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Gam zu l'tovah

(This too was for the best)

by Rabbi Kathleen Middleton

"When it comes to making momentous decisions such as these, the Jewish principle of piku'ach nefesh (saving lives) has been, and still is, our guiding principle"

"To open or not to open, that is the question" It may be presumptuous of a foreigner, such as myself, to deliberately misquote Shakespeare, but this question: 'to open or not to open', seems to carry as much existential weight as the original question posed by the Danish prince. For it is the question I am asked most frequently when speaking with our members.

The answer to this question depends on one

consideration in particular; whether the possibility of any risk posed by opening up (no matter how minimal) weighs more than the mental benefits that doing so will bring to the community. Of course, much also depends on matters that are entirely out of our own hands, such as a rise in infection rates in our borough, an unforeseen local lockdown, or new nationwide restrictions on attending



Rabbi Middleton & David in their succah

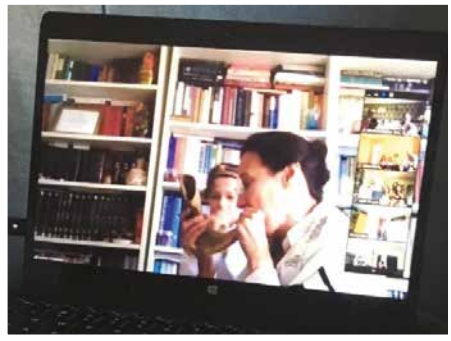
places of worship.

When it comes to making momentous decisions such as these, the Jewish principle of *piku'ach nefesh* (saving lives) has been, and still is, our guiding principle but the longer this crisis lasts and, as we now enter the cold and dark winter months, the prospect of another potential lockdown seems much bleaker, the greater also becomes our mental and spiritual need for real togetherness.

At the time of writing, a decision to hold properly risk-assessed, socially distanced, in person services in the synagogue has not yet been made. Aware of the steady rise in Covid cases across the country, we have erred on the side of caution and we may yet decide to hold off a little....

It seems strangely fortuitous that we should find ourselves struggling with this difficult decision, as we approach the Hebrew month

of Cheshvan. This month is the only month known in the Hebrew calendar which has no festivals but two official names, for some call it Cheshvan, others call it Marcheshvan. When blessing the month and dating legal Jewish documents, the name Marcheshvan is used,



yet for all other purposes it is mostly referred to it as Cheshvan. Some scholars suggest that Marcheshvan is derived from Akkadian in which it means 'the eighth month' in, based on a report in the Jerusalem Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 1:2), that states that the names of all the months in the Hebrew calendar originate from Babylonia.

However, some scholars suggest that the proper name of the month is actually Cheshvan, and that the prefix *mar-* (bitter) has been added to it, to highlight the fact that, in contrast to the preceding month, it has no festivals in it and is therefore rather sad or bitter (*mar*)

There are yet others who maintain that '*mar*' should not be read as the Hebrew word for 'bitter', but rather as the Aramaic word for 'master' or 'teacher'; referring to the fact that King Solomon (*Mar*, the Master) finished building the Temple in the 8th Month of Cheshvan, as mentioned in I Kings 6:38. So, according to these scholars, the *Mar* in Marcheshvan does not refer to the bitter lack of festivals, but is an honorific appellation for a month of quiet rejoicing.

Our tradition is very good in arguing away

contradictions, such as the contradictory interpretations of the name Marcheshvan: is *mar* an indication of sadness for the lack of festivals or of happiness for the completion of the Temple? Perhaps it is not a contradiction at all, but a bit of both... Just as deciding to hold in

person services again would be both a reason for rejoicing and a cause for trepidation and disappointment. Because, although so many of us have been yearning for 'proper' services in *shul*, we know that whatever we could be able to offer under Covid rules, will not be anything like the services as they used to be. And it may well be that being in a cold synagogue (because windows may need to be kept open at all times), socially distanced, masked, unable to join the service leader in singing, unable to congregate and schmooze for coffee beforehand or *kiddush* afterwards may not quite be what we had hoped for and dreamed of... Just as we know that zoom services, even though they are the best alternative we have to in person services, are not quite the same thing and yet, for some, the zoom option may be more attractive than a severely restricted in person service.

For whether we like zoom services or not, we cannot deny that zoom has been a blessed tool to help us find a much needed sense of togetherness, prayerfulness, spirituality, meaning and even joy throughout these last Tishri festivals. I can only speak from my own experience when I say that I *did* at times feel

entirely immersed in the High Holyday services, so that I could imagine myself transported into the synagogue and surrounded by the congregation.

The relative anonymity of zoom has also allowed a huge number of us to feel brave enough to take part in the services sometimes for the first time, which led to a record number of lay readers participating in the services including 22 readers who helped read a verse each from every single *parashah* in the Torah on Simchat Torah.

The pandemic has forced us to be more creative and bolder than we might have been under normal circumstances; whether it was joining the service from a cold and much rained upon *sukkah* (not quite *kosher*, in our case, for we had to pull a tarpaulin over the *schach* to protect the laptop), or blowing the *shofar* for the first time in the main service (as my youngest did with me on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*)

So, to open, or not to open? If we will not

open it will be because it is still (or again) too dangerous to do so safely and we will remain on zoom. If we do open, it will be because we feel we can manage the risks to keep everyone safe and we may *still also* remain on zoom for a while to allow for a much larger congregation and a more interactive service than our in person services may prove to be as well as an opportunity for those who have to shield or isolate to still safely meet and pray together.

And until we will finally be able to meet and pray again as we always used to do, freely, without masks, sitting together with our friends, when finally we can look back on this difficult period in our lifetime and the life of the community, we will continue to build on the new ways in which we have learned to strengthen the community, and on its creativity and its resolve to be there for one another, so that we can say in the words of the famous sage Nachum Ish Gam Zu: "*gam zu l'tovah*" (this too was for the best).

Hear Hear

by Bernard Fisherman

Excuse me, what, can you say that again, I've a problem with both my ears
People who mumble cause me to grumble and very low voices fill me with fears.

Hearing aids are fine indoors they really work a treat

But they always fail me miserably as soon as I go out in the street.

I hear birds chirping, then a car or a van, loud hooters loud traffic, loud delivery man
A cacophony of noise, a crescendo, a din, the whole darn lot makes my poor head spin.

Onwards and upwards

by Lawrence Chadwick

The following article was inadvertently omitted from the Rosh Hashanah edition of Kehila. With apologies to Lawrence, we're pleased to print it in this edition.

This will be my last Rosh Hashanah message, as I will have completed three years

as Chairman and, under the constitution, I must step down. On the plus side it avoids staleness in the running of the Synagogue and provides the opportunity for new ways of thinking and impetus to be injected.

As we gear up for the move to our new home at Stanmore Hill the timing is correct for me to hand over the reins. We have the opportunity to think anew and to consider how the three communities of Mosaic will come together under one roof and this requires a new approach.

The less positive aspect of my stepping down is that, as I write this message and ahead of the AGM on 8th September which will be held for the first time online, as yet no one has come forward to take on this mantle. I commend anyone who has a modicum of interest in the future of our community to give serious thought to this honour and don't just assume someone else will take it on. If you have views on how the community should be run and the direction it should take, now is the time to come forward. It's a mitzvah and one which will define you.

In looking back over the year, it started



very positively with the news the planning application for both Stanmore Hill and Bessborough Road would be considered at the November Harrow Council planning committee with a positive recommendation for approval. This was thwarted by the December General Election and we had to wait

until the January 2020 committee meeting to obtain planning approval that was passed by four votes to three. Covid-19 then impacted on the production of the legal documentation between the Developer and Harrow Council further delaying matters, which only now looks to have been resolved.

We also started the year with a very special and successful event marking our 60th Anniversary. Over 100 past and present members joined in to celebrate with cabarets performed by members and trips down memory lane with interviews and photos of events over the years, including rabbis, weddings and founders lining the walls of the synagogue and of course food. It was a great day. We're now looking forward to the publication of our 60th Anniversary Commemorative Book and I'd like to thank Steve Levinson, Jane Prentice, Martin Simonis and Prue & David Ruback who are working tirelessly to bring this to fruition.

By the turn of the year little did we know of the forthcoming pandemic that would affect us all. Whilst the B'nei Mitzvah families had been nervous about whether the impending vacation of Bessborough Road would affect

their celebrations, this quickly turned to a more devastating situation due to the lock down imposed by the Government as a result of Covid-19.

We needed to respond rapidly to this emergency and we did so magnificently via zoom. Our well attended Shabbat services have continued throughout and the earliest challenge was our Communal Seder which was extremely successful and enjoyed by many. HaMakom also rose to the challenge and they have met throughout the Spring and Summer terms in their own "classrooms" via Zoom. To date Finley Vincent and Sam Feldman celebrated their b'nei mitzvah from the comfort of their homes, and didn't they do well. We're now looking forward to Maya Shackell's Bat Mitzvah at the end of August.

In lock down via Zoom we have had the most amazing array of events with speakers covering a variety of topics. These have included a series of sessions entitled "Meet the Author" and a series entitled "Sharing our Hobbies". JACS has continued to "meet" throughout with many more members being introduced to its events. In addition we have enjoyed John Ashmele's quizzes and have "chatted with a cuppa" on Thursday afternoons. Our thanks must go to the Community Group for organizing so many of these sessions but none of this would have been possible without Stefan Roos and Mark Phillips who have facilitated our online capability.

This all sets us up well for the future. We

have been delighted with the ever increasing numbers attending events which is an endorsement of their value. The community has been able to gain a greater insight into its members. We have also welcomed members who had not previously had internet access having taken up our offer of a tablet so that they could engage remotely with the community. We hope to increase the numbers accepting tablets and also hope that more people will come forward to host the zoom events since, for the time being, that is how our community will be meeting.

I'd like to express my thanks to a great support structure. Rabbi Kathleen bore the brunt of this tragedy as she had numerous funerals at which to officiate and consequently many families to support. Again, zoom came to our rescue as initially that was the only way for families to "attend" funerals of their loved ones. Shiva prayers were also held via zoom and continue to be held in this way. Gay Saunders, our Community Care Co-ordinator, headed a large group of volunteers who offered to contact the entire community initially and then to maintain contact with our more vulnerable members. My thanks to all of them and also to Ann Simon who single handedly continued to work in the office for the benefit of members.

Whilst life was still "normal" (BC – before Covid) we were delighted to welcome local high school children to our Holocaust Memorial Day event during which they met the child of a survivor and [Continued on following page >>](#)

(Lawrence Chadwick continued from previous page...)

participated in excellent workshops facilitated by even more volunteers. We also enjoyed a successful and well attended supper quiz in November.

Covid-19 has in a way brought us closer together. We have seen the participation of many more of our members via zoom and hopefully, now that they know what amazing events we offer, once we are able to meet again in person, we will look forward to welcoming them to our premises. We have also been supported by the Movement for Reform Judaism throughout this period.

Mosaic Reform is our community and it belongs to each and every one of us so please do get involved in any way that you can – I promise you that you will be welcomed with

open arms and guarantee that you will enjoy a more active and fulfilling role in this unique Jewish community.

Caroline and I wish you all “shana tova”. Our High Holyday services will be online and I’m extremely grateful to the Rabbi and Ritual Committee who are working so hard to make them a meaningful experience for everyone. If you haven’t yet mastered the technology, please do speak to the office who will be pleased to support you through the process.

As by the next High Holydays we will surely have left Bessborough Road, it only remains for me to say that “we’ll meet again, don’t know where, don’t know when” but Mosaic Reform is looking forward to the next 60 years!

With thanks

by David Safir

At the end of his three-year term of office, Lawrence Chadwick stood down as Chairman at the Mosaic Reform AGM on 8th September 2020. The following is an extract from the address given by David Safir.

To paraphrase the familiar if unseasonal question: “Why is this AGM different from all other AGM’s?” Well, it’s on Zoom (neither Froom nor Schtoom were appropriate for a Reform Shul), and we can leave early – unnoticed – simply by switching off the video; but what makes this AGM “unprecedented” is that tonight we pay heartfelt tribute to the

extraordinary commitment and dedication of retiring Chairman Lawrence Chadwick.

Three years, four months is longer than an elected leader can get away with outside Belarus or Zimbabwe – and while you’re the first Chairman to insist the Hon. Secretary live in (to discuss Council Minutes over breakfast?), you’re surely also the first tasked with finding and securing our new home during a pandemic that forced us out of our current one.

In your inimitable style, you have taught us that S106 is not the overflow to Room 101; that

“partition alternatives for Stanmore” are not an “A” level History question; and that “planning permission” is something even Progressive Jews need. In negotiating with the Borough, developers, Mosaic communities, HaMakom or dissenting voices on Council, you have always prioritised the needs, concerns and expectations of our members.

As you continue to lead the Property Working Group, channelling Boris Johnson on Bexit and Mao Tse-Tung on the long march up Stanmore Hill, all of us at Mosaic Reform thank you for your energy and commitment and hope that it may long continue. You may be retiring, Lawrence, but you don’t have to be shy.

Mazal Tov

to Hilda Tichauer on her 100th Birthday

Hilda celebrated her 100th birthday in August 2020. The fine weather enabled her to celebrate the occasion in her garden with her daughter, Lydia, and a few friends. She received about 50 cards including one from Her Majesty The Queen.

