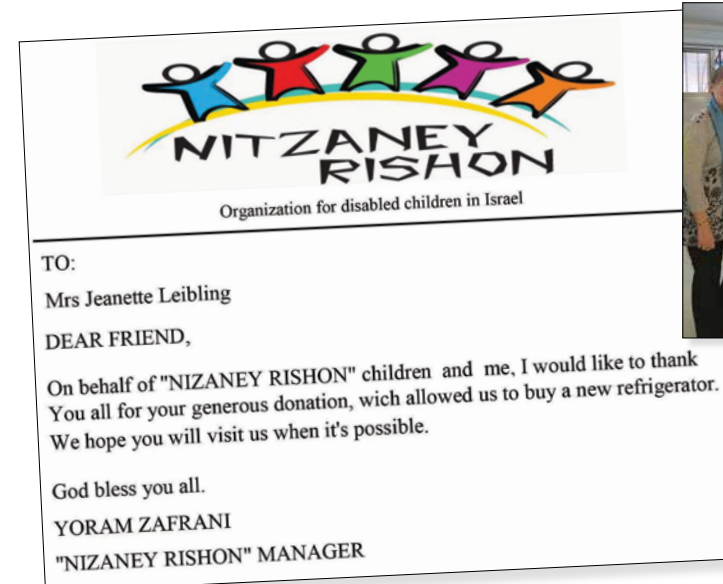
The charity nominated to receive donations from the Giving Machine for 2019 (see last month) is Jami, the mental health service for our community. They focus on recovery, supporting people across the Jewish community through education, building awareness, increasing understanding and putting an end to stigma and discrimination.

Jami's focus is on recovery; moving from lack of control and autonomy to becoming an active member of the Jami, Jewish and wider community, taking responsibility and having control over one's life. Jami's challenge is to assist people on this journey, from enabling them to become an expert in their own self-care to being supported, where appropriate, back into employment.

Please sign up to the Giving Machine; you shop, they give.

“Thank you”

From Nitzaney Rishon following receipt of our donation from the HHD appeal



**Nitzaney Rishon workers
stand proudly in front of
their new fridge**

*Cards from Avanti School students following the survivors' talks
at the HMD event in January*

To Tracy, Harry and the rest of
the family,

I'm not sure if you saw me
in the hall but I was the girl
with the big, curly hair near
the front. Although I didn't ask
any questions, I am to this
day indebted to your father
especially. You have probably
heard this too many times but
your father is no ordinary person
and is an amazing human being.
He deserves to be recognised
and respected. Thank you for
sharing this unbelievable story
and I will never forget it.

From Lola

Dear Tracy and Harry

It was lovely to hear your
story and I cannot help but
feel empathy for you and the
horrible struggles you sadly
had to experience. I have learnt
so much about how shocking
the circumstances were about
Concentration camps. However,
I mostly respect how you did
not get revenge on the Nazis but
instead show gratitude (one of
our school values). Thank you so
much for sharing your story.

India

I feel very lucky to meet Renee
Salt because I now know that
people have been in worse
situations than losing your
phone or not getting what you
want. She has been through so
much and she still has courage
to sit in front of us and talk
about her terrifying experience.

Thank you so much.

Tanisha

To: Julia

Thank you for sharing that
shocking story with us all. It
really touched my heart and I
will never forget this day and the
events that occurred. Your father
went through so much and it
means a lot that you shared his
story.

PS I love your hair.

Palak

Your story is really special and
life changing. It must have been
extremely difficult living like
that for so many years with no
family. Thank you so much for
sharing this intense journey – it
has now made a huge impact
on the way I live my life and has
made me realise that I should be
grateful for all that I have

Neehanna

I have learnt a lot from Reena as she and a lot of
Jews suffered a lot and learnt to never lose 'HOPE'
ever in your life. Never lose belief. I am happy to hear
her story and hope to take it on all my life. Thank you!

Shubh

To Julia

Thank you so much for sharing
your story with us today. I hadn't
realised how horrible it was
during the holocaust. I hope
many more people understand
how much your family have
been through. I really appreciate
what you have done today and
your family would be very proud
of you!

