

The Magazine of the **Mosaic Jewish Community**

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From Hill (Harrow)...



... To Hill (Stanmore, No. 65)



**We're on our way!**

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## Property Update

An open meeting via Zoom was joined by over 120 members at the end of November to provide an update on our move from Bessborough Road to Stanmore Hill. It was also an opportunity for members to ask questions about the building plans and view a detailed presentation illustrating how Stanmore Hill can be configured internally.

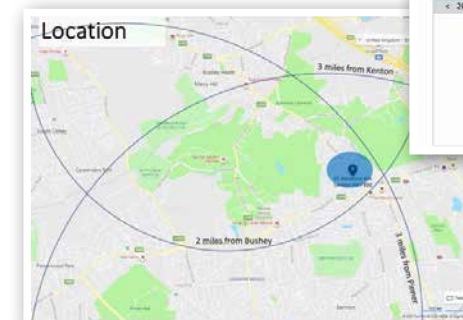
The planning process has proved to be a lengthy one during which we have had to contend with unexpected difficulties caused by Covid 19, but we have now reached a significant milestone where planning permissions have been granted and the way ahead is clearer.

Lead by Mosaic reform chairman, Harry Grant, the presentation provided a reminder of why we are moving to Stanmore. An important reason is geography, with the new location taking us nearer to Jewish populations in Bushey and Hertfordshire while still being close to Pinner, and Harrow.

The map shows how the new location places us in relation to these areas.

There were also slides showing the building's exterior from various directions, which illustrated the juxtaposition of the ground floor synagogue building with the flats above and the positioning of the site in relation to nearby roads and housing.

The meeting heard that under the agreement with the developers we now only vacate Bessborough Road once major structural work has been completed on the foundations of 65 Stanmore Hill. This means we can stay in Bessborough Road longer than originally anticipated and the interim period between buildings is a little shorter than had appeared likely.



The best estimate is that we shall be leaving Bessborough Road in March/April 2021 and moving into Stanmore Hill in March/April 2022. There is still a possibility that we may be able to gather again in Bessborough Road before we move out, but this [Continued on following page >>](#)

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will depend on Covid regulations.

There have inevitably been some changes to the original arrangement with the developers but the main elements remain – we sell Bessborough Road to them, and they build on 65 Stanmore Hill to provide a new ground floor home for Mosaic with flats above. Our new home will have a 999 year lease, and the developers will also pay a guaranteed cash sum to Mosaic Reform, plus a profit share if targets are met on the flat sales.

The main focus of the meeting and the questions that followed were on the internal options for spaces for religious and communal activities.

The ground floor has 15% more usable space than Bessborough Road, with a capacity of 500+ people. The options this gives are numerous, which is why the partitioning is so important. We could, for example, provide three large services of 150 each, or on High Holydays a main service for 400 and a family service of 150.

flexibility for use of the new central space

- Ability to hold 4 or 5 services with high performance sound proofing partitions
- Reconfiguration to provide up to three mid-week activity spaces for clubs, talks or lunches with coffee lounge and library
- Reconfiguration to provide up to 12 teaching spaces for HaMakom
- A light, airy and spacious entrance lobby with appropriate artwork.
- And of course other amenities including offices, disabled facilities, toilets, cloakroom and kitchen.



All this requires organisation and volunteers to help with the move from Bessborough road, the interim arrangements and the move into Stanmore Hill.

There are opportunities to join one of the teams dealing with these challenges, including ensuring that the new building has the feel and look that members would expect.

To find out more please contact us via the office (020 8864 0133) or at [newhome@choosemosaic.org](mailto:newhome@choosemosaic.org)

Further updates will follow as the Covid situation develops and we move closer to moving out of Bessborough Road and make arrangements for the interim period that follows.

## Overview of the building

- The heart of the building is a large flexible space that can be configured in a number of different ways (examples follow).
- This large flexible space is 1/4 of our building (compared to under 1/4 of Bessborough Rd), and the space is 15% larger than the flexible hall space at Bessborough Road
- The remaining 3/4 of our new home provides:
  - The entrance lobby
  - A kitchen (similar to Bessborough Rd)
  - 10 toilets including disabled / baby change, and a shower
  - An administration office, with space for volunteers to work
  - A cloakroom



The space is very flexible and can be used in numerous different ways, catering for social events, HaMakom, weekday and evening activities. The key features include:

- 70 metres of partition walls to allow total

## When the going gets tough...

*by Trudy Segal*

Mosaic over the past months has shown both spiritually, emotionally and socially what binds us together. It is in difficult times – and 2020 certainly wins the prize on that score – that we see community spirit at its best.

This comes as no surprise as we have always been a “can do” community as highlighted in the 60th anniversary publication listing so many occasions whether fund raising,

educating or supporting the vulnerable where “we’ve rolled up our sleeves and got on with it”. It is this attitude that has got us through this unbelievably challenging year and bodes well for our move.

Nothing happens by magic – so a massive thank you from all of us who have been uplifted by the services, entertained and educated by all the events and have shared good times and bad in this never to be forgotten year.

## 100 Thanks!

*by Sam Walport*

Very many thanks for the unexpected box of Cornish goodies; they are on the menu for today’s teatime enjoyment, and we shall accompany it with a glass of champagne and pretend that we are at Claridges.

As Jane will confirm, I am of the shy, retiring type who is somewhat antisocial, which explains my reluctance to participate in shul activities and, while I appreciate the idea of public demonstration, it isn’t for me. But I do feel part of a close-knit group of people who have survived everything that hostile forces have thrown at us, and this only strengthens my affiliation with Jewry.

My best wishes to Kathleen, and to all the hard workers at Bessborough Road.





## Winter is coming

*Jeff Highfield, Co-chair, Mosaic Jewish Community*

Last week, being the age I am, I got my letter from the DWP confirming I'll be getting my Winter Fuel Payment soon – I'm sure many of you got one too. My first thought was, whoopee, £100, that's the extra special Chanukah present sorted, then. My second thought was, hang on, the shul could probably make better use of it than I can, or will know members of the community who need some extra help and support in the coming Covid winter.

If you're in the fortunate position of being able to donate your Winter Fuel Payment to



your shul, please, please consider doing so. Make an online payment to your shul's bank account using the reference "Winter donation" or phone the Mosaic office with your debit card handy. Or hit the "donate" button on the home page of the Mosaic website and use the reference "Winter donation" plus "Liberal or Masorti or Reform" as appropriate.