Hilda’s late sister also reached her 100th birthday and, as Lydia remarked, “It is still quite amazing that both sisters reached this milestone after everything that they have lived through in Nazi Germany and both coming to England as refugees in February 1939”.

To 120, Hilda!



Succah in Pinner

by David and Jeanette Leibling

As the Synagogue was unable to build a succah this year, we decided that we would build one in our garden, which has the advantage that it has an existing pergola which provides a ready-to-use open roof. With two walls and a gate already providing a starting point, all we had to do was create a fourth wall with some hefty vertical beams and some trellises. Structure in place, we arranged for some laurel which came from a local block of flats where the laurel boundary fence needed its autumn pruning. We put netting on the roof and then wove the laurel over the roof beams but under the netting so that it did not blow away (although a few did fall down in the storm on Friday night). Fruit and vegetables were strung up in nets and a lulav and etrog purchased from the pop-up succah shop in Edgware. We were then all ready to say “Shehechyanu” and “leishev ba’succah” in our own succah.

We invited our friends and members of Mosaic to share the experience with us but we also extended an invitation to our neighbours in Haywood Close, some Jewish, some Christian and some Muslim and Hindu and we were delighted how many responded to the sharing of the Jewish harvest festival, including an Asian couple in traditional costume. We explained the significance of the succah, both as a reminder of our fragile existence while wandering in the desert for 40



years but primarily its origin as a temporary dwelling place for labourers gathering the harvest for whom it was too far to go home every evening. We shook the lulav and etrog together, described the significance of each of the components and then enjoyed some refreshments with each of our visitors. It was a thoroughly enjoyable week, so who knows what will we be doing next year? Perhaps others will join us and we could have a Succah Cavalcade.

Ramblings of a recycled Chairman

by Harry Grant

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26th September 2020*



The last public event that Barbara and I attended before our lockdown started, was on Wednesday 12th March. I recall it vividly, because the following day we were stood down from collecting our grandchildren from school, and we haven’t cuddled them since.

The event was at Merchant Taylors school, and was a talk by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, promoting his new book. I was somewhat reticent, having never been to see him speak before, and still remembering the extent to which he cowered as chief rabbi under the influence of the die-hard dayanim.

I was bowled over by the philosophical depths from which he spoke, his humility, and the ease with which he could be listened to, not nearly as highbrow and intellectual as I had feared.

His new book, ‘Morality’, looked at the extent to which society had moved from thinking and acting in the first-person plural to the first person singular.

He rapidly endeared himself to the audience by referencing the Beatles, which he may not have done when serving as Chief Rabbi.

He pointed out the extent to which they moved from an inextricably linked team of 4 in the early sixties, when they ruled the

music world and could not be surpassed, to 4 individuals, each trying to find his own way.

If ever there was an example of the combined sum of the four being greater than the 4 as individuals, this was it. And separately none of them achieved what the fabulous 4 together did.

And that move to thinking and doing in the first-person singular has grown around the world, and society has suffered as a result.

Our challenge, whether in MRS, MJC our family, our workplace or the wider Community, is to realign our thinking towards the first-person plural. Don’t get me wrong, there is much that many already do voluntarily within Mosaic Reform without which we would simply cease to operate, and that comes from thinking, and doing, in the 1st person plural. But there could be even more, so as we enter a New Year, and the vision of a new home becomes an even greater reality, let’s just remind ourselves how much more we can achieve than I.

That is lesson #1. The second lesson I have learnt here is to not dismiss the thoughts of someone whose Judaism does not align with mine. Whether he is more or less observant than me, his thoughts and teachings may well not always be wrong.

Meet a member

Mosaic Reform member, Mark Newman, was interviewed by Alex Gerlis

Mark Newman (pictured) is a relatively recent recruit to the Mosaic Reform shul council. Mark has a senior role in the fashion industry as a production executive and lives with his family in Stanmore. Kehila spoke with Mark about his background and why he joined the council.



in 2017. We went along to more services and gradually become attached to the people we met – everyone was so nice and welcoming. Inevitably we became more involved in shul activities.

And that led to joining the shul council?

First Steve Noble recruited me to help with stewarding on High

Holydays and then after the b'nei mitzvah I read about the council needing new members in Kehila and decided to join. As much as anything else it was as a way of saying 'thank you' for how welcoming everyone had been.

What is your role on the council?

I think as much as anything else, it is to listen to what's going on and to voice my opinion. My professional background has involved developing skills around compliance and ensuring high ethical standards and I hope I can use some of these skills on the council. I have a particular interest on the council in health and safety

Has anything surprised you from being on the council?

I would say unquestionably the enormous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. I think people would be shocked at

how much happens, such as working with other bodies. The area that surprised me the most is the extent of pastoral work – I had no idea of how much pastoral work the Rabbi and others do. It's very impressive.

What are your thoughts on the new building?

It's vital we move into an area with a larger Jewish catchment and also one that's more accessible. Hopefully we'll be able to attract more young families. I should also mention here the immense amount of work and expertise from our own Property Working Group, that has gone into the move.

And finally, what would you say to someone considering joining council?

Certainly, to give it a go, it's not nearly as time-consuming as some people may imagine and it's unquestionably both rewarding and worthwhile. Much of the work of the synagogue is carried out by older members and it would be good to have more young people involved.

High Days and Holy Days

by Edwin Lucas

Where did you grow up?

In Surrey, so not exactly North West London. Obviously, it wasn't the kind of area where I mixed much with other Jewish people, other than at the golf club. My family belonged to Wimbledon (Reform) Synagogue.

How did the connection with Mosaic come about?

Leonard & Angela Ludwin – my wife's family are members and lived in Pinner and when Lisa and I married 28 years ago, the ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Simon Franes, though of course all that time ago it was Middlesex New Synagogue. Five years later we moved to the area and a few years after joined the shul, so that would have been maybe around 2001.

And what led to you becoming more active?

Unquestionably the b'nei mitzvah of our two sons: Adam was bar mitzvah in 2014 and Max

When I hear the word "High" I think of the high jump from my school days which were not yesterday. I also think of the expression "in for the high jump", when one is going to be punished, because one has done something bad or is responsible for something that has failed.

Well our High Holy Days at HEMS / MM, had nothing to do with failing, or anything bad. They were the exact opposite. A lot of work had gone into the preparation and more preparation and more preparation still. Now you will be surprised with the next statement. It was great fun and stimulating. Yes, I mean fun and wonderful and exciting too. How can this

be, I can hear you say? Well, with no daytime work to keep my brain cells active, I had time on my hands and NO, I am not any closer to thinking about retirement. I am, if anything, further away than ever!!!! The Covid issue has meant so much thinking and planning and rethinking and replanning, throughout the summer right up to the High Holy Days.