Jessica

To Julia

In this I learnt how Jewish people
were treated from 1933-1945
and the story you told us was
very touching.

Your father was a strong man
and to decide to continue his life
for his siblings and future was
very touching. Please continue
to spread this story and make
people aware of your father.

Nevelan

The past came alive – six recent Holocaust funerals at Bushey

By Lore Lucas

*Lore is Edwin's mother and has just
joined HEMS. At the age of 99, she
is probably the oldest new member
that Mosaic has ever had.*



Many years have passed
since I lost everyone
in my family barring an
aunt and some second cousins. I
was young then and had to rebuild my life,
as many readers will have had to do too.
I am not special. The Jewish Chronicle
highlighted in advance about the funeral of
the six Holocaust victims and I did not have
to think twice about attending the service in
New Bushey cemetery. I am here and I am
alive and I have recently moved to London
after 73 years in the provinces, where the
Jewish community is sadly shrinking. I was
inspired by the occasion, not because of
the number of attendees that honoured the
dead, but by the age range that attended
the funeral. There were people of my age,
and centenarians too. I am sure this was to
be expected, but there were also younger
people who remembered their nearest and
dearest, and some very much younger
attendees too. It was wonderful too, to help
lay to rest six unknown souls with dignity
and after so many years being looked after
so well.

All the officiants handled the funeral
with enormous dignity, and I thought of
the 1,200 people who were there in good
health and thought back to the time in the
camps when that number of people might

well have gone into rooms never
to see the light of day again. It
was moving. It was touching. Mrs
Samuels, followed by Rabbi Mirvis,
laid the scene. Rabbi Mirvis was a
wonderful emissary for the past, in
today's mixed up world. I hope and,
whilst not a praying person, I pray

that we never have to live through those
years again. We read that anti-Semitism
is on the rise both in the UK and mainland
Europe. It is up to the 1,200 people who
came to remember those six people, who
represented the 6 million who died in the
Holocaust, to ensure that peace rules. We
owe it to those who perished, to ensure that
our children and grandchildren live in peace
and harmony.

I am glad that I was fit enough, at my
advanced age, to attend, as I could reflect
about yesterday and think about my wider
lost family. Whilst I was not there to say
goodbye to my family who perished, I did
wonder who might have been there at the
time to help them on their last journey.
Probably no one. This funeral helped me,
as I could empathise with the past, today.
I thought as many others might well have
thought, that one of those people could
have been my younger sister, parent, uncle,
aunt or cousin. Who knows? It did not
matter, as they were being given a proper
funeral.

I wish you all a happy life, with nothing
but good things to value and celebrate.



Prospective HEMS Rabbis

The Trustees and HEMS Council cordially invite all HEMS members to meet 2 Prospective Rabbis for Masorti Judaism and our community. Candidates will individually spend one weekend at our synagogue:

Friday Evening 15th and Shabbat Kiddush lunch 16th March
Friday Evening 22nd and Shabbat Kiddush lunch 23rd March

We ask you to R.S.V.P. for all members of your family, showing their wish to attend for Friday night dinners, Shabbat day lunches and Havdallahs, indicating the dates of each. Donations gratefully received as there is no charge to members for any of these events. [Reply to office@hems.org.uk](mailto:Replytooffice@hems.org.uk)

Please save the dates in your diary so that you will be free to join us in getting to know the candidates.

Rabbi Frank 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 Hephzibah Hall in Harrow, 7pm on 8th March. If you wish to attend, **please book through the office** or contact Kevin **07841 375458**.

We will be holding Contemplative Services on Friday evening (7pm start) at the beginning of each month, 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.

Shabbat Shira – Does it have a Future?

By David Pollak

“Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim are festivals which should attract our younger families and their children but, with regret, they have also fallen victim to the same trend that has witnessed the gradual demise of Shabbat Shira”

When Rabbi Standfield left our synagogue, he asked me to take over the leadership of children's services which, in those days, were held every two weeks. I asked him how I should lead them and his answer still rings in my ears as he said “do whatever it takes to get them back for the next service”.