And I expect in a week or two I'll get my letter about the Christmas bonus. That's another £10 to consider donating.

Thanks and Chanukah sameach.



## Mosaic JACS Programme

*December - January*



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

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December

A walk through the former Jewish quarter of Berlin – Eyal Roth. We will visit the site of the women's protest in the Rosenstraße, have a look at an old cemetery (1672) where the father of the Jewish enlightenment movement, Mozes Mendelssohn, is buried and have a look at the Neue synagogue (built 1866). Between the sites Eyal will weave in the story of Berlin's Jews during the period of the third Reich.

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

The Legacy of Anne Frank – Gillian Perry MBE  
Gillian will discuss how Anne Frank's insight into human nature and her unwavering messages of hope have influenced many people around the world.

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January

The Impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Music – Viv Bellos (MBE) will give an overview of music in Synagogues, concert halls and the home before, during and after WW2 with musical illustrations

## From the Mosaic Reform Chairman

*by Harry Grant*

I'm writing this note at least 4 weeks before you are likely to be reading it and, with apologies to Charles Dickens, I write with great expectations.

The beginning of December 2020 gives much to look forward to.

I very much hope that planning permission on Stanmore Hill will

shortly go unconditional, and that digging and everything that goes with it will get under way soon. Bessborough Road is starting to look empty, although there is still much to do there. Notwithstanding the pandemic, we are looking for opportunities to organise a fond farewell to our home of 40+ years, or possibly several fond farewells, so please watch this space.

A vaccination for Covid19 is coming closer although, while we are waiting, I'm just about to go on a mercy mission to a daughter-in-law and granddaughter who have both just tested positive, with chicken soup, the next best thing when you feel under the weather.

Chanukah is rapidly approaching and it will be very different this year. Although there will be less partying in person, there will more on zoom, not to mention the latkes and doughnuts.

Walking near my house, seasonal decorations have started going up in every street. They bring light and pleasure to many



and I only hope that accident and emergency departments haven't been overcome with people falling off ladders while doing their bit to cheer up their neighbourhood.

But the most exciting thing for me about early December is the count down to the 21st, the day on which nights stop getting

longer and start to recede. Despite the onset of winter and the credit card bills that so many complain about in January, there is light on the horizon, it is getting bigger, and it isn't an oncoming train.

So look forward with me to 2021 and get motivated by all the opportunities within our Community to do something, anything, for someone less fortunate than yourself. And if you are looking for motivation, you will do no better than to get hold of one of our 60th anniversary books, a wonderful tribute to the first 60 years of Middlesex New, and now Mosaic Reform. It is a wonderful chronicle of what we have done. Check with the office asap to see if there is any stock remaining as it will give endless hours of memories and of inspiration based upon what the founders of our Community did for us.

## Remembrance Sunday

*by Caroline Chadwick, Hon Secretary Mosaic Reform Synagogue*

I was very honoured to lay the wreath on behalf of Mosaic Reform Synagogue at the pared-down wreath laying ceremony outside Harrow Civic Centre. It certainly was a very different experience this year with no crowds watching, no speeches, no singing, no music. It felt very sterile with no representatives of all the voluntary organisations usually represented to celebrate Harrow's amazing diversity. However, it still felt very special to stand at the memorial and quietly remember all our veterans and what heroic actions they did on behalf of our country in the first and second world wars. We must never forget and always remember these wonderful people.



Hopefully next year, we will be able to hold our normal memorial service with all the speeches, music, parades and lots of people all remembering our wonderful veterans.

## Bereavement Care Conference 2020

*by Jane Harrison*



GRIEF with the volume turned up. That is what we have been facing during this terrible pandemic.

Those were the words we could all empathise with spoken by Julia Samuel, MBE, a leading psychotherapist and founder of Child Bereavement UK. She was speaking to over 200 delegates from all faiths and none, healthcare and bereavement professionals

at the 39<sup>th</sup> Bereavement Care Conference, entitled "When Covid Strikes", held for the first time via zoom on November 4.

She spoke about how crucial it was to grieve "naturally" with family and friends at the graveside and receive ongoing physical support. She said: "This has been dulled down dramatically. Grief being suspended is much more likely, the fury and confusion much

more heightened."

She compared the Covid deaths to a traumatic or sudden death where you have to deal with the trauma before the grief. She said: "Grief often feels like fear and the connection with other people like a hug really helps."

Julia said zoom was better than nothing as people pick up 70% of feelings from one's face. It was helpful to give clients coping mechanisms and stressed the importance of breathing as well as physical exercises.

She said: "The main thing you can offer is humanity, a willingness to sit with someone. When someone voices what they are thinking it takes some of the tension away from it."

She said young people were more emotionally literate and partly, thanks to social media, able to "name what is going on. Help them acknowledge their distress. Then you can build a set of behaviours and habits that help build resilience."

Rabbi Aaron Goldstein, Senior Rabbi at Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue, said youngsters were concerned with loss: grandparents who have been involved in bringing them up can't hug them, the structure of school has broken down, they can't be with friends.

He said: "can they follow their dreams, go to university, have a career? Rather than impose our thoughts we should listen to them, ask questions. We are in a pandemic. Death is a word we need to explain, not use euphemisms. We also need to celebrate life."

Paul Parsons, Adult Bereavement Services Co-ordinator at St Christopher's Hospice, spoke about the dual process model and Covid.

He said when you are bereaved you tend

to veer between loss orientated grief which is more emotional where you might avoid social contact to restoration grief where you want to move on, show a stiff upper lip.

He said: "Neither is healthy if it's only one or the other. If we can oscillate between the two we can be more resilient but Covid is similar to an unnatural death like murder or suicide, hampering the grieving process."

He said it was important to be pro-active, for communities to reach out and take advantage of the new online way of working, to give peer support. He said: We have to adapt our services to meet the needs of the community."

Ummi Merali, an internationally renowned scholar and teacher with a background in Islamic education, said: "Grief is chaotic. There is no expiration date. Covid has taken away the comfort of skin to skin contact. People have been told over the phone their loved ones have died and they haven't been able to say goodbye."

She spoke about the pain of holding grief in and how it can eat away at someone, adding: "It's OK to cry and reach out. Everyone is entitled to their emotions. You must validate someone's grief."

She suggested virtual hugs, encouraging someone to make positive memories about their loved ones and to "forgive the person who has died and yourself."

Ruth Caleb, a wellbeing consultant and former head of counselling at Brunel University, spoke about the importance of caring for carers. She said barriers to self-care was lack of self-worth and that it was against our instincts to care for ourselves.

She added: We cannot solve everyone's problems. We are not indispensable. If we

take care of ourselves we can offer the best care to others. Put our own oxygen mask on first."

Hillingdon Mayor Cllr Teji Barnes said Bereavement Care was another level of the front line and had coped admirably in the face of the pandemic.

She said: "I want to thank you for all your time, effort and unconditional care to people who are suffering. What you do is second to none."

Conference members and speakers were welcomed by Judy Silverton, from Mosaic Reform synagogue and chairman of the conference planning group.

### Rabbi Rachel Benjamin continues:

I was also at this webinar, and just wanted to add a few words to Jane's excellent summary.

In Julia Samuel's superb presentation, she touched on the importance of building resilience to cope with loss and grief. The suggestions she made would be beneficial not only to those who are grieving, and those who

are supporting them, but to all of us, living through this pandemic.

She has created a model to help us do that, which she calls the Eight Pillars of Strength. I strongly recommend having a look at this on her website – <https://julasamuel.co.uk/pillars-of-strength>. It covers aspects such as our relationships with others, our relationship with ourselves, ways of expressing emotion, knowing our limits and building structures to give us strength. 'Self-compassion' was a term Julia Samuel used quite frequently and she stressed the importance of taking care of ourselves, of creating a safe place, doing short breathing exercises to centre ourselves, and moving our bodies – exercise can make a huge difference to our sense of wellbeing.

Julia Samuel shared with us many insights, and one that particularly struck me is the importance of hope – 'hope is the alchemy that can turn your life around', she said. Acknowledge the dark, but try to focus on the light, and build a framework that offers the possibility of hope.

## Mosaic Monthly Mitzvah(MMM): Here we come!

*by Hephzibah Hall*

The launch of our Mitzvah Day initiative, which commenced with a two hour Zoom session on Sunday morning 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020, was not for the faint hearted! The Card-Making Team (CMT) led by Joan Noble, Jeanette Leibling and Rabbi Rachel

were out in force in support of our three designated charities: Aleh in Israel, Save A Child's Heart and the care home Heathlands near Manchester.

The CMT session included presentations, 'show and tell' (this was fun!), that all important

tea/coffee accompanied with much laughter and chat as each worked on either Chanukah, Get Well Soon or Thinking Of You cards. It was, as you can see from the photos, a 'Hallmark' moment for some of us who also found it therapeutic, as well as discovering hidden talents for this craft. HaMakom were also out making challah covers for the shul in Belarus, with Rabbi Kathleen taking the task seriously and diligently, creating amazing items with love and care. How amiable and wise to teach and show the young the importance of mitzvot.

According to Dr Caroline Leaf, serving others will change our bodies and brain function right down to the level of our DNA and quantum energy. We 'lockdown' in isolation but flourish when we entangle in the lives of others,



enhancing, in turn, the quality of our own lives. What a healthy way to emerge from this worldwide 'lockdown' by launching Mosaic as a community of more sharing, more helping, supporting each other even more, as Torah is 'action-orientated'. The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks wrote, "When it comes to rebuilding the ruins of catastrophe, you do not wait for permission. You take the risk and walk ahead. Faith is more than obedience. It is courage to create". Our MMM could serve as our 'Go! Create and rebuild a better community' – looking towards the future (on Stanmore Hill), and looking to rebuild after this pandemic. We look forward to welcoming you to our MMM project. Watch this space!

## Linking the Past, Present and Future

*by Barbara Grant & Joan Noble*



Holocaust Memorial Day has been marked in the UK since the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. By way of the Stockholm Declaration, signed by Tony Blair, members of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) pledged to strengthen our efforts to promote education, remembrance

and research about the Holocaust.

Four years ago, Mosaic Jewish Community was invited to join a consortium of local Progressive and Orthodox Synagogues, first established in Northwood over 19 years ago. This charity, now known as Holocaust Learning UK, welcomes teenage students from local secondary *Continued on following page >>*



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schools into Synagogues for a half day event at the end of January each year. The session includes carefully prepared workshops, facilitated by our own trained members and helpers, as well as a moving testimonial from a Holocaust survivor which always leaves a lasting impression on the young people. The scheme is supported by the Holocaust Education Trust (HET) and over 3000 students attend these sessions around the 27th January each year.

The Trustees of Holocaust Learning UK have recognised that these sessions in their current form will not be possible for 2021 and to that end have been working on a Docufilm entitled, "Out of the Darkness" to allow students to experience key aspects of the Holocaust, and,

crucially, to hear the compelling history of a Survivor. This hour-long film will be available to schools through their website over a period of eight weeks, starting at the beginning of February.

We will hopefully be able to welcome students into our Synagogue again in 2022 but in the interim this film will provide an opportunity for young people to learn from the past.

Members can find out more can by visiting

<https://holocaustlearninguk.org/>

<https://www.het.org.uk/>

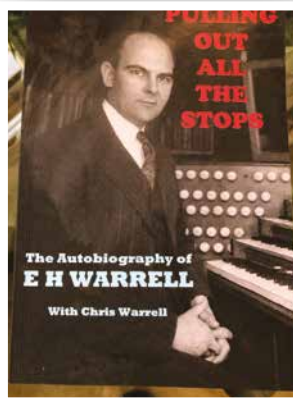
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"Be Light in the darkness"

27th January 2021

## Pulling Out All The Stops

John Warrell was Mosaic Liberal's much loved and admired organist for 20 years (1990 - 2010). His autobiography, co-written with his son, Chris, is now available. Entitled, "Pulling Out All The Stops", it chronicles his musical career as a soloist, teacher at King's College and head organist at Southwark Cathedral as well as his escapades in the S.O.E. during World War II.



and friend. He played for our services at High Holydays until he died at the age of 95. Many of us attended a packed service of remembrance at Southwark Cathedral where his ashes are buried. The burial place is marked with a plaque. His memory is indeed a blessing.

The book of over 130 pages includes photographs and costs £6 plus £1.75 postage and packing. Please contact

[chriswarrell@talktalk.net](mailto:chriswarrell@talktalk.net) to order.

John's life was colourful and many faceted. We at HWPS, now ML, were privileged to have this exceptional musician as our organist

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

A limited edition souvenir book commemorating over 60 years of history of Middlesex New Synagogue and Mosaic Reform has now been published. It contains many personal recollections and images highlighting the members, events and activities that have contributed to the growth and success of the synagogue, as well as marking the start of an exciting future away from Bessborough Road.

The following comments are just a selection of those received:

*"Brilliant book. Such fond memories"*

– Gordon Smith

*"What a delight!"* – Rosalie Tobe

*"What a beautiful memento! It certainly brought back lots of memories"*

– Darren Selman

*"A real treat. It is so beautifully produced"*

– David Jacobs

*"What an entertaining and thought-provoking piece of work I found it to be! The quality of the book itself is first class – smooth pages, beautiful photographs and memories – a real quality publication from every perspective"* – Jonathan Feldman

The book is selling for £19.50 (plus postage & packing if you're unable to collect it). Please contact the office to buy your copy while stocks last. When they're gone, they're gone!



## Happy Birthday in December & January to:

Asher Leigh-Ellis, 3

Beth Witte, 9

Chloe Shackell, 11

Danny Ellison, 12



## Zoom is my new friend

*by Edwin Lucas*

Zoom is new. Zoom is exciting. Zoom is a comforter. Zoom is a time saver. Zoom is a fact of life.

Where do I start? Zoom means so much to me in my role as a co-chair at Mosaic Masorti. What would we do without it? Well, without zoom we would, in my unhumble view, not have done so well mentally over the Covid pandemic period which has been in our lives for 8 lonely months. It has enabled us to have Council meetings of MM as well as Board meeting for the Wider Mosaic. Meetings start on time AND they finish earlier. There is no travelling by bus, car, or underground to a meeting as they are in the comfort of our own homes. They are a great time manager and everyone can see everyone on the screen. What a wonderful discovery. In the early part of the year I was comforted by Zoom in as far as many people, who could not get out, could meet on Zoom for a chat and a blether and feel part of the wider Mosaic community. New friendships were made and just last Shabbas a family from another Mosaic constituent part came to the Masorti havdalah service and commented how lovely it was to be together again. That is so wonderful and should be encouraged across the community. We are a cohesive community and need to welcome each other at as many things as possible over the coming 15 months until we move into our new home



on Stanmore Hill. On that topic the recent presentation on zoom by Harry and Lawrence was fabulous and so easy to interact with. It was much better on Zoom than face to face. Jane tells us after every activity what the next Sunday and Tuesday social events will be and Harry, in his new role as Recycled Chair of MR, is hosting the Thursday chats.

It is tremendous what Mosaic has to offer and that is not even thinking about some of the services. The weekly bulletin is packed full of events and over Chanukah there is so much exciting choice. Gill, my co-chair comments on my use of the word exciting. This Zooming really is exciting and has become a friend from afar that has come nearer and nearer still. I know Mark Phillips has been helping many congregants with the technology. His son, Sam, helped over the summer holidays too, to help others get connected. This help is available and all we need to do is say thanks, after asking.

I would like to thank both Mark and Stefan for so much that they do to help the communities survive and glow with satisfaction. During 2020, Mosaic Masorti has sadly encountered a number of bereavements of members and also other family members. The Zoom shivahs have been such a comforter to the families who are sitting shivah and also to the families who are attending from around the world and, sometimes, in different time zones which

otherwise would not be possible. Everyone would understandably like family to be around and Zoom has made this possible.

Out of darkness has come light and may the

Zoom light continue to shine for all members at simchas and shivahs as well as social presentations and services.

## Lockdown in Bushey

*by Lore Lucas*

I am MM's oldest member and I have lived through the recent extended lockdown in my location here in Bushey. The next oldest MM is my family's neighbour, Henry, who has 318 days to reach his Royal greeting's card. No, I am not special but living in a care location meant I was in lockdown for 6 weeks on this occasion as we had a long one before that too, without leaving my apartment. What did I find to do? How did I manage? Was I lucky or was I low?

I am lucky as I am looked after. The care location looked after my physical needs and I did not have to shop, dust, Hoover, wash, iron, cook, or do any chores as there was someone to do them for me. Yes, I was really lucky. No, I was not low and I have to thank Mosaic for playing their part in keeping me mentally alert and stimulated. I have loved Zoom, despite my needing help to set it up. I have seen Gary the harmonicaist, Robert the sculptor, Sir Mark the scientist, Raffi the husband of a colleague



of my daughter-in-law, my son talking about prison art and Michael, the playing card collector which was of great interest to me as I love playing bridge, as you know, to name just a few. I adore the newspapers as well as the weekly shul bulletin and then the monthly Kehila magazines too. One cannot

just take and I wanted to give something back to the community. So I have been so lucky.

I have kept good health and I do not take it for granted. Most people take extra medication at my age and I have reduced 2 pills. I am lucky. I am lucky and I do appreciate it greatly, that I have not had time to be low. Just today I was asked to do some filming. I said, "what do you want me for?" There are younger people to watch and listen to. I was asked to talk about my chanukiah which was bought after the war. A friend of ours went to Vienna and brought it back to Glasgow. I have used it every year for 70 years and have not missed a day. By the end of Chanukah, I will have lit in total 4,400 Chanukah *Continued on following page >>*



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candles and my son tells me that Dr Walport will be joining me in this special figure, this year. I know there are others like us in Mosaic and I wish everyone really well. Before I forget, my chanukiah also has shabbat candles on it, so it is space saving. The only thing is that I cannot light them due to fire safety at my location.

During lockdown, I have watched lots of television. I sadly could not go to the in-house cinema due to lockdown but now that life is getting back to normal I have been catching up and have been daily to the cinema. We have comfy seats and I usually stay awake for the films – unlike some of my younger colleague residents and family. I am so much looking forward to seeing my family through

the window as, whilst we can since the start of December have socially distanced visits, I understand that everyone has to be careful for the safety of the older generation. It is so easy to catch the virus and I am so looking forward to getting the vaccination. At that stage, life will start again for me and all my co-residents here in Bushey. I hope that by the start of 2021 many of you will feel happier following the vaccination and I hear that shuls will be looking to reopen during the Spring. Whilst I will not be venturing out of Bushey for synagogue, I hope all your wishes come true with safety as the key word. I am hoping to start the year off with havdalah, which I attended in person with Rabbi Natasha at the start of 2020.



## Mosaic Liberal Yom Kippur Appeal 2020

*From Brigitte Levin – Chair of the Mosaic Liberal Charities Committee*

Our Yom Kippur Appeal raised £9,368, a substantial increase on last year and all the more remarkable in view of this year's unique challenges.

Four charities will benefit directly from the funds raised: Maslan, dealing with domestic violence in southern Israel; Grief Encounter, supporting bereaved children in the UK; Firm Foundation, helping the homeless in Harrow and the Religious Union for Progressive

Jewish Communities in Ukraine, where a lot of our fellow Jews live in poverty.

Once again 1/5th of the total money raised, where no preference has been expressed, will be used throughout the year to support other charities as the need arises.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed for your generosity. Your kindness will help many people struggling through the pandemic and beyond.

## Mosaic Reform High Holyday Appeal

*by Jeanette Leibling*



Charity begins at home, but thinks of others

2020 has been a particularly difficult year for everyone, and all charities have suffered enormously, with more demands on their services and less opportunity to raise much needed funds. Therefore I am delighted to say a big “thank you” to members of Mosaic Reform for their support of the High Holyday Appeal, which has exceeded last year's figures.

Members have been particularly generous to the synagogue itself, many singling out our new synagogue, which we are all very excited about. Our Council has agreed the allocations suggested and donations have now been distributed to the following charities, including

all those specifically requested by members. I hope next year's Appeal will be back to the usual format and we can all enjoy praying together again in one venue

### Local and secular

- British Heart Foundation
- Bereavement Care
- Calais Refugee Community Kitchen
- Harrow Mencap
- Harrow Police Benevolent Fund
- Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre/Paul Strickland Cancer scanner
- New Hope for the Watford homeless
- RCP Kenton for David – Disabled regular visitor to synagogue

### Jewish and Israel Charities

- Abraham Fund (interfaith)
- British Friends of Israel war disabled S & E branch
- Friends of Leo Baeck School in Haifa
- Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel and Europe
- Jewish Blind & Disabled
- Jewish Care for Rela Goldhill at Otto Schiff
- Jewish Women's Aid
- Jnetics for preventing genetic disorders
- Leo Baeck College
- Save a child's heart – Israel cardiac care for children from developing countries

Is this a first for a mosaic member?

*by Alan Solomon*

At the end of November I was “present” at the brit of my cousin's grandson – on Zoom, of course!!

## The Quiz

*by Jane Harrison*

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November



The monthly quiz compiled by John Ashmele has become one of the most popular events in the shul's lockdown calendar.

Over 30 members plugged into this clever and absorbing one-hour quiz last Sunday to enjoy a vast selection of mind benders.

Whether it's your historical knowledge – “who were Henry VIII's parents?” – or random talent – “which country launched a cat into space?” – there really is something for everyone.

There's also a Gogglebox moment, very enjoyable, before we are all muted, when couples make ill-advised remarks and have numerous discussions about what to have for tea or even dinner.

John also includes a picture or dingbat round which is particularly taxing.

It is all done so professionally, with the tech, (thanks to Stefan) for a one-minute countdown for agonising over answers and the chance to submit our scores.

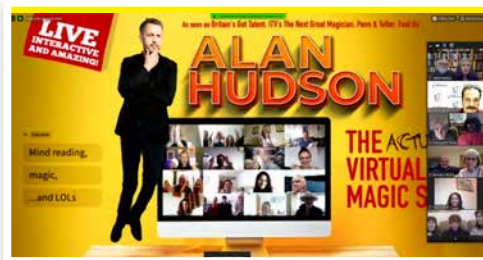
John also asks for feedback to ensure his quiz is pitched at the right level. It is as well as great fun, even if you are on your own; a boon in these troubled times.

So, thanks so much John. We all appreciate your wonderful efforts.

## Alan Hudson – Zoom Magic Show

*by Neil Mendoza*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October



From up the sleeve of a slick, sleight of hand genie, came a show full of humour and genius. Mosaic members were treated to the skills of Alan Hudson, Master Magician and member of the exclusive Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star. The period of lock-downs, social distancing, Tiers 1 and above and the new normals have generated considerable ingenuity and innovation as people have adapted to find alternative ways of doing their thing and allowing audience

participation from the safety and comfort of our own homes.

Who had ever heard of Zoom before 2020? Who would have ever thought of buying a ticket for a show to watch without leaving the house? Well, those were the old days, but the new way of doing things resulted in a magic show by Zoom. Yes, by Zoom! Although counter-intuitive, it was entertaining, funny and absolutely brilliant. Alan led us through a series of card and “mind-reading” tricks and illusions through the camera of his computer to our own screens with a relaxed and funny banter that appealed to all the family, both young and old.

We were treated to amazing card tricks and thimble magic – a reworking of an old and traditional craft but here set in time to the musical stuff that we hate but our children love! Now we all know that the matching Rubik's cubes had to involve a switch between the one that Alan had been turning in full view of us all, as directed by members of the remote audience, and the one behind him on the shelf – but I defy anyone to have spotted it happening. And as to my own involvement? How Alan managed to get the 4-digit number that I came up with onto a piece of paper in an envelope that he opened on screen at the end is quite beyond me!

I'm not sure how large the audience was but it stretched across three Zoom screens in Gallery view. This was a brilliantly enjoyable Mosaic event that was funny, thought provoking, and entertaining despite the strange world outside. And the overall piece of magic? Alan Hudson made over half an hour simply disappear without even a puff of smoke.

## Lord Daniel Finkelstein

*by Marion Bloom*

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Over the past few difficult months we have been treated to a series of high quality interviews, particularly those on the series ‘Meet the Author’. But surely the latest of these with Lord Daniel Finkelstein, ably conducted by Steve Levinson, was the jewel



in the crown. We learned that Lord Finkelstein was a local resident, in Hatch End. He spoke movingly of his parents, both refugees from the worst possible

circumstances. He also spoke of his book entitled ‘Everything in Moderation’ containing his articles from the Times, memories of his youth, the loss of his parents as well as political opinions. He stated that the phrase “everything in moderation” was a term frequently used by his mother and obviously well remembered.

There was a very large audience, a number of whom asked pertinent questions which Lord Finkelstein answered fully and eloquently. A staunch Tory, he nevertheless expressed the opinion that the Government should be prepared to work through the current situation with the Labour Party for the common good. As far as Brexit was concerned, he stated that the country had decided, and there need be no further arguments about it. He could not predict the [Continued on following page >>](#)

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outcome of negotiations but he was cautiously optimistic.

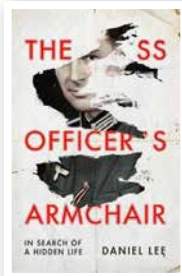
He finished with a plea to those who felt inclined to purchase his book to get it from Brook's bookshop in Pinner as they were in need of local support.

Our thanks go to all those who helped to make this and other talks such a success and of course to Lord Finkelstein for giving such an inspirational talk.

## It all began in Florence...

*by Linda Holman*

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October



Professor Daniel Lee's fascinating story of his remarkable research into the strange contents of an armchair cushion engaged us on the afternoon of 27<sup>th</sup> October as part of Mosaic's 'Meet

the Author' programme.

Having completed in 2011 a PhD in history concerning the experiences of Jews in Vichy France, Daniel Lee wished to continue further research in Florence. While there he was approached by a Dutch student, Veronika, who sought his research expertise as an historian of the Second World War. Her mother,

Jana, lived in Amsterdam and had just taken an armchair to an upholsterer who absolutely refused to restore it. Why? Because hidden in the cushion he discovered a number of papers of obvious Nazi-era origin and assumed that he was dealing with the daughter of a Nazi whose name Dr. Robert Griesinger appeared on all the documents. Veronika was anxious to know more about this man and why his personal documents were concealed in this way.

Daniel Lee was so intrigued by this story that he contacted Jana in Amsterdam. Jana had bought the chair in 1968 when she was a student in Prague but left the city in the 1980s with her family and settled in Amsterdam, taking the armchair with her. A few days after his conversation with Jana, he received a package from the Netherlands containing the documents. The receipt of this package sent him on a path of research over a number of years which led him to Prague, Berlin, New Orleans and the Griesinger family home in Stuttgart.

During his research Daniel Lee made a personal and poignant discovery. On examination of the route taken by Griesinger with the 25<sup>th</sup> Motorised Infantry Division in the Ukraine in July 1941, Daniel realised that the division had passed through the shtetl of Stavyshe where his own family had lived for generations. In 1943 Griesinger was posted to Prague. Hence the connection with the chair and the city.

The culmination of Professor Daniel Lee's painstaking research is the publication of his absorbing book 'The SS Officer's Armchair – In Search of a Hidden Life'.

Our thanks go to the interviewer, Alex Gerlis,

to Jane Prentice and the Mosaic Community Group and especially to Professor Lee for sharing with us the fruits of his scholarship.

## An afternoon with glass artist Eva Edery

*by Jonelle Roback*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020



Eva took us, via zoom, on a journey around her studio to show us all the different equipment and materials she uses to complete her fabulous 3D glass art creations. All of her aspirational glass wall art, she told us, has been inspired by events in her life. To date she has seven different collections and all can be purchased readymade or you can commission a custom designed piece. She showed us many pieces from these collections and then answered questions put forward by the audience.

I myself purchased from the 'Tree of Life' modern glass wall art collection as an anniversary present for my sister and brother-in-law which Eva then made more personal

for them including their names and date of wedding. I have also attended one of Eva's workshops where I and a group of friends made our own glass plates. Eva has her art on permanent display at The Hoxton Creative Hub, London and at Harefield Hospital & Royal Brompton Chelsea. You can find more information on her beautiful glass pieces at [www.evaedery.com](http://www.evaedery.com)

## Yealand Kalfayan – Butterfly photographer

*by Robert Pinkus*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November



**Pictured: Male Orange Tip Butterfly on Herb Robert**

A group of Mosaic members were treated to a fascinating Zoom presentation into the world of butterflies. A descriptive narrative supported with wonderful slides of butterflies was delivered by Yealand Kalfayan, who clearly had much interest and fascination

for these highly coloured insects. The 'master of ceremonies' for this session was Nick Prentice who, together with the audience, asked a number of questions. We learnt from Yealand that [Continued on following page >>](#)



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his own interest in this subject began when he was at school. He has now retired as a GP and from his base in Bristol travels around Britain and Europe taking butterfly photographs.

He is mainly self-taught and has just published his latest work 'A Kaleidoscope of Butterflies', a joint venture with the author Jonathan Bradley. This sumptuous book is a devotion and celebration of all the butterfly species found in the UK.

## Meet the Scientist – Sir Mark Walport

*by Alex Gerlis*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Not to be confused with Pesach, Mosaic Zoom experienced its second knight on 10<sup>th</sup> November when the guest was the distinguished medical scientist – son of Mosaic Reform's Doreen & Sam Walport and brother of Jane Prentice – Sir Mark Walport.

Interviewed by Steve Levison in front of a large audience – well in excess of 100 Zoom screens – Sir Mark talked about his work and



the role of SAGE and of course much of the discussion centred on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sir Mark was

the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser from 2013-2017. He explained how that role is to give the Government evidence-based scientific advice in response to emergencies, which during his period in office included the Ebola crisis and floods in the UK.

Sir Mark remains involved in this area as a member of SAGE, the Government's scientific advisory body for emergencies. He acknowledged that, while a pandemic had been top of the National Risk Register, the UK had been "remarkably unprepared" for COVID-19. He said it is notoriously difficult to invest in emergencies we've not had and pointed out the failings in areas such as the lack of PPE and a poor track and trace system. He hopes one lesson from this crisis will be greater investment in a public health system with an emphasis on preventing illness working closely with the NHS which is primarily geared to responding to disease.

He talked about the difficulties clinicians face: there's far more we don't know about disease and the human body than we do know.

Asked why the death rate in the UK has been so high, Sir Mark said this was in significant part due to the inability to keep COVID out of care homes in the early stages. He also pointed out that three of the cities around the world most severely hit by the disease – London, New York and Brussels – are major global hubs. He pointed out this pandemic has moved at a rate "never imagined before" because of the global interconnectedness of the 21st century.

Sir Mark was asked to predict where we'd be in one year's time. He said it was hard enough for a scientist to predict the past, so

predicting the future was something of a mug's game, but he did admit he was optimistic about the future: he is very positive about the vaccines being developed and expects that within a year these will be widely distributed and, while COVID would continue to exist, it would evolve and, as treatments and vaccines improve, become less malevolent.

## Meet the Sculptor – Robert Erskine

*by Lynne and Stephen Dorff*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

As an avid sculpture fan, I tuned in to watch Robert Erskine's talk. Not knowing anything about Robert's work, I was hoping to see something which might take my fancy and which I could perhaps purchase to put on a shelf. That idea quickly vanished as I was blown away by the sheer magnificence of his work. It seems I will have to be content with my Henry Moore fridge magnet. Having been to Perry Green to see Henry Moore's amazing collection and also



Anish Kapoor's work at the RA, I hadn't expected to see work of a similar nature. As each one appeared on screen there were gasps of amazement

and to know that Robert mainly worked on his own was even more impressive. Stephen and I particularly liked his 'Compression' work (pictured); so simple, but so moving. Thank you so much for letting us see just some of these beautiful pieces.

## Red Sea Spies – Raffi Berg

*by Lindsey Cohen*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November



Mosaic was

privileged to host journalist Raffi Berg at one of our

recent regular Sunday afternoon events to talk about his recently published book, "Red Sea Spies".

Raffi spent years researching and speaking to people who were involved and instrumental in the incredible rescue of Ethiopian Jews in the 1980s, and without such research the story would seem too far-fetched to be true. For anyone not at the meeting, the operation to rescue thousands of Ethiopian Jews was carried out by Mossad agents under the guise of running a diving resort in a remote part of Sudan, under the noses of a hostile regime. Unbelievable? YES. Incredible? YES. But it happened!

Raffi spoke with great enthusiasm and passion and [Continued on following page >>](#)

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everyone was gripped by this amazing story. His love and admiration for the Ethiopian Jews came across, as well as his pride that the current Israeli Minister of Absorption is a woman who was herself rescued in this mission at the age of 5.

Raffi mentioned that Netflix is showing a film called Red Sea Diving Resort, “inspired” by true events. Adrian and I watched it that same evening and even though the end is known it is a very exciting watch. However, for the full true story you need to get the book – we bought it from Amazon as soon as Raffi finished talking. I’ve looked at it briefly and can tell that Raffi’s journalistic skills have been put to very good use. It’s written like a novel, but with footnotes and photos; the font size and line spacing make the book very comfortable to read and I look forward to doing so.

Thanks to Raffi for giving us his time and to Jane Prentice for organising this (and many other) events.

## A Heavenly Afternoon

*Val Fineberg*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Over 85 participants zoomed in for another excellent Mosaic

Jewish Community presentation. This time we were treated to a fascinating and informative insight to the world of Angels Costumes, the largest privately owned collection of costume for film, theatre and television anywhere in the world.

Jeremy Angel, who is part of the 8th generation of his family to run Angels (apparently the 3rd generation is where it often all falls apart!) told us the story of how the company developed from a barrow in Covent Garden, via Shaftesbury Avenue, through to its current warehouse in Hendon which now houses an estimated five million items on approximately ten miles of rails. These now include costumes made for such TV series as “Downton Abbey” and “The Crown”.

Jeremy illustrated his talk with some fascinating slides including a page from their records showing the measurements of Noel Coward and Fred Astaire. They also showed how a costume is made from the first sample drawings and design concept through to the finished product and how no cutting is allowed by the alterations department as this is looked upon as ‘killing’ the garment.

We heard about all the shows that Angels have dressed and saw examples of several costumes including redcoats and both civilian and military uniforms with Jeremy stressing the importance of ensuring that all details, such as any insignia, are absolutely accurate.

Amusing anecdotes and the Q & A’s at the end made for a thoroughly entertaining afternoon so if you missed this then do try to watch it on ‘catch-up’ – recorded on the MJC website – and I’m sure that all of us who did see this have put a visit to Angels on our to-do list once we are all allowed out again.



## Zoom Meeting with IDF Spokesperson put on by Board of Deputies

*As written By Michael Reik – Mosaic Reform BOD representative*

The day we had the briefing (20<sup>th</sup> October 2020) the IDF stopped an active tunnel from Gaza into Israel. This tunnel, which was many metres deep, was destroyed by the IDF. The tunnel itself had penetrated dozens of metres into Israel. The IDF have now built a metre-thick wall which is a physical boundary preventing tunnels going any further. In March 2021, the 65km underground wall around Gaza will be complete.

Hezbollah now has more weapons and capabilities than many European Countries. They have 130,000 missiles. Israel has identified all storage facilities and launching sites which will immediately be struck if Hezbollah launches an attack against Israel.

The UN troops at the border are unable to report on the situation. Southern Lebanon is a powder keg that could blow up on instructions from Iran. The Syrian Border had been relatively stable from 1974-2011. Hezbollah has moved into the Northern Golan Heights. In fact, Hezbollah is now in Syria, 3km from the Israeli border.

Syria is a transit hub for weapons from Iran who would wish to launch attacks from

Western Syria. 6 attacks have been launched in the last 18 months and each one has been repelled. Currently relationships are particularly good with Egyptian and Jordanian Armed Forces.

In the future it would be good if Israel and Lebanon could agree to a maritime border especially with prospects for joint oil and gas exploration

### Board of Deputies Plenary November 22<sup>nd</sup> by Zoom

This was the 260<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inauguration of the Board of Deputies. A short video explained that on 3rd November 1760 seven Sephardi Deputies (originally from Portugal) pledged allegiance to King George III. They were known as the London Deputies of British Jews. Today in 2020 there are 300 deputies nationally. Past Presidents Henry Grunwald, Jonathan Arkush, Vivian Wineman, and current president Marie Van de Zyl all spoke in the video.

Our Guest speaker, Daniel Tilles, then spoke of British Fascist Anti-Semitism in the years 1932 [Continued on following page >>](#)

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to 1940, the major event being the battle of Cable Street in 1936. The Jewish People's Council that was fighting Anti-Semitism joined with the Board of Deputies and together they fought fascism. We then saw a short video which will be provided to all Synagogues to explain requirements for deputies' election to the Board this coming May 2021.

Two organisations put themselves up for election to the Board; Harif, founded in 2005, and The UK Association of Jews from the Middle East and North Africa. Michelle Huberman, from Harif, came to speak to Middlesex New Synagogue many years ago. They were elected with 90% voting in favour and 10% against. The Jewish Community Housing Association, which has been in existence for 54 years, was also elected with 84 % voting in favour and 16% against.

The many reports were then presented including from the President. The major item of concern was the reinstatement of Jeremy Corbyn back into the Labour Party, creating

concern that the EHRC report requirements would take a lot of work to convert the Labour Party into suitable action to remove Anti-Semitism from within the party. However, there was commendation that Keir Starmer was still refusing Jeremy Corbyn the Labour Party Whip.



We were delighted that David Leigh-Ellis (pictured) was able to ask his first question at a Plenary on his first appearance as the Mosaic Reform under-35 observer

***Mosaic Reform is pleased to confirm that, in addition to their two representatives on the Board of Deputies David Safir and Michael Reik, David Leigh-Ellis has now joined them as their under-35 Observer Representative.***

***Should Mosaic Liberal and Mosaic Masorti wish to introduce a 21-35 year old to become a Board Observer, please contact [Lauren.keiles@bod.org.uk](mailto:Lauren.keiles@bod.org.uk)***



## Reform Judaism's Chanukah Message

**W**hat is Chanukah all about? Wider society may have decided this festival is the "Jewish Christmas" – but this co-opting of our celebration loses everything about our distinctive tradition and story. What is the real meaning of Chanukah?

The word Chanukah itself translates from Hebrew as 'dedication'. This doesn't make the meaning of this festival terribly obvious,

though. The link becomes clearer when we look at the Torah reading for the Shabbat during Chanukah – a piece which describes the process of 'Chanukat Ha'Mizbeach', the dedication of the altar in the Tabernacle, the roaming temple with the people in the wilderness.

Despite the most memorable part of the Chanukah story being the triumph of the

Maccabees in battle, or even the menorah and the one jug of oil lasting eight days, neither get top billing. That goes to the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem after it returned to Jewish control. This is not the exciting part of the story, but it is perhaps the most meaningful. Great triumphs and miracles are wonderful, but the dedication symbolises the commitment to enabling normal Jewish life of the time to be able to resume.

In many ways, the miracle of our days has been the way members of our communities have dedicated themselves to the cause of helping others through our difficult times.

Our normal communal routines have been completely dislocated. The synagogue doors were forced to close – but our hearts and hands have stayed open throughout. 2020 has shown the strength of the family of Reform Jews in this country, as everywhere we have seen the results of what can be achieved

when we put our values into action.

We know we face a tough winter, and Reform Judaism remains committed to supporting you in this time. Our Communities that Care initiative will continue to strengthen those in your community doing vital work assisting those in need. Progressive Jewish Students are looking out for the mental health of students through their new membership scheme. We are running workshops in conjunction with Citizens UK to help our leaders understand how to build community in a pandemic.

The dedication of our communities and members is our miracle to celebrate. Let's hope for one more miracle – that our special efforts to sustain our communities through this one year, just like that jug of oil, have the power to last far longer.

Chag Sameach from everyone at Reform Judaism.

## The Druze and the Jews

by Michael Reik

**M**ichael Reik attended a Board of Deputies' Zoom Lecture presented by Dr Amir Khnifers. Amir is the Great-grandson of Sheik Khnifers who was killed in



January 1939 in Palestine. He is aided by the Ronson Institute of Druze studies.

The Druze Community

lives in Southern Syria, Lebanon and, within Israel, in the Galilee and the Carmel area.

**The Druze religion has three essential aspects:**

- Monotheism – Belief in One God
- Theophany – The appearance of God in the human body from time to time
- Reincarnation – the Cycle of Rebirth.

Jethro, father-in-law of Moses, was the spiritual founder.

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during the Arab Revolt of 1936 and today 84 per cent of young Druze serve in the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF).

In 1950 there were 14,500 Druze living in Israel (of which 95 per cent lived off the land). By 2017 there were 143,000 Druze living in Israel (of which only 6 per cent now lived off the land). In 2020 there are 5000 students at Israeli Universities.

70 per cent of Druze Academics are women. The Academics cover all walks of life from female Judge to a male Israeli Ambassador, currently Ambassador to Panama.

A good proportion of Druze go into the Israeli Diplomatic Corps.

In Lebanon, the Druze have no influence because of the power of Hezbollah.

The Druze of Syria (in the South East) are threatened by Islamic Militant Groups. The Druze have always fought with the Jews in Israel in the various wars 1948/1967/1973. Currently Israel does its best to protect the Jews in Lebanon and in Syria.

Druze cannot marry out because both parents must be of the Druze faith.

The three main areas of the world within the Druze Diaspora are London, East Coast of the USA and Australia. The above shows how much the Druze are integrated into Israel Society.

## What Goes Around Comes Around!

*by Robert Pinkus*



As we all learn to cope with the current pandemic, I was reflecting on the Spanish Flu, also known as the 1918 flu pandemic, which affected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time – in four successive waves.

It was during the second wave of that pandemic that my grandmother died together with twins, leaving behind my grieving grandfather, Jacob, and three small children. The photo from around 1919 shows my grandfather and his little children shortly after her passing. My mother aged about three is

sitting on her father's knee.

Unfortunately, my grandfather, a hardworking and very poor man who had escaped the pogroms of the Ukraine in the 1890s, was forced to place his children in unregulated foster homes for some years. My mother's sad memories of that time remained with her until her passing.

Looking back at my own childhood, I can now see how my Mother's experiences of a hundred years ago also had a major influence on my own personal development.

I think it is important to recognise that, even when we're clear of the current world-wide epidemic, the more vulnerable in our society who suffered bereavements and loss, are likely to need on-going emotional support.

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



### December Quiz

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm*

John Ashmele will present another entertaining on-line quiz for the Jewish Mosaic Community. No winners, no prizes, just a lot of festive fun, so wear your best party hat and sign in by 4pm. Refreshments: