

Celebrating Shavuot

*We will be celebrating Shavuot on Tuesday 30th
and Wednesday 31st May*



Tuesday 30th May

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

Wednesday 31st May

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

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

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MOSAIC REFORM

MAZAL TOV TO:

Beth Sutherland and Jonathan Kingsley on their marriage. Mazal tov also to Marian & Richard Kingsley.

Richard Segal on his marriage to Sacha Green. Mazal tov also to Trudy & Bernard Segal.

Barbara & Harry Grant on the birth of their grand-daughter, Freida.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dani Wiseman, 50
Hedy Orchudesch, 96
Delia Russell, 70
Gillian Sanders, 70
Jack Sheldon, 91
Dele Goodman, 70
Veronica Music, 70
Joshua Freeling, 92
Vivien Addinall, 75

GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW HOME TO:

Anne Finer
Elaine & Derek Goodman
Judy & Ivan Beckman

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Harry Grant
Bertha Levy

MOSAIC LIBERAL

MAZAL TOV TO:

Alan and Brenda Hunt on Julian's marriage to Tamsin Barnes on 22nd April.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Mark Bennister
Patricia Graves
Irving Harris
Anne Joel
Laurence Leapman
Jeffrey Vickers

GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW HOME TO:

Susan and Victor Saunders

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Rhoda Kohn

CONDOLENCES TO:

Adrienne Green on the death of her husband, Arnold.
The family and friends of Rita Foreman.
The family and friends of Evelyn Kushin.

HEMS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Sinead & Sheldon Mydat on the birth of their twins, Mackensie Rogue & Lennon Julius. Mazal tov also to Helen & Marvyn Ellison on the birth of their grandchildren.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:

Mazal tov to Harold Curry.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lynne Charkam on the death of her father, Philip Sladen.
Condolences also to grandsons Ben, Jack and Saul.



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NEXT ISSUE

Copy date for the July issue of Kehila – 18th June. This will be distributed at the end of June.

FROM THE RABBI

My Social Action and Multi-faith Work

By Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

I am asked many times to summarise my long-term commitments to social action and multi-faith work. Here is a version of my recent report to the Mosaic Liberal Synagogue AGM that covers the key thrusts of my efforts.

For those who don't know, Sufra NW London is a community food bank and kitchen, based in Stonebridge Park in the London Borough of Brent, which aims to support disadvantaged families suffering food poverty in the local area. Sufra is a new and independent charity and still developing core services. Apart from a food bank, Sufra runs a food academy and a vegetable garden as well as advice surgeries. Sufra's vision is to develop a community hub, which provides a front-line support service that is the first point of call for local people in crisis. In early June, I shall begin taking Erev Shabbat services at Sufra on a bi-monthly basis for any guest, regardless of faith/no-faith, who wishes to participate. We will also have dinner together afterwards. This year during Ramadan, I will again join a discussion followed by an Iftar meal. Some members of Mosaic have enthusiastically joined in preparing meals with people of other faiths and I hope this involvement will grow.

As chair of the Brent Multi-faith Forum – Wembley Police Liaison Group, I continue to take a lead with furthering positive engagement between the police and especially Muslim communities in Brent. This work is hugely appreciated by all involved and was especially so after the recent tragic and violent events at Westminster. In this engagement, I am joined by Sohail Ahmed, Imam Abdul Sattar and other key people from the Wembley Central Mosque. Our partnership serves as a model internationally, as we continue training police officers in Islam and in Judaism together and in organising multifaith events such as commemorating the anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre and our recent Pre-Passover, Easter and Ramadan gathering. In Brent, our cooperation is recognised by the Metropolitan Police – especially the Borough Commander Mickey Gallagher – as well as the Brent Mayor and councillors as vital to the effort to maintain and enlarge community cohesion. In addition, I continue to be involved with the Brent Police Independent Advisory Group as well as the IAG for the Aviation Police at Heathrow Airport.