More than 30 years later, and nearly ten years into Shabbat Shira, Rabbi Kathleen and I, ably supported by my fellow-Plonker Steve, have led well over 100 services and, on occasions, we have enjoyed good support from children, parents, grandparents, friends and relations. If we were to rely on the Yom Tovim as a measure of the true potential of the numbers who might attend, we could expect anything between 70 and 100 people. A good attendance on a regular Shabbat Shira would be 30. We have even exceeded 40 but more often than not, the numbers struggle to reach 20. In recent months, those numbers have continued to shrink. It's not only Shabbat Shira that has witnessed these falling numbers. Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim are festivals which should attract our younger families and their children but, with regret, they have also fallen victim to the same trend that has witnessed the gradual

demise of Shabbat Shira.

Rabbi Kathleen and I have talked about a change to the format of these services, greater involvement for children and parents, and a review of the service content. However, we must ask ourselves the question as to whether there is still any demand for such services. We all appreciate that there are many demands on our time at weekends. However, must we resign ourselves to the reality that the days of Shabbat being a day of rest and Saturday mornings, even once a month, being a time to refresh our Jewish connections, are a thing of the past?

We all hope that within the next three to six months, our community will be on the move and in the interim, we shall be celebrating Shabbat in other places. If Mosaic is to maintain a monthly service which is specifically designed for children and their families, we must be given a sign that this is what you, the member, really wants. Otherwise, we must recognise that the days of Shabbat Shira must end and we must all go back to the drawing board and come up with something different. In the words of Rabbi Standfield, we shall have to do “whatever it takes”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendship Club

Entertainment for the over-60s

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

MARCH

- 4th** Singer/guitarist Alex Samos
- 11th** Return visit of Stevie Permutt
- 18th** Ronnie Goldberg entertains
- 25th** Gayathrie and Bill Patrick

APRIL

- 1st** Bill Smith entertains
- 8th** Return visit of Sidney Austin
- 15th** Singer/keyboard player Roy Blass
- 22nd** Club closed – Bank holiday
- 29th** Return visit of Alex Samos



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 are coming so we are sure to have enough ingredients for you.

Singing Seniors



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

League of Jewish Women

Forthcoming meetings

Wed 13th March

Our 60th anniversary and AGM – guest speaker
 League president Yvonne Josse 8pm
 For venues, contact Myra Wand on **020 8424 9746**

Mosaic 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 for £7 per person.

Please contact Sylvia Kemp **020 8908 1988** at least one week before to let us know you are coming.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mosaic JACS Programme

March / April



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

- 5th March** Opening the doors after a long prison sentence – Edwin Lucas
- 2nd Apr** The Israel Guide Dogs Centre – Martin Segal
- 19th March** Jewish involvement in the military – Sergeant Dan Fox
- 30th Apr** The History of Sweets – Jenny Plummer

Film Mosaic

At 8pm on Tuesday 19th March
Les 7 Jours (Shiva)
 (2008)

When one of the brothers dies, the whole family comes together for the Shiva, bringing with them all their own baggage, problems and conflicts. In a large Jewish family there are always problems. As the title suggests, we find out a great deal about the family over the seven days.

Winner – Israeli Film Academy – Best Supporting Actress

Nominated – Israeli Film Academy – Best Film
 (Hebrew, Arabic and French with ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

Next presentation:
Tuesday 16th April
'The Boys from Brazil'

Mosaic Mens' Cooking Club



Quick recipe ideas for men in the kitchen

- 12th March** Something fishy
- 26th March** Vegetable and fruit bakes
- 9th April** 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

AJR PINNER GROUP including Stanmore, Harrow & surrounding areas EVENTS PROGRAMME 2019

VENUE: Pinner Synagogue, 1 Cecil Park, Pinner, HA5 5HJ
(on the corner of Cecil Park & Marsh Road)

Thursday 7th March, 2pm

Brian Nathan is an expert on Jewish composers and musical theatre. He will present an "A-Z of Jewish Band Leaders" and will play some musical excerpts of their work.

Thursday 4th April, 2pm

Rosie Axon, founder and Managing Director of Chiltern Music Therapy, will give an interactive talk, "Reaching the Parts That Others Cannot Reach" demonstrating why music interacts with the brain more than any other stimulus, and how her highly skilled team brings benefit to an incredibly broad range of clients.

Thursday 2nd May, 2pm

Dr. David Barnett, a regular speaker at AJR outreach groups, will tell the story of "Joe Lyons and his Corner Houses and Tea Shops".

Thursday 6th June, 2pm

Helen Pankhurst is an author and a women's rights activist and international development practitioner. She is the great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst and will talk about her and other suffragettes in her book called: "Deeds Not Words, the Story of Women's Rights, Then and Now".

Thursday 4th July, 2pm

Peter Kurer has been involved with the Quakers since, as a boy of seven with his parents and brother, he was saved by them in 1938. He will talk about "What the Quakers did for the Jews of Nazi Europe".

Thursday 1st August, 2pm

Tea Party by invitation to be held in Cranbourne Drive.

Thursday 5th September, 2pm

Dan Fox will talk about "A Modern Jewish Experience of the British Army". Dan joined the British Army Reserve's Volunteer Military Intelligence Battalion in August 2006 and was then mobilised into the Regular Army and deployed to Afghanistan for six months.

Thursday October - no meeting

Thursday 7th November, 2pm

John Benjamin, well-known for his appearances on **the Antiques Road Show**, will give a talk and Power Point presentation, with examples of jewelry.

Thursday 5th December, 2pm- Chanukah Party!

For further information telephone Vera

on 020 8866 4833 b@btinternet.com

Pinner Synagogue is opposite Pinner Library.

Buses 183, H11, H12 & H13 stop in front of Pinner Library.

Pinner Underground Station, on the Metropolitan Line.



Life and Death of Robert Maxwell

Presentation to JACS on 19th February by historian and author Helen Fry

By Martin Simonis

Helen Fry is an authority on British Intelligence networks of WW2 and has written over 25 books. She has a huge number of tales to tell, knows where a lot of skeletons are hidden and is an

excellent presenter. She gave a fascinating account of the life and death of Robert Maxwell to an enthralled JACS audience on 19th February. She concentrated on Maxwell's rise from grinding poverty in a Czech shtetl to a hugely wealthy and

REVIEW OF RECENT MOSAIC EVENTS



Rabbi Kathleen with Helen Fry at the presentation
(picture Geoff Wolfson)

internationally well-connected publishing tycoon. Maxwell was a major supporter of Israel – his Russian contacts in 1948 were key to obtaining the spare aircraft parts that allowed Israel vital aerial supremacy during

the 1948 War of Independence. Helen drew parallels with Barney Barnato who, from a similar background, rose to control South African diamond mining and who (amazingly!) was lost overboard at exactly the same point where Maxwell met his end. Helen left us to contemplate the manner of Maxwell's death – suicide, heart attack or assassination – if the latter, by British, Russian or Mossad agents, the conspiracy theorists can postulate that all might have had good reason. We will probably never know the answers, but Helen's presentation left us with a lot to contemplate.

Many thanks to Gay Saunders for arranging such a fascinating JACS event. See page 13 for future JACS events.

A Storm in a D Cup

By David Leibling

How to fit the Queen with properly fitting lingerie; how Princess Diana chose her underwear; all stories told by June Kenton, once owner of Rigby and Peller (providers of lingerie to up-market customers in Knightsbridge and Mayfair) to a rapt audience at Mosaic on 12th February.

Interviewed by her daughter Jill who worked in the business, June told an amusing story of their progress from a market stall in Brixton to a shop in the new Whitgift Centre in Croydon "We wanted to get out of the cold of an open market stall" initially selling blouses then lingerie, importing larger sizes which were not available up till then. She found a small lingerie shop near Harrods, run by two European refugee ladies, called Rigby and Peller, which had the royal warrant to supply underwear to the Queen and Queen Mother. The owners

were keen to retire and sold to June swiftly.

June explained that her skill was being able to judge the right bra fitting for her customers without using a tape measure. She offered a wide range of products, including made to measure and she had a skilled team of fitters to ensure the customer had exactly the right size.

Over 70 people enjoyed an introductory glass of fizz and the talk was followed by a full afternoon tea of sandwiches with the crusts removed, scones with cream and jam and a choice of delicious cakes. After tea, June signed copies of her book 'Storm in a D Cup'. Funds raised of over £1,200 were divided between Mosaic and 'Make Sense Of It', Jonelle Roback's fundraising platform that specifically supports two MS Society projects benefitting people with MS.



Meeting February 17th at Medical Centre Headquarters

From Michael Reik, Mosaic Reform BoD Representative

We were first addressed by Ephraim Mirvis, Chief Rabbi of the United Synagogue GB.

He made four major points:

- (1) He believes in unity by respecting the views of others. He made clear he would not condemn non-Orthodox Jewish Groupings. He provided a cricketing analogy. We should consider ourselves only as batsman working together to make the best hit and not as bowlers trying to bowl batsmen out. We should reach out to one and all and leave no one out
- (2) He commented that during the last Board meeting we stood for a minute's silence to remember the six that died during the Holocaust but who were buried at that time at Bushey Cemetery [see article on page 9.] It was therefore fitting that a holocaust memorial be built next to Parliament. All Deputies were asked to support the application to the local Westminster Council.
- (3) It is essential that we fight anti-semitism until this scourge is removed from the UK.
- (4) There is a need for social cohesion, not for extremism which Brexit has created. We have to always respect the views of others.

There was a discussion on the next board meeting which is to be held in March in Manchester. To date only 22, have registered. It was noted that Jacksons Row Reform

Synagogue is hosting the lunch on the Sunday. On a show of hands, a number of additional members will be coming.

A suggestion was made that we should disassociate ourselves from the JLC while police were investigating potential financial irregularities of the previous CEO of the JLC as exposed in the Jewish Chronicle. President Marie answered that, as stated by the Chief Rabbi, we should work on social cohesion and therefore, until proved otherwise, we shall continue to work together with and on the JLC.

Concern was raised that the Irish Parliament were attacking Israel through the BDS Movement.

It was noted there was a debate in Parliament on Wednesday 20th February on anti-semitism.

The Albanian Ambassador then spoke. This Muslim nation works under the code of Besa (A code of Honour) Albanians have always had normal (excellent) relations with their Jewish population. During WWII, they never provided the requested list of Jews to the Nazis. Instead they provided lists of all Albanians. Amazingly there were many more Jews in Albania at the end of the war than at the start of the war. An exhibition organised by Yad Vashem was available for Deputies to see in the hall, which provided many examples of how Jews were hidden in Albania during the war.

Ursula Warner



Mosaic Liberal's Ursula Warner was 15 when she came on the Kindertransport from Berlin in 1938. Last month she was invited to a special Holocaust Memorial Day event organised by the Association of Jewish Refugees at Belsize Square Synagogue. She was accompanied by her daughter Jennifer.

George Vulkan



George Vulkan lighting the memorial candle at the HMD ceremony at JW3

Jonathan Grodzinski

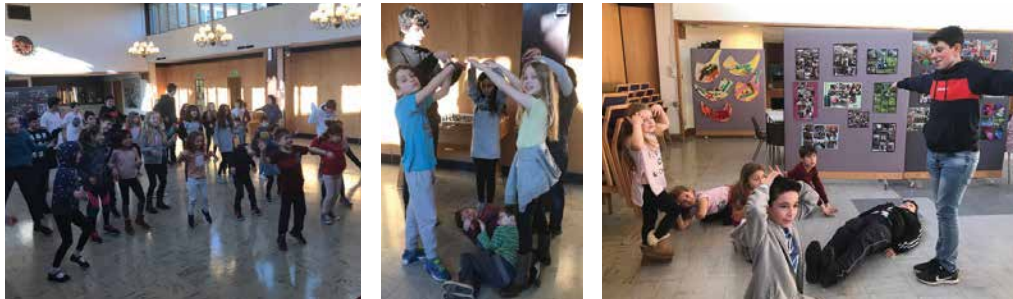


Gay Saunders makes a small presentation to Jonathan Grodzinski after his talk '130 years in the baking' to JACS on 5th February (picture Geoff Wolfson)



Tu B'shvat

HaMakom celebrating Tu B'shvat in January



Mosaic at the Maccabi Junior Table Tennis tournament

By Alex Landau, Sam and Adam Feldman

On Sunday 10th February we were excited to represent the Mosaic Jewish Community at the Maccabi National Shul's table tennis tournament. When we arrived at the venue in Kenton we found that we were one of eleven junior teams who varied from regular Maccabi league players to keen players such as ourselves. The age range was from ten to under eighteen and then there were separate adult teams. We played three games at the group stage each which was tough for us as some of the children were much more experienced and considerably older, however it was a great opportunity and we learnt a lot from it. The more games



we played, the more confident we felt and the more points we picked up.

At the end of this stage we did not qualify as winners or runners up but were able to continue in the consolation rounds. These games were much more evenly played and all three of us won some. Overall we came ninth place out of eleven teams. We had a great time and hope the opportunity to play table tennis for our community will arise again.

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can afford best seats in the synagogue, people of all genders and persuasions are entitled to lead services, read from the Torah and become rabbis. Jews across the world have been practising our religion in the Progressive manner for well over 150 years and it is now more than 93 years since the WUPJ, or World Union for Progressive Judaism, was founded in London by Lily Montagu and Claude Montefiore. The EUPJ is one of 7 regions around the world which makes up the WUPJ. We should all be proud of the fact that we, as Progressive Jews, recognise the rights of the orthodox to pray and to observe our customs in their own way as much as the orthodox respect, or should I say, should respect the rights of Reform, Liberal, Masorti and other non-orthodox Jews to practise our Jewish religion in our own way.

More than 180 Progressive communities in 17 countries across Europe are now listed as members of the EUPJ. Our synagogue, Mosaic Reform, is just one such community and its membership of the EUPJ is derived through our membership of Reform Judaism, formerly the Movement for Reform Judaism. There are several other such movements, platforms, associations and federations of progressive synagogues within the EUPJ such as LJ, the Liberal movement in the UK, the Platform of Liberal synagogues in Switzerland (PJLS), the Association of Jewish Liberal synagogues in France (AJL), the Union of Progressive Judaism in Germany (UpJ), the Federation of Italian Hebrew Progressive synagogues in Italy (FIEP), and more. Wherever we live, people warm to other people who share a common cause. They form communities, communities form national Movements and countries create Unions. This lies at the heart of the European Union of

Progressive Judaism.

Just as our commandments teach us to respect our mothers and fathers, so does the EUPJ teach its members in the principles and practices of Progressive Judaism. In fact, in order to allow individuals and communities to learn and understand what we stand for and how to practise our Judaism, the EUPJ has a special fund which is specifically intended to support education projects and encourage members of affiliated communities within developing countries to run their own projects, enrol for youth camps and conferences and to attend special Seminars run by the Saltz Institute in Jerusalem. The many thousands of people who have taken advantage of these activities enjoy life-changing experiences and a key mission of the EUPJ is to make these activities available to all.

Through the spread of understanding and cooperation between member communities and people of different faiths, we strengthen our own Movement and build stronger foundations on which to develop our communities. Providing the children of Israel with the 10 commandments gave them a set of principles and laws which have lasted for many thousands of years. They offer every individual, faith and country, with rules which should guarantee everyone the right to live in peace and in security. If only!

The EUPJ, as part of the WUPJ, is active in thousands of communities throughout the world. In fact, the WUPJ can claim to have over 1.8 million members. Any member of this synagogue can be sure of a warm welcome from members of all other affiliated synagogues. In fact, one of our members, Michael Reik, is a vice chairman of the EUPJ responsible for twinning communities in different countries. Just as Middlesex New of old twinned >> Continued on following page

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with synagogues in the FSU and Ukraine many years ago, so we could now twin with synagogues in any one of our 17 member-countries in Europe. In countries where Progressive Judaism is in its relative infancy, such as Spain and Portugal, Italy, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, there are communities that would greatly benefit from the experience and resources, human as well as financial, from a community like ours. In return, we would share exchange visits with those communities in such places as Madrid and Barcelona, Rome and Florence, Prague, Budapest and Warsaw. We would learn from their experiences, share the different ways in which Jews in different countries celebrate festivals, conduct their services, sing our songs, eat our food and, in general, live their lives and enjoy the differences that make us all individuals who are bound together by the one essential ingredient that defines us – that of our religion and our beliefs.

Some of you here today have attended one or more of the conferences that the EUPJ has run in places such as Paris, Amsterdam, Dresden, London and Prague. Next year in Geneva, we will hold another conference which will attract up to 350 people from over 25 countries around the world. If you have never experienced an EUPJ conference, I strongly recommend it. Everyone needs a regular reminder to observe the 10 commandments, be it respecting the day of rest or being fair to those who work with us or for us, obeying the fundamental laws of being human or protecting the sanctity of family.

As the conductor of the choir I sing with once told us, when singing the same phrase repeatedly, we need to renew the enthusiasm. Surely this is what we do when we come to synagogue and, on a broader scale, it's what we do when go to

an EUPJ conference.

The EUPJ has recently opened an office in Brussels in order that Progressive Judaism can express its opinions, issue statements and represent our members on the public stage within the European Union. Whether the UK is in or out is of no consequence. The EUPJ has 16 other member countries, all of which deserve a voice. The EUPJ believes that we all have the right to live our lives in whichever way we choose so long as it doesn't interfere with the rights of others. The EU has funds to facilitate projects that coincide with those principles and beliefs and through our office in Brussels, we hope to secure some of that funding to promote our good causes.

The 10 commandments do not specifically address all the same rights and beliefs of the EUPJ but if we follow the commandments, the objectives of the EUPJ can be achieved in a safer and more secure world where peace, harmony and understanding can be enjoyed by everyone.

To summarise, I'd like to read you my 10 commandments according to the European Union for Progressive Judaism:

1. Thou shalt promote and support the development of Progressive Judaism.
2. Thou shalt educate and conduct your lives based on the principles and objectives of Progressive Judaism.
3. Thou shalt not make false claims against the EUPJ whose aims are to promote cooperation and understanding with members of other faiths.

4. Thou shalt always make time for others as well as for yourself and thou shalt provide opportunities for Progressive Jews everywhere to practise their religion as they see fit.
5. Honour your community and all those who belong to it.
6. Thou shalt help members of other communities within the World Union for Progressive Judaism.
7. Be faithful to your beliefs and be prepared to share those beliefs at every opportunity.
8. Thou shalt not deprive others from taking advantage of the resources, human and financial, that the EUPJ can offer and thou

shalt allow others to practise Judaism in their own way while, at the same time, thou shalt encourage others to fulfil their personal hopes and aspirations.

9. Thou shalt never deny the right of others to disagree and challenge the traditional principles of Progressive Judaism but thou shalt always defend those principles to the best of your ability.
10. Thou shalt not envy others, even those who appear to have more than yourself, and thou shalt believe in the rights of all people to pursue their ambitions so long as they are for the good of all and do harm to no-one.

Polymyalgia rheumatica

*Some poignant words from
Linda Langley*

I may have a bit of pain
I maybe slower than I was
I may be crosser than I was (steroid
side-effect)
But bear with me!

Six years is the average duration
and after that who knows?

As long as I can sit – I cook, I stitch, I
plant.

So, come and say hello
But understand I'm slow!

Happy Birthday

in March to:

Celia Rutstein, 9
Benjamin Banks, 1
Samuel Feldman, 12
Finley Vincent, 12



Hospital kosher meals service

Hospitals in the London area will be supplied with Kosher for Passover meals. If you are making use of this service, please note that the meals should have a yellow label and will be clearly marked "Kosher for Passover".

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Registration fee: £900; **Fundraising goal for individuals:** £2,300;

Fundraising goal for couples: £3,500
Your participation includes: excellent accommodations (double occupancy), meals, social and cultural activities, road cycling routes with everything organized for you, bicycle jerseys and more.

For more information and to register please contact Deena Levenstein, Good Wheel Bike Ride Director: +972.54.635.3476, deena@iscd.com

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

Mar | Apr

Monday 11am – Friendship Club

Every other Thursday 2pm –
Singing Seniors

Sunday (term time) 9.45am – HaMakom

MARCH

Fri 1 st	9.00	Contemplative service
Sat 2 nd		Shabbat Vayakhel/Shekalim
Sun 3 rd	14.45	Stone-setting – Estelle Cligman. Cheshunt
Tue 5 th	14.00	JACS – After prison – Edwin Lucas – see p 13
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 – see p 13
Wed 13 th	20.00	Mosaic Photo Group
	20.00	Mosaic Book Club
Fri 15 th	18.00	Red Nose Shabbat
		Prospective Rabbi visiting Mosaic Masorti
Sat 16 th		Shabbat Vayikra
		Prospective Rabbi visiting Mosaic Masorti
	11.00	Shabbat Shira service
Sun 17 th		Kehila copy date (Pesach Edition)
	09.30	Stone-setting – Alfred & Sylvia Jeffreys (parents of Elaine Glass). Bushey
Mon 18 th	14.30	Hamentaschen Bake-In
Tue 19 th	14.00	JACS – Jewish military – see p 13
	20.00	Film Mosaic – "Les 7 Jours (Shiva)" – see p 13
Wed 20 th	12.30	Mosaic Lunch Club
	18.00	Erev Purim service & spiel
Fri 22 nd		Prospective Rabbi visiting Mosaic Masorti
Sat 23 rd		Shabbat Tsav
		Prospective Rabbi visiting Mosaic Masorti
Tue 26 th	14.00	Men's Cooking – see p 13
Fri 29 th	18.30	Mosaic Liberal at Sufra
Sat 30 th		Shabbat Shemini. Shabbat Parah
Sun 31 st	14.45	Stone-setting – Lilian Flatto (mother of Michele Flatto). Rainham

APRIL

Tue 2 nd	14.00	JACS – Israeli guide-dogs
Wed 3 rd	20.00	Mosaic Reform Council meeting
Fri 5 th	19.00	Contemplative service
Sat 6 th		Shabbat Tazria/HaChodesh
Tue 9 th	14.00	Men's Cooking – see p 13
Wed 10 th	12.30	Lunch Club
	20.00	Mosaic Liberal & Masorti Council meetings
Thu 11 th		Kehila distribution
Sat 13 th	11.00	Shabbat Shira service
		Shabbat Metzora/HaGadol
Sun 14 th	11.00	Stone-setting – Rosa Zarahiah. Edgwarebury
	14.45	Stone-setting – Michael Gurner. Cheshunt
Tue 16 th	20.00	Film Mosaic – "The Boys from Brazil"
Fri 19 th		Erev Pesach. 1 st Seder
	18.00	Mosaic Liberal service
Sat 20 th		1 st day Pesach
	19.00	Communal Seder
Sun 21 st		2 nd day Pesach
Tue 23 rd	20.00	Photo Group
Thu 25 th		Erev 7 th day Pesach
	19.00	Mosaic Liberal service
Fri 26 th		7 th day Pesach
	10.30	Mosaic Reform service
	11.15	Mosaic Liberal service
Sat 27 th		8 th day Pesach (Mosaic Masorti)
		Shabbat Achare Mot (Mosaic Liberal & Reform)
Tue 30 th	14.00	JACS – History of Sweets



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