At HEMS we decided to have a live service in a garden. We were lucky with the weather as it was still fairly warm – by my standards. We were only allowed, by guidance, to have 6 people in attendance and then, a few days before the chagim, we were told that Rabbi Natasha did [Continued on following page >>](#)

not count, as a person, so we could have her in addition to the 6. Please do not laugh at the next comment, as the authorities likened the Rabbi's role as to the service provided by a plumber, in as far as she was working. I now regard Rabbi Natasha as a fixer and fix things she did. She really fixed the services alongside



(Pictured) This was the state of the shul which we had to sort before the service

our service team. They were lovely and we were socially distanced and had the benefit of Marvyn Ellison singing too, before he went to the alternate chavurah minyan. No, he was not singing at the top of his voice but we could hear and there were some shul nusachs, here in the garden from yesteryear. The service was abridged and we had, over the three key days, 7 services, with a total of 21 congregants, in addition to service takers and householders. (The householders, even if asleep, counted as part of the allowed total.) It felt special. It felt that we were part of the chosen people. I thought of the days when our forefathers travelled 40 years in the desert and must have had some makeshift structures for prayer and not just the succah. I felt uplifted and was so pleased that some congregants, who wanted the live experience, could attend. We also had socially distanced eye to eye contact with Rabbi Natasha and some congregants in the garden and gazebo in the afternoons and

evenings. It really was special.

Yizkor is a special time for every community and this year we were able to have small meaningful, face to face, gatherings. They meant something and were really touching. At HEMS, we sadly had a number of members who were remembering loved ones who had died in

the last year. This was gripping for them, as it was the first time they could say kaddish in, face to face, company. It helped the mourners and we were pleased that the tradition lived on, in albeit an abridged and altered way.

One of our congregants lives in an assisted living location. Due to Covid, Lore Lucas was not able to attend the mini services especially as the first sitting was at 0815. She could not hear the shofar at RH and we decided to do some socially distanced shofar blowing. Chanan Shuall went out to the location and felt he was in an outdoor auditorium. He was blowing the shofar and 15 residents and staff watched from the first floor balcony – just like in a theatre, and listened to his powerful soundings. Other residents watched from their windows. It was a first and those of you who are regular HEMS service attendees, will know that the shehechyonu blessing is my personal favourite and it was fabulous that we could recite it in the open air. It was a shame that

Connor Buchalter, our other invited shofar blower, was not well on the day, as he was being shielded. We did say a Refuah shlemah for him and he recovered quickly. Just for the record we also said a shehechyonu for Rabbi Natasha as this was the first time she had ever blown a shofar at Rosh Hashannah and in the open air too. What will she do next year????

Adaptability is what the plumber – oops the Rabbi, worked hard to instil in the HEMS /MM

community, over the HHD period. Change had to be managed and manage is what she did. At Pesach, one hears the expression “next year in Jerusalem” and whilst we would not say that, we want to say “next year in a conventional building with a proper set of walls and a roof”, where we can all meet up again – even if there is still some form of social distancing.

From our correspondent in Spain!

by Richard Sclare

Richard & Maureen are members of Mosaic Reform and have lived in Spain for the past 13 years.

Hello to all & Happy New Year,

I have been asked to put down a few words about what life in Spain has been like over the last few months. Let us pray this New Year, will bring the world the relief it needs from this terrible pandemic.

Here in our part of Spain (the Costa Blanca area of the Alicante region) life has been interesting but not as devastating as a lot of areas. We were thrust quite rapidly into an extended lockdown and my wife and I, in common with most of what counts for



being in what is considered the most vulnerable age group, with underlying health conditions, were left nervous and unsure what to expect.

Neither of us being able to stand in queues at the local supermarket, was probably the biggest worry and would have proved a real problem, had our son Craig not been able to go on line and find kind and considerate people, who hurried to offer assistance.

One of these good Samaritans, a wonderful lady who in normal times worked as a Carer and lived quite near to us, made arrangements to shop for us, leaving our shopping outside our front door, so [Continued on following page >>](#)

that we didn't have to have physical contact. This system proved very successful and was literally a life saver, (here I must put in a word of praise for the locals in our area as there was no panic buying and the supermarket shelves were not stripped of essentials).

It was a few weeks before we were able to get any face masks or hand gel, so had no contact with the outside world for over 8 weeks, until the lockdown was lifted.

As the busiest season approached it was clear from the news that a lot of the Spanish people in holiday areas were worried over the prospect of re-opening for tourists.

The hotels, bars and restaurants were desperate for them to visit, but most people were anxious about the risks involved. These worries proved well founded, as it became clear fairly soon, that the virus was biding its time and, with the influx of tourists and seasonal workers (this area being a main

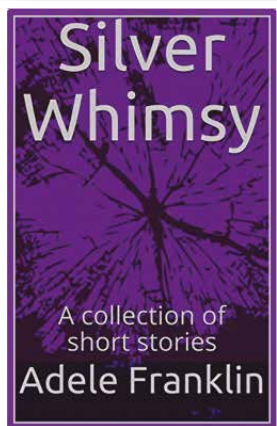
food producing area) it came back with a vengeance, a lesson for the future.

I have been impressed by the self-discipline of the people in this area, everybody wears masks, everybody maintains social distancing.

All shops, restaurants etc have stations set up at the entrance for hand sanitation, the local beaches have wardens patrolling to ensure regulations are complied with and the police are very strict in enforcing compliance.

So, although it is foolish to say we feel completely safe, we are reassured that as much as possible is being done for our protection. Probably the worst impact for us has been the separation from our children as, living and working in the UK, they have not been able to get out to visit us, a situation which we pray will resolve itself before too long.

Let me close by saying, please stay safe and healthy.



Adele Franklin

by Barbara Jacobs

On Tuesday 18th August we enjoyed another excellent 'Meet the Author' afternoon via Zoom with Mosaic.

Judy Silverton interviewed Mosaic Liberal's Adele Franklin about her long and interesting career as a Chartered Librarian in libraries and schools and her new book of short stories called "Silver Whimsy". Adele is a wonderful speaker and her lifelong love of reading led to her sharing this love of books with countless young people through her work.

Another fascinating "Meet the Author" afternoon. Thank you Adele, Judy and Mosaic.

Zooming in on the Chavurah Minyan

by David Bright



Each year when Elul comes around, we start the month before Rosh Hashanah by reciting the prayer *L'David HASHEM*. This call to arms, a wake up call that reminds us of the upcoming Holy Days is recited daily right up until *Hoshanah Rabbah*: In the prayer, we read "**ACHAT SHOALTI MEYET HASHEM...etc...One thing I ask of you god...I beseech you for a place to learn and pray in your presence, a sanctuary to come together for you...**" This very verse and the surrounding prayer sets out the fundamental reasons why The Chavurah Minyan was born back at the beginning of Covid.

Some 22 weeks ago and every Shabbat and Festival since then, likeminded individuals come together on Zoom and, without affiliation, we pray together. The importance of this service is only outweighed by the contentment one feels as we listen to the Weekly Musaf Service being chanted or one of the attendees giving a Dvar Torah. On Rosh Hashanah, over 100 people heard 100 blows

of the Shofar and on Yom Kippur over 100 people shared Kol Nidrei so deftly chanted for us by one of the leaders. On Yom Kippur day the very special Yizkor Service was recited and was answered by everyone with the recital of Mourners' Kaddish. On Sukkot, Hallel on the first day and Shemini Atzeret was enjoyed by all. With attendees from as far as Israel, Ireland, USA, Stoke, Hatch End and many more, we never realised how important this weekly service had become to so many.... "**One thing I ask of you G-d is a place to learn in your presence, a place to pray and a Sanctuary to do it for you!!**"

It has been my honour to host this weekly service for so many who otherwise had nowhere else to Daven. The weekly Chavurah Satellite Service has become a staple to many and will continue to be here for as long as Covid continues to dictate our social needs. I pray that we all stay safe, stay healthy and that this year brings us back to a tolerable normality.

An Extremely unusual Pre-High Holy Day Period...

by Gary Italiaander

For me personally, the last few years preparation for the HHDs has been quite busy with my role as the Regional CST Manager covering Harrow & Hillingdon. With this year's unique experience, it quickly became clear that the need for security would be different. I realised that this was the perfect time for me to step down from this role to concentrate on family matters. Managing my parents' subsidence claim and considering a move to another area would become my main focus, particularly as my portrait photography had to cease as I could not see clients in my studio.

Life had settled into a new and strange world that we are all completely unfamiliar with. A bit like being prisoners, albeit in our own homes, with an hour to exercise outside each day!

So, you can imagine my surprise when two big projects landed on me at more or less the same time and with the same timescale. The first, to create a commemorative book for Mosaic Reform's celebration of 60+ Years. The second was to create videos for the HHD period for Mosaic Masorti (of which I am a member). Both would take an enormous amount of work and in the middle of the projects, I would be having knee surgery, so all filming had to be completed before that.



For health reasons, all filming had to be done outside in my garden, so we had weather and extraneous noise to contend with. It just happened that the weather was hot – sometimes too hot

– and that created its own problems resulting in us having to erect a gazebo to protect all the film stars. My bench seat was converted into an ark. Much of the service, prepared by Rabbi Natasha, who also had various starring parts, included shofar blowing. Imagine the comments from my non-Jewish neighbours who had no clue what was going on with the lunatic photographer next door!

I must say, even with the years that the Italiaander Portrait Studio was based at Harrods, where I experienced many strange things, this was certainly unusual but also turned out to be a real pleasure. In particular, I appreciated the way that members of the congregation felt when having the opportunity to meet and not on Zoom, albeit for brief periods.

The filming also allowed for the addition of community 'Greetings' which was special and a first.

I understand that the films have been well-received and so, with both projects now completed, I can proceed with some sleep, other work and family matters!

Rescue, revive and restore

by Viv Block

Sunday 9th August 2020

Welcome to my man cave!
Power, kettle, heating, music and phone!



On the above very, very hot Sunday afternoon Reform member, Philip [Flip to his friends & family] Silverton treated us to a fascinating talk in respect of his many artistic talents. If any of you are familiar with The Repair Shop and Money for Nothing TV programmes he would most certainly be their shining star!

As a sun-worshipper I couldn't quite believe I was prepared to venture indoors to join in this particular 'Zoom'. However, along with some 37 other 'Zoomers' I did just that and was so pleased I made that choice.

Philip has had an intriguing career and has been commissioned by some very famous people to design stunning creations for their homes. One was the sister of the late Jackie Kennedy, who wanted a headboard made in a vinyl material. However, when Philip wrote the order for fabric the manufacturers couldn't

read his writing! So the finished headboard was, in fact, made from luxurious suede and was an instant success [thank God]. He also taught his skills in the classroom, and hopefully the children had the actual artistic ability to succeed in a vocation such as Philip's.

He seems to find lovely old pieces of furniture, planks of wood etc. and we were treated to a glimpse inside his 'man cave' where these works are created. He posted some lovely pictures of his finished items, together with a photo of lovely Judy sitting on his self-built decking area at their new bungalow reading a book.

He also told us about his fascination for classic cars and showed photos of those he had lovingly restored. I didn't like to tell him my ex and I had an Aston Martin!

It was a terrific way to spend an hour on a Sunday afternoon and grateful thanks as ever to Jane Prentice for organising it and to Stefan Roos for co-ordinating the whole 'Zoom' thingy!!

Collecting

by Hilda Cohen

Sunday 23rd August 2020

Whilst social distancing is still in place 22 weeks after lockdown began, members and friends of Mosaic Jewish community were treated to another 'Sharing our Hobbies' from the comfort of their own lounge. On this occasion, the theme was "Collecting" by Edwin Lucas, Michael Reik and George Vulkan who showed us

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selections of their collections of cruets, playing cards and newspapers.

What an amazing collection of salt and pepper cruets Edwin Lucas has got in his cabinet stocked up behind him which we had a good glimpse at. Edwin delivered his presentation by beginning with a humorous tale connecting one interesting collection to another, beginning with a life story and training children, kissing a frog, dating on a London bus while sightseeing... It was a treat to see the sets collected over the years in all sorts of shapes and sizes, and interesting pairings like the crook and the policeman.

Michael Reik then introduced his playing cards collection from all countries. The playing cards collected dated from 1658 to the present day. They all tell stories and were glimpses of history as we know it. Michael finished off by showing a pack of the latest playing cards from The Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards – the Covid-19 pack, which displayed the courts wearing masks, the jokers with 2-metre distancing stick and the back of the cards showing the Covid-19 symbol. It was a huge collection all the way from the seventeen hundreds to the modern day.

George Vulkan's interest in collecting newspapers began towards the end of World War 2 and he had kept newspapers of any particular interest such as D-Day and the



end of the war. It was history brought to life again through the newspapers collected and shared by George. The fascinating thing with George's collection is sometimes not the headlines but the small articles and little details which seem insignificant that give different insights.

As always, this was followed by a short Q&A session, and it has been an inspiration for us who watched this live Zoom event. If you missed it, you can see a recording of this session (and others) via the website.

Potty about pottery

by Viv Levinson

Sunday 23rd August 2020

In a world where, at the moment, we all feel that things are going to pot, that certainly is the case according to Karen Pollak, on her Sunday afternoon zoom about her hobby.

Karen explained how clay has been part of human culture since ancient times, and how, out of that, grew an interest in turning her own hand, quite literally, into a passion for making her own pieces.

She described her admiration for world-acclaimed potters, showing examples of their various techniques, to which she aspires.

This was followed by a "tour" of her own work shop – her "girl cave", tools, some ingeniously



improvised, and her kiln – not many of us can claim to have such an accessory!

She demonstrated in videos how to throw, shape and create patterns. If you have never

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tried a potter's wheel, believe me, it is really hard!

Moving on to pictures of several of her finished works, we could see beautiful glazes, various vessels, ornaments and plaques, each piece an individual work of art, many of which she makes with the recipient in mind.

Her commentary conveyed the love, knowledge and satisfaction she derives. Q & As followed, rounding off a far from potty presentation.

COMMUNAL THANKS

I would like to say how grateful and uplifted I have been during this difficult time by the zoom meetings that have taken place. There has been a variety of subjects, from book reviews to hobbies cooking and the funny one last week, 'don't make me laugh was a joy. We have such hidden talent within our community which has come out now. None of this would have been possible but for the hard work of the techy background boys and girls. Thank you.

Shirley Ariel

that is now what I am attempting to do.

I am reluctant to mention people by name as I am sure to miss out one or the other.

From the Rabbi, choir, community and office teams, the building project team, the committee and the huge amount of volunteers – they have all been amazing. The technical challenges can only have been solved by many hours of hard work, research and knowledge and a huge amount of dedication.

I think the fact that the congregation have been able to "see" each other, (not so in many other Synagogues) all the excellent interviews and get together and so many things on offer have all helped to bring our community closer together and been a great comfort in these difficult times.

So my very grateful thanks to all those who have made this possible.

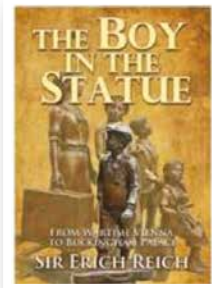
Frances Howard

Steve Levinson's Conversation With Sir Erich Reich

by *Harold Shupak*

1st September 2020

Steve's conversation with Sir Erich Reich was a fascinating tour of Sir Erich Reich's eventful life to date. Sir Erich explained that, after he and his family were expelled before the Second World War from Vienna where he had been born and forced to move to Poland because of his father's Polish nationality, he and his brother were two of the children who came to England via the Kindertransport and that their parents perished in Auschwitz. He mentioned that although he is the boy who forms part of the Kindertransport statue in Liverpool Street Station, he neither arrived in London by train nor played the violin. He and his brother arrived in London by ship. It was interesting to learn that there are several other Kindertransport statues in other European cities. Sir Erich then recounted how, through the auspices of the composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, who was the Chairman of



the Dorking Refugee Society, he was placed with a family in Dorking before moving to London where he attended Hasmonian School. He then moved to Israel where he lived on a kibbutz and fought in the Israel Defence Forces in the Suez War. In 1967 he returned to England and worked for Thomson Holidays where he so impressed them that he was appointed a director. He then worked for Thomas Cook Holidays after which he set up his own holiday business, Classic Holidays, which specialised in arranging charity activity holidays such as sponsored bike rides and sponsored walks, thus enabling vast sums of money to be raised for charity. Despite his warm, genial manner, he is clearly a determined go-getter and unsurprisingly he feels strongly about this country's need to give refuge to unaccompanied children seeking asylum.

Congratulations to Jane Prentice and her team for the outstanding speakers we have enjoyed on Sunday afternoons and alternate Tuesdays. The programme for November and December looks equally exciting. Do you personally know anyone we can approach to fill one of these slots in 2021? All suggestions will be gratefully received.

Meet the Author, Mike Leibling

by *Rosemary Wolfson*

We enjoyed another 'Meet the Author' session on 15th September.

Mike is self-employed, working as writer, strategist, mentor and coach and he has a passion for learning which has taken him through film studies at the BFI, screenwriting at Birkbeck College, and sitcoms and stand-up at City Lit.

When I was running a drama group many years ago, I acted in some of the unconventional plays he directed with such flair.

Mike has written and co-written a number of books including an international best-seller reference work, 'How People Tick'.

He founded Strategy Strategy™ in 1985 to help individuals and organisations to move on



in difficult situations or, preferably, to avoid 'situations' in the first place.

(Prior to this he was at Saatchi & Saatchi for 20 years, ultimately as International Strategic Planning Director.)

"How People Tick" is a practical guide to over 50 types of difficult people such as Angry People, Blamers, Impatient People, Workaholics and Gossips. Each difficult situation is described, how it happens is analysed, and then strategies to help you deal with the problem are suggested.

The most moving part of this fascinating talk was a description of how Mike had managed to help a woman gain self confidence in her career, in his position as a mentor.

Happy Birthday in October and November



Adam Feldman, 12
Sophie Kenton, 11
Sam Landau, 11
Amy Phillips, 9
Max Burzynski, 7
Maia Leigh-Ellis, 4

Naomi Witte, 7
Mia Brummell, 13
Nicholas Young, 19
Aadhya
Aadidaivam-Kohen, 9



UPCOMING EVENTS

Zoom Details for all the following events will be available on the weekly notices



Meet the Glass Artist

Sunday 1st November, 4.00 pm

Eva Edery creates stunning, custom, hand-made sculptural glass wall art. Her collections 'The Journey', 'The Tree of Life' and 'Finding the Balance' all draw inspiration from and reflect Eva's insights from battling and surviving cancer.

Eva's Mediterranean heritage, as well as other cultural experiences from living in several countries, is key and influences the vibrancy of colours, hues and shapes found in her designs and she takes her inspiration from Mondrian, Miro, Picasso and Pollock as well as the Impressionists, whose use of light and reflection informs and guides her work.

Eva also creates Art with the chuppah glass shards from the Jewish wedding ceremony.

Meet the Scientist

Tuesday 10th November, 2.30pm



Steve Levinson will interview Mark Walport.

Mark is the Chairman of the Kennedy Memorial Trust and the recently retired founding Chief

Executive of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), which is responsible for the public funding of research and innovation. He was Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of the Government Office for Science from April 2013 to September 2017; and is a member of SAGE.

His previous career highlights include Director of the Wellcome Trust (2003 to 2013), and previously Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Medicine at Imperial College London. Mark received a knighthood in the 2009 New Year Honours List for services to medical research and was elected a Fellow of The Royal Society in 2011 and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2017.



Meet the Sculptor

Sunday 8th November, 4.00pm

Mosaic members and friends are invited to meet sculptor, Robert Erskine, who will be interviewed by Alex Gerlis.

An insatiable curiosity, a magnetic attraction to engines, mechanics and all things motive especially cars, and creating sculpture, is the tip of a hybrid iceberg that best describes Robert Erskine.

Robert Erskine BA(Hons) MA FRSS OBA, International Beit Award for Public Sculpture Excellence, Fellow Royal Society of Sculptors.

Meet the Butterfly Photographer

Sunday 15th November, 4.00pm

Nick Prentice will introduce Yealand Kalfayan.

Yealand is a retired GP from Bristol, who has become a very accomplished wildlife photographer, specialising in flowers and insects and is an expert on butterfly behaviour.

His latest work "A Kaleidoscope of Butterflies", a joint venture with the author Jonathan Bradley, has recently been published. This sumptuous book is a devotion to and celebration of all the butterfly species found in the UK... and, if you didn't know, the answer



is 59. How many can you recall seeing beyond Cabbage White, Red Admiral, Peacock and, maybe Orange-tip? The book is available via Amazon, the sales of which are supporting Butterfly Conservation.

Yealand will talk about his fascination for butterflies, their behaviour and how you get organised to take such incredible photographs of such active insects.

Meet the Author of 'Red Sea Spies'

Sunday 22nd November, 4.00pm



Raffi Berg will give a presentation on the amazing story of the Red Sea Spies at 4.00 pm.

Raffi Berg is the Middle East editor of the BBC News website. A journalist for nearly 30 years, he has a particular interest in events in Israel, from where he has reported extensively in times of war and peace. He graduated in Modern and Medieval History from the London School of Economics, and was a student of Jewish and Israel studies at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Raffi is based in London, where he lives with his family.

Red Sea Spies : Narrative

Secret agents, a lost Biblical tribe and a fake holiday resort – brought together in one of the most astonishing operations ever carried out by Israel's intelligence service. Raffi's debut book Red Sea Spies – written in collaboration with the commander of the mission – lifts the lid on how the Mossad smuggled thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel in the early 1980s, using a bogus holiday village as cover. A copy of the book is available @ Amazon UK.



November Quiz

Sunday 29th November, 4.00pm

John Ashmele will present another on-line interactive tea-time quiz in the comfort of your own homes. The quiz should last no longer than one hour; you mark your own papers and there are sadly no prizes (boo!).

December Quiz

Sunday 27th December, 4.00pm

John Ashmele will present another on-line interactive tea-time quiz in the comfort of your own homes. The quiz should last no longer than one hour; you mark your own papers and there are still sadly no prizes (boo!).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn about the History of Angels Costumes

Tuesday 24th November, 2.30pm

Mosaic members and friends are invited to meet Jeremy Angel.

Angels Costumes is a supplier of costumes to the film, theatre and television industries. The company, founded in 1840, is the longest-established costume supplier in the world, and has supplied costumes to 37 films that have received the Academy Award for Best Costume Design, including *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* and *Shakespeare in Love*.

The Angels warehouse houses an estimated five million items on approximately ten miles of rails. Angels can provide costumes from any period and country from its stock, and also has 3 making rooms enabling them to make bespoke pieces for customers, new pieces for stock and to be able to alter any piece from the warehouse. In 2016, Angels won the BAFTA for Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema and is the only costume house to be recognised by BAFTA or the Oscars for an award.



Meet the Lord Lieutenant

Sunday 6th December, 4.00pm



Robert Voss, CBE CstJ, was awarded a CBE "for services to British Industry and voluntary work in the UK" in the New Year's Honours List of 2014 and was appointed Her Majesty's Lord-

Lieutenant of Hertfordshire by The Queen in 2017, a position he will hold until 2028.

Robert spent 40 years in the commodity business,

was elected President of the British Metals Association at the age of 31 is a judge and mentor for Young Enterprise and has been a regular judge of The National Business Awards since 2006

HM the Queen appoints a Lord Lieutenant for each county on the advice of the Prime Minister, who consults widely in the county concerned. Lord Lieutenants cover all areas of the UK. The Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire is Her Majesty's representative within the county, and it is his first and foremost duty to uphold the dignity of the Crown. Lord Lieutenants are not political figures.

Meet the Human Rights Activist

Tuesday 8th December, 2.30pm

Steve Levinson will interview Mia Hasenson-Gross, the Jewish voice for human rights, at 2.30pm.

Mia joined René Cassin in 2015 and is their Executive Director. Before that, she worked for Amnesty International as International Projects Advisor where she acquired in-depth knowledge of international human rights work and experience in human rights education, campaigning and organisational development. Prior to joining the staff of Amnesty she was Managing Director of the Hanan Aynor Foundation for Ethiopian Immigrant Students in Jerusalem and was Chairperson of Amnesty International's Israel Section.

Mia is now a fellow of the Dangoor Senior Leadership Programme and is a graduate fellow of the Minerva Centre for Human Rights at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate Chanukah with David Pollak

Sunday 13th December, 4.00pm

All Mosaic members and friends are invited to join David Pollak and his guitar for a Chanukah Celebration to include stories, songs, dancing, candle lighting and maybe more. It will be the 4th night of Chanukah so do have your Chanukah ready. Doughnuts (or something sweet) are an optional extra!



Meet the Gemmologist

Sunday 20th December, 4.00pm



Menahem Sevdemish came to the UK from Israel initially working as a porter at Northwick Park Hospital. A chance advert in the Harrow Observer led to his working for a jewellery

manufacturer in Hatton Garden. Whilst there, he attended the John Cass College, where he studied Gemmology, passing with distinction and becoming a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of GB, far

from his intention of becoming a doctor!

On returning to Israel in 1974, he established the first gemmological laboratory and school of gemmology in Israel. He went on to write "The Dealer's Book of Gems & Diamonds" which was the first book on this subject in Hebrew, later to be translated into English and even Chinese. The book is used as a recognised text book at the Gem-A in London. He is an internationally recognised authority on gem commercialisation and gemstone processing, sourcing and cutting. "GemeWizard" is Menahem's brainchild. This invention is a digital solution for colour communication in gemstones and diamonds, gem grading with a diamond and gem trading platform used worldwide as a teaching tool as well as for trade and appraisals.

Meet the Rabbi

Tuesday 22nd December, 2.30pm

Alan Solomon will be in conversation with Rabbi Alexander Dukhovny, Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine of the Progressive Jewish congregations at 2:30 pm

Rabbi Alexander Dukhovny obtained his Semicha in 1999 together with his late wife Rabbi Erlene Wahlhaus-Dukhovny. Before that he was the assistant rabbi at Mosaic Liberal from 1998 to 1999. After the Semicha, Rabbi Dukhovny moved back home to Ukraine, where for the last 21 years he has held the position of Chief Rabbi of the Progressive Jewish Congregations in that country. Alan Solomon will be asking him about the various problems – political, safety and financial – which he faces in looking after the needs of a total of 47 congregations spread throughout the second largest country by area in Europe.





Board of Deputies Debate

Held by Zoom August 23rd

The meeting was held to discuss two motions concerning the Board's policy on Israel with its neighbours

Motion (a) Proposed by Adrian Cohen, Seconded Ben Crowne – "This Board of Deputies hereby resolves to, remain an advocate for a permanent, comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, resulting in a secure Israel alongside a viable Palestinian state and to promote peace projects that unite communities and resist boycotts that divide communities."

Motion B: Proposed by Anthony Bolchover, Seconded Karen Solomon – "This Board of Deputies will welcome any mutually agreed peace settlement between Israel and its neighbours and adopts no position on the form such a settlement should take."

Originally there was also a motion opposing Annexation by Israel of its Territories, but this motion was removed because of the Agreement between Israel and UAE and postponement of Annexation by the Israeli Government (as announced by Benjamin Netanyahu).

Various points in the debate included

Policy of board must state Palestinian Question by name and not refer to states a good 2500

miles away; is in favour of Motion (a)

- Policy should allow for any changing situation to be accommodated, ie by not limiting debate only to the Palestinian Question, shows in favour of outside agreement. ie in favour of Motion (b)
- By supporting Motion (a) we allow Israel continuously to be attacked from outside by opposing forces. Motion (b) avoids this
- Criticism, that both motions serve no purpose as we can have no influence whatever the situation on Israel.
- One member from Watford Community carried out his own survey of all the members of the community as for views on the original three motions and found equal approval on all three motions which showed the considerable interest and care for the State of Israel by his Jewish Community. This shows the need to have a debate within the community on matters affecting the State of Israel.

Comments were made that we should not be speaking about Israel Policy as we do not live there. This was countered by others that the actions of the Israeli Government directly affect the Jews of the UK and therefore we have a right to speak on matters taking place in Israel.

- Many speakers debated including one from a new member of the Board from the Sephardi Community who was speaking from the back of her car returning from the airport

Vote was taken then on

- Motion (a) The vote was 95 for, 55 against, 15 abstentions.

- Motion (b) the vote was 73 for, 74 against, 17 abstentions

Motion (a) was very much the existing policy of the Board and was therefore proven to be the majority policy of the delegates.

Board of Deputies Plenary

by Michael Reik – BOD Rep Mosaic Reform

Held by Zoom Sunday September 13th

The first young Peoples BOD Conference was held under the instigation of Vice President Edwin Schucker with 100 young adults present. This was an excellent start for the future of the representation of British Jewry. A report was provided by Sally Patterson and Nathan Baroda.

Two new applications for membership of the Board of Deputies were then made: the first by Sadeh Farm and the second by Magen David Adom. Both were admitted with the minimum 2/3 vote passed.

The accounts were then presented by the Treasurer, Stuart Macdonald. He confirmed the BOD finances were in good shape.

Louise Ellman said how delighted she was at the suppression of the Rappa Hate Stream. She requested that the Board step up its

opposition to online hate chat happening at all.. The Board will be engaging with Home Secretary, Priti Patel, on this and similar matters.

Amanda Bowman (Vice President Defence) stated a wish that Social Media Websites that do not act against Racist Comments should be penalised.

Again, there was discussion on the need to update the Community on Organ Donation participation.

Now old news, but it was confirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain had announced normal arrangements with Israel would be signed in an Agreement with Israel at the same time as an agreement in Washington between Israel and UAE in the following week



Mosaic JACS Programme

November - December



All JACS events will be on-line using a Zoom meeting, starting at 2:30 pm

Tuesday 3rd November

The Yom Kippur War and the aftermath – a personal view. David Allard

Tuesday 17th November

A guided tour of Hampstead – Sue Gil

Tuesday 1st December

The financial Market today – a female view. Elissa Bayer, senior Investment Director at Investec.

Tuesday 15th December

Churchill and the Jews – Richard Cohen, lawyer and Chair of the Jewish historical society, Essex.

OBITUARY

Betty Davis

Alan Solomon writes

A link with the old Wembley Liberal Synagogue (later Harrow & Wembley Progressive and now of course Mosaic Liberal) was broken in October with the sad passing of Betty Davis. She and her late husband, Geoffrey, were stalwarts of the shul during our time in the old building at Preston Road. Betty was Hon Secretary for a number of years and was prominent in the members' choir, and also sang in Group 326, the Synagogue's very successful song and dance group. She and Geoffrey (a former Chairman of the Union of Liberal & Progressive Synagogues, now Liberal Judaism) also helped to raise funds at our annual Bazaar on the Handbag stall.

Although they left us to join Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue when they moved to Northwood, they are both remembered with great affection by a number of us who recall their great involvement in and devotion to the shul over many years.

For zoom details for all the following events visit the mosaic website

<https://choosemosaic.Org/whats-on/events/>

NOVEMBER

Sun 1st	16.00	Meet the Glass Artist – Eva Edery
Tue 3rd	14.30	JACS
Wed 4th	20.00	Masorti & Reform Council meetings
Sat 7th		Shabbat Vayeira
		Mosaic Reform Bat Mitzvah – Ava Kenton
Sun 8th	09.45	HaMakom
	16.00	Meet the Sculptor – Robert Erskine
Tue 10th	14.30	Meet the Scientist – Professor Sir Mark Walport
Wed 11th	20.00	Liberal Council meeting
Sat 14th		Shabbat Chaye-Sarah
Sun 15th	09.45	HaMakom. Mitzvah Day
	16.00	Meet the Butterfly Photographer – Yealand Kalfayan
Tue 17th	14.30	JACS – A Guided Tour of Hampstead
Sat 21st		Shabbat Toldot
Sun 22nd	09.45	HaMakom
	16.00	Meet the Author of "Red Sea Spies" – Raffi Berg
Tue 24th	14.30	Meet Jeremy Angel of Angels Costumes
Sat 28th		Shabbat Vayeitze
Sun 29th	09.45	HaMakom
	16.00	Quiz with John Ashmele

DECEMBER

Tue 1st	14.30	JACS – The Financial Market Today – A Female View
Wed 2nd		Kehila copy date
	20.00	Council meetings
Sat 5th		Shabbat Vayishlach
Sun 6th	09.45	HaMakom
	16.00	Meet Robert Voss CBE DL, Lord Lieutenant of Herts
Tue 8th	14.30	Meet Mia Hasenson-Gross, Human Rights Activist
Thur 10th		1st candle Chanukah
Sat 12th		Shabbat Vayeshev
Sun 13th	09.45	HaMakom – term ends
	16.00	Celebrate Chanukah with David Pollak
Tue 15th	14.30	JACS – Churchill & The Jews
Thur 17th		Kehila distribution
		8th candle Chanukah
Sat 19th		Shabbat Mikketz
Sun 20th	16.00	Meet the Gemmologist – Menahem Sevdemish
Tue 22nd	14.30	Meet Rabbi Alex Dukhovny from Ukraine
Sat 26th		Shabbat Vayigash
Sun 27th	16.00	Quiz with John Ashmele



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