In terms of the extremely troubled Middle East, our support for EcoPeace's >>

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unique approach is more urgent than ever. We give support to Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians who were struggling to carry on with their efforts for peace over the long-term. It is a privilege to serve as a member of EcoPeace's International Advisory Committee. Last September, Cathy and I hosted the Mayor of Deir Allah in Jordan, Khalifeh ad-Dayyat, and I arranged meetings with a number of politicians and academics. Our congregants greatly appreciated his positive words at our Shabbat morning services. Last November, I attended a conference on the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea in which the Israeli Minister for National Infrastructure, Water and Energy Resources, Yuval Steinitz, participated, as well as his Jordanian counterpart, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Dr Hazem Al-Naser.

In addition, I attended a small conference concerning the dynamics of extremism in Oxford at the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict (founded by Lord John Alderdice) and met with parliamentarians from Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon. In June, I am leading the General Secretary of the World Methodist Council, Bishop Ivan Abrahams, Methodist Area Dean for Brent, Leão Neto, and others to meet with EcoPeace personnel in the Middle East with a view to potential collaboration.

EcoPeace's efforts to restore the Jordan River and Dead Sea as well as seeking equitable distribution of water resources is supported by many synagogue members. Not only is this work positive and practical but it continues to be successful both at a grass roots level – despite the challenges posed by extremism on both sides of the conflict – and in slowly winning the support

of international leaders. We continue to advance our proposal for a 'Middle East Energy-Water Nexus' as a way of creating pragmatic cross-border interdependencies as well as addressing the critical need for supplies of drinking water and sewage control in Gaza. All of this is in Israel's security interests and Israelis are voicing their support. But there is a very, very long way to go.

Our growing involvement with Sufra and sustained support for EcoPeace-Middle East is a recognised catalyst for our relationships with those in other faith communities locally. These good causes are also highly appealing in terms of reaching out to intelligent young Jewish people and also mixed-faith couples seeking positive and inclusive approaches when it comes to expressing their faith identities.

Kabbalat Torah *in Berlin*



Kabbalat Torah students Emma de Magtige and Temmie Brown read the Kaddish memorial prayer together with Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton at the site of Sachsenhausen concentration camp, north of Berlin on 22nd April 2017.

Here, the story of the imprisonment of Henry Warner, husband of Mosaic Liberal Synagogue member Ursula Warner, was shared with the students. Emma and Temmie were joined by adults Michelle Singer, Dani Singer and Eve Wilson on the trip led by Rabbis Frank and Kathleen. Other sites in Berlin also visited included places

of resistance and altruism during the Nazi years as well as the time of the DDR regime. The group attended Erev Shabbat services at the Neue Synagogue. This journey to Berlin was the culmination of months of background preparation emphasising both the factors contributing to the rise of Nazism and those who resisted the regime through providing different forms of help to the persecuted. (Words and all photos on this page by FDS)

Mosaic Liberal AGM



Guest speaker Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn-Harris, Principal of Leo Baeck College



Daniel Brown fields questions from the floor

Mosaic Reform Council Announcements

Following the AGM

Robin Goldsmith writes: Many members will be aware that at the recent Mosaic Reform AGM, the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary were not filled; Barbara, Richard and Juliet stepped down after serving this community magnificently in these roles for a number of years. As a result, three previous Chairmen (Tony Fineberg, Jane Prentice and David Safir), agreed to assist Council with their invaluable experience and expertise, to determine how best to proceed and ensure that our community continues unaffected. Consequently, members of Council have re-examined their roles and have decided on the following changes:

- Lawrence Chadwick has agreed to take over as Chairman and Juliet Grainger will continue in her role as Honorary Secretary until the next AGM.
- Tony Fineberg will try to set up a Treasurers' Working Group, with a view to spreading the 'financial' workload.
- Steve Noble has kindly agreed to continue as Vice Chairman.
- Council members' roles have been redefined to make best use of their wide variety of skills and to appear less daunting for any individual to take on.

We would like to invite all members to consider joining Council. This would include younger adults looking for volunteering experience to bolster their CVs – but anyone

with the desire to become involved would be made very welcome. You will not be working alone, support is always available and you'll be making a real difference and positive contribution to the Shul community. As Council members agreed, the roles are far less daunting and time-consuming than they sound and you would only be expected to contribute as much or as little as you are able. You will not be expected to do anything with which you feel uncomfortable.

The Shul functions largely through the efforts of our volunteers, without whom we would not have a vibrant, progressive community, able to offer a unique range of religious, cultural, educational and social activities. For this to continue, we need more members to become involved.

If anyone would like to talk in confidence about what they feel they can contribute, please speak to Rabbi Kathleen de Magtigel-Middleton or any member of Council.



Geoffrey Marx – Chair of Reform Judaism – at the Mosaic Reform AGM on 25th April (Photo: Maurice Hoffman)

Mosaic Reform – new Chairman's statement

By Lawrence Chadwick

Newly-appointed Chair of Mosaic Reform



Ahead of the AGM in May, you would have received a notice inviting members to fill posts on Council. These were becoming

vacant after some Honorary Officers had come to the end of their tenure as laid out by the Articles of Association of Mosaic Reform. This was sent out to try and introduce new blood into the pool of volunteers that the Shul relies on for its efficient running, drawing on the professional and life experience of its members.

As the headline states, fulfilling the post of Chairman was perceived to be 'a hard act to follow', given the tireless commitment and input by Barbara Grant over the past three years. At the AGM, the role of Honorary Officers remained unfilled and so it was left to Council to meet and agree a way forward.

If you would have asked me some two years ago whether I would have volunteered for Chair, I would have thought that impossible. I only became more involved with the synagogue following semi-retirement from a hectic work career in which I served over 30 years as a Chartered Planning and

Development Surveyor and Director of a major property company. Because of my skill sets, I was invited to join the Property Relocation Group and I thought "why not?", as this seemed a natural undertaking that I could fulfil and feel comfortable in what I could contribute. I then became Chairman of the Group.

This involvement provided me with a valuable insight into the workings of the synagogue. As I started to know the people involved, friendships were formed and a new avenue of experiences opened up that was completely different to the treadmill I was on when working full-time! I only wished I had discovered this earlier, as the opportunities for making a long-lasting, positive contribution to the future of our Shul communities became increasingly clear. This led me to volunteering for the role of Chairman when no other nominations had been received.

In my new role, I should first like to thank the outgoing Honorary Officers for their work and vision over the last few years and know that I can rely on their guidance if needs be.

A prerequisite of my accepting the Chairmanship was that we needed to update the structure of Council and divide responsibilities more evenly. This is what >>

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we have done and I look forward to working with Council Members in the coming year. Hopefully now being a Council member is far less daunting than might appear! The work is rewarding in itself, knowing that you are making a valuable contribution to Jewish life. I invite any member of our Shul to join Council and to contribute their ideas and skills to the future of our community. You do not need to have a CV with a list of achievements that might make Alan Sugar blush, as we all have abilities that can make a difference.

The role of Treasurer has not yet been filled, and under the new structure this is now a reporting role to be supported by

a sub-committee and administrative staff. If any one feels they have the skill to fulfil this role and wish to discuss this, please contact me.

One of my objectives as Chair is to encourage younger members to become involved. I see this as a 'win-win' relationship, as in doing so the shul gets new impetus and fresh ideas whilst providing experience that could help in career choice, as employers are increasingly taking note of voluntary work.

I am always here as a contact point if anyone would like to discuss how to become involved or how you can add value, so please feel free to approach me.

Simon for taking on this extra role and hope that she enjoys playing her part in our future development as Karen did, until she left us for pastures greener. Talking about green reminds me of the parsha on said day, and that one cannot eat the fruit off new trees for five years. The community gave Karen a

plum and apple tree but she will not be able to taste the fruit for the foreseeable future. When she is allowed to partake in the fruit, it will not be forbidden and she will not be subject to the fate of Eve.

We wish Karen well and have to say Shkoach!

Farewell to Karen Grout

HEMS office administrator

Edwin Lucas writes: It was Shabbat 6th May, a sad day for HEMS and a joyous day for Karen. We at HEMS were saying cheerio to Karen who has been part of the HEMS family for nearly 10 years. Yes, we are sorry to say goodbye, but delighted for her that she is progressing her career in a different way.

I was wondering about Karen's journey with HEMS – she has been involved with over 500 weekly bulletins and 500 Shabbats and I cannot count the festival days but it must be 140 festival days. She has presided over five births, of which the Mydat twins made it into her statistics in the last week of

her tenure. She sadly has had to assist with five funerals, but she has left just ahead of our first wedding of a HEMS active member in recent years. There have been countless kiddiushim and special breakfasts and she has helped with 27 Bar Mitzvot. That is not including her elder son's Bar Mitzvah either. She has worked with five chairmen and helped them whenever she could. She has also worked with two HEMS rabbis and latterly with two Mosaic ones.

What a varied life she has had, and whilst we will miss her, I hope she will not miss us, as her new career will open new doors and new opportunities. We are grateful to Ann

Farewell to Mary Banks

Mosaic Liberal Music Director



Mary Banks, 5th from right, next to Rabbi Frank (Photo: Guy Frati)

Rabbi Frank writes: On Saturday 29th April, members of Mosaic Liberal Synagogue said farewell to Mary Banks, Mosaic Liberal's Music Director for the last eight years. As a retirement gift, she was presented with six bottles of a vintage Barolo wine from *Berry Brothers & Rudd* as well as an *Amazon* gift voucher.

Mary first began singing with Mosaic Liberal about 30 years ago and

ultimately succeeded the previous music director, Susan Slade. Mary will be much missed but, nevertheless, will continue to accompany the bi-monthly Erev Shabbat contemplative services.

Hopefully Mary's permanent successor will be Guy Frati, a talented young Israeli musician and composer who is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music.



Mosaic Community Remembers

THE 6 DAY WAR

We are holding a Mosaic Shabbat on
SATURDAY 10TH JUNE
(50 years since the end of the war)

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

DO JOIN US FOR A FASCINATING DAY

Please let the Mosaic office know you are coming
 for catering purposes:
 e-mail: admin@choosemosaic.org
 Phone: 020 8864 0133



Mosaic JACS Programme



June/July 2017

All events are on Tuesdays and start at 14:00

6th June: The perils and pitfalls of a theatre producer – Brian Daniels

20th June: Money laundering, bribery and corruption – Nick Kochan

4th July: My life as a fleet street photographer – Dennis Hart

18th July: I was a wartime schoolboy – Graham Zeitlin

1st August: The life of Sammy Davis Junior – Nigel Coleman

FILM MOSAIC

At 8:00pm on Tuesday 20th June

ARRANGED (2007)

Shown at the London Jewish Film Festival, this is a thoroughly enjoyable film that looks at the parallel lives of two young women who meet whilst teaching at a college in New York. One is an Orthodox Jewess and the other a traditional Muslim. As their friendship develops, they begin to realise they have a lot in common with each other, as they both deal with their families' expectations and preparations to accept arranged marriages.

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

Mosaic Walk in Literary London

Sunday 4th June 2pm

Highgate

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Rabbi Frank in Conversation with...

Michael Reik

Saturday 24th of June, 1:00pm

Rabbi Frank will discuss his life to date, his social action and multi-faith work, his thoughts on Israeli Society and his vision for Liberal Judaism and the Mosaic community.

Friendship Club

*Entertainment for the
over-60s*

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

JUNE

5th The Three Plonkers entertain
12th Return visit of Bill Smith
19th Gayathrie and Bill Patrick
26th Ascot Day

Rumikub Club

The monthly Wembley Rumikub Club is up and running.

The Tea Set

A small group of ladies meeting in each other's homes on a Sunday afternoon for tea and company – are getting together for the first time at the beginning of June.

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

Community
Care

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

Mosaic Barbecue

14th May

Simon Glass (right)
and Lawrence Chadwick
hard at work
(Photo: Maurice Hoffman)

(Below photo: Gary Miller)



Promises, Promises...

By Gill Ross

Almost six months after the HEMS auction of promises fundraiser in December, members have been enjoying the distant promise of their bids.

Over the past couple of months, two cohorts of keen cooks joined the Glass family to learn the mysterious and sticky art of sushi making. Under Hannah Glass's expert tutelage a box of sushi rolls, California rolls and hand rolled cones made their way back to the bidders' respective homes.

Gill Ross has been nurturing small plants and tubers to pot up, now the weather is frost-free, to go out to gardens and front porches. Most recently, the HEMs early morning walkers Gill Gurner and Jo Lewis led Andrea Alexander, Traci Spivack, Linda Lucas, Beverley Ezekial and Stephanie Rosen, along the Celandine route from Pinner to just past Eastcote. Around five kilometres were walked, and then the walkers were rewarded with coffee and other refreshments sitting in the sun (see picture). The glorious weather was a bonus!

In addition to raising money for HEMS the walkers are rolling up their mileage to support The St Luke's Hospice Shop Walk taking place all over Harrow and Brent in June, July and into August. Log

onto the St Luke's Hospice website for details of how you can log your own miles and support or walk with us. Email events@stlukes-hospice.org or call 0208 382 8112.



HEMS early-morning walkers

Mosaic Walk in Literary London – the Strand and Fleet Street

By John Ashmele

It was a pleasant but breezy day in April as we started our walk from Rudyard Kipling's home in Villiers Street by the Embankment ("before my windows Father Thames under the Shot Tower walked up and down with its traffic"). We finished at St. Brides, the so-called journalists' church in Fleet Street, where Samuel Pepys was

baptised. In between we followed the route taken by one of the most valuable pieces of literary furniture in London, Viz. The large dining table that resided in the offices of Punch magazine in Bouverie Street. Since the 19th century many contributors to the magazine have been invited to carve their initials into the table top, including Mark Twain, Keith Waterhouse, A A Milne and John Betjeman.

The walk concluded with coffee and pudding at the Black Friar Pub, famous for its Grade 2 listed Art Nouveau interior.

Our walk took us past the Savoy Chapel, and I will conclude with the inscription on the lectern by Kalidasa, the 4th century Indian poet: "Listen to the exhortation of the Dawn! Look to this Day! For it is Life, the very Life of Life. For Yesterday is but a Dream, and Tomorrow is only a Vision, but Today well lived makes every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness, and every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope."



John Ashmele and Samuel Johnson



Brainteaser

Compiled by 'Toastmaster John'

**What connects: 4F=P, 12P=S, 2S=F,
10F=P?**

Answer coming next month

Answer to May edition's brainteaser:

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

They are the names of US state capitals missing the abbreviation of the state itself: Sacramento in California (CA), Springfield in Illinois (IL), Indianapolis in Indiana (IN), and Providence in Rhode Island (RI).

Happy Birthday!

Jasmine Bell (9)
Ryan Specterman (5)
Phoebe Ellison (7)
Harrison Rutstein (10)



From Trudie Leibling

JACS Programme – 25th
April 2017 – Titanic

The tragic story of the Titanic never fails to rouse interest. After tea and cakes we gathered round to listen to JACS representative, Patrick Mylon, who spoke again about the impact with an iceberg, which brought disaster to this great new ship. We wondered once more how such a tragedy had occurred and learned that lives would have been saved, had there been more lifeboats on board. It seems there was little panic due to the fact that the passengers did not readily understand the warnings coming from the upper deck. Curiously, the jewellery worn by the ladies for the glamorous journey still remains at the bottom of the ocean. It is not surprising that so much has been written and so many films have been made of this terrible story.

From Lawrie Nerva

About Ken Livingstone – responding to Mike Reik's letter in the May issue.

Livingstone's comments betray a party that was founded on the values of equality and inclusiveness. His history of inflammatory remarks against our community, be it his suggestions that our community's 'wealth' determines our vote, or his recent smears of victims of the Holocaust, surely have no place in a progressive party.

The decision to allow him to remain a member presents Jewish Labour members with an immediate dilemma about our future in the party. Despite pledges of 'zero tolerance' on anti-Semitism, Labour has been found wanting when it truly mattered.

The Jewish community has a proud history with Labour, but this decision has thrown its future into jeopardy. We are sick of the complacency shown towards the prejudice we face. Enough is enough.

Unlike what Livingstone would ask you to believe, this is not actually a question of history. It is not about sources or the Havara Agreement or Zionist flags flying in Germany. This is not about the dozens of Holocaust and World War Two historians who have lined up to dispute Livingstone's claims regarding the Third Reich's 'support' of Zionism.

What this is actually about is whether Labour recognises the damage of allowing those who continue to cause such pain to Jewish members to remain in the party.

I fully support the Jewish Labour Movement's proposal to initiate a debate at Labour Party Conference in September 2017 promoting the expulsion of Livingstone from the Labour Party.

From Edwin Lucas

An all-year-round appeal for event supporters

Viv Levinson's letter in last month's Kehila made me think. Some would say that is a first. I know differently, but let those think what they want. This is not the season for appeals but this is what, hopefully, will make my letter stand out. This is not Kol Nidrei or Red Nose Day. This appeal is an 'all-year-round' one.

We, at Mosaic, have a vibrant team who put things on for the congregation. The topics are varied and the events are fun. They need organising and they need volunteers and they need supporters. My appeal is for supporters. I was at a Board meeting a week before the second Seder and there were only five people who had put their names on the list to attend. We were all worried as to what we had done wrong and why the event was not being supported. Had the second Seder lost its sparkle or was everyone attending family or friends' Seders? We pondered and then out of the blue in the last few days when the 'let us know by' date had well passed the, numbers had raised to 60. That was brilliant and Barbara Grant, who took the lead, was relieved and over the moon. Everyone was happy as the contingency plans did not have to be put into action. I wonder why people leave bookings till the last minute as others have to run around like headless chickens to sort things out so that the late bookers are not let down and that everyone is full of lovely smiles on the day.

The same thing has happened with the Lag B'Omer BBQ. It takes organising and it takes running around for food, drink, crockery and cutlery as well as the weather. At the time of writing there are 30 people coming and that is after the deadline. I cannot wait for the final numbers as I will be after the Kehila print deadline and I am scared of the backlash from Judy and Martin! [Stop Press: over 50 people attended!]

My appeal is that we all read the Kehila magazines and act quickly to book places for events. The sooner we book, the easier it is for the committee members to organise as, and please do not laugh, they all have other things to support and do apart from being on shul committees. Thanks to all committee members and volunteers too, for what you have done, do and will do, as you help so many people enjoy so many things.

Happy Shavuot when it comes and see you there. Before you wonder where I am on that day, we are away on holiday for Erev Shavout so that is my excuse.

From Trudy and Bernard Segal

Thank you for giving us such a joyous occasion

We would just like to say a big thank to everyone at Mosaic who helped to make our son Richard and future daughter-in-law Sacha's, Aufruf on 6th May such a joyous occasion. Our guests commented on the warm and welcoming atmosphere and loved the opportunity to enjoy a 'cuppa' before the service. There have been many changes within the synagogue in the 25 years since Richard had his Bar Mitzvah but the ethos of a caring community remains the same.

It was a day we will always remember.

Kiev Koppers Update

Alan Solomon writes: As many readers will know, members of Mosaic Liberal Synagogue have for some years been donating their small change (and sometimes larger amounts) to our Kiev Koppers collection. This idea was the brainchild of our dear friend Rita Asbury, who sadly passed away in February, and originated when we were known as Harrow & Wembley Progressive Synagogue and were based at 326 Preston Road. The connection with Ukraine arose as a result of Alex Dukhovny, who assisted Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith for a time, returning home following his ordination to become Chief Rabbi of the Progressive Jewish Congregations in his home country.

Members of Mosaic Liberal and others who have generously contributed will be reassured to know that the enthusiasm for this cause that Rita showed and passed on to us all has not died with her. In addition to



the £1,660 allocated to the Progressive congregations in Kyiv (Kiev) and the rest of Ukraine from our Yom Kippur Appeal last year, our collection has resulted in our being able to send them £450 since the beginning of this year, money that proves invaluable, particularly enabling them to buy books and equipment for their kindergartens. Alex is so grateful for our continued support.

We can all remember Rita and the dedication she showed to this project by continuing to leave any amount, large or small, in the jar in the Liberal sanctuary upstairs at Bessborough Road, or handing it into the office. As Rita always said,

KEEP THE KOPPERS KOMING!

Your special image and story ...

The image below, taken in late 1917 or early 1918, depicts life in a Russian military hospital with injured soldiers and two nurses, daughters of Tsar Nicholas II. The restoration of the damaged original (on right) was commissioned by members of the Romanoff family.



We are inviting Mosaic members to send in a special photograph and tell readers the story behind the image.

If your image needs restoring, please speak to Mosaic member Gary Italiaander who is a restoration specialist.
T: 07956 419560- www.italiaander.co.uk

MOSAIC CALENDAR

EVERY WEEK **June | July**

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

Unless otherwise stated, all events take place at 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS.

The times/locations of weekly services are as below, unless otherwise stated: Mosaic Liberal: Bessborough Road: Friday 19:00 Saturday 11:00
HEMS: Girl Guide Headquarters (GGHQ), Hatch End: Saturday 09:30

Mosaic Reform: Bessborough Road: Friday 19:00, Saturday 10:30

JUNE

Thurs 1 st		2 nd day Shavuot
Sat 3 rd		Shabbat Naso
Sun 4 th	13.30	Stone-setting – Thelma Rosen – Edgwarebury Lane
	14.30	Stone-setting – Gerald Shindler – Edgwarebury Lane
	14.00	Mosaic Literary Walk – Highgate (see p11)
Tues 6 th	14.00	JACS (see p11)
	20.00	Mosaic Photo Group
Wed 7 th	20.00	Council meetings
Sat 10 th		Shabbat Beha'alotecha Mosaic Shabbat – remembering the 6-day war (see p10)
Sun 11 th	14.45	Stone-setting – Hilary Gura – Cheshunt
	15.30	Stone-setting – Ruth Jacobs – Cheshunt
Wed 14 th	20.00	Mosaic Book Group – 'The Mandibles'
Sat 17 th		Shabbat Shelach Lecha
	11.00	Shabbat Shira
Sun 18 th		Kehila copy date
Tues 20 th	10.00	Jewish Women's Aid Drop-In
	14.00	JACS (see p11)
	20.00	Film Mosaic 'Arranged' (see p11)
Wed 21 st	12.30	Lunch Club

Sat 24 th		Shabbat Korach
	13.00	Rabbi Dabba Smith in conversation with Michael Reik
Sun 25 th	15.30	HEMS AGM
Thurs 29 th		Kehila distribution

JULY

Sat 1 st		Shabbat Chukat
Tues 4 th	14.00	JACS
	20.00	Mosaic Photo Group
Wed 5 th	20.00	Council meetings
Fri 7 th	19.00	Contemplative service
Sat 8 th		Shabbat Balak
Sun 9 th	09.30	HaMakom – end of term
Tues 11 th	20:00	Film Mosaic 'Son of Saul'
Sat 15 th		Shabbat Pinchas
	10.45	Shabbat Shira
Sun 16 th		Kehila copy date
Tues 18 th	11.00	Stone-setting – Rita Joseph – Cheshunt
	14.00	JACS
Wed 19 th	12.30	Lunch Club
Sat 22 nd		Shabbat Mattot/Masse
Sun 23 rd	15.00	Over 80s Tea Party
Thurs 27 th		Kehila distribution
Sat 29 th		Shabbat Devarim



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all three shuls are
at 39 Bessborough
Road and all are
open 09.00-15.00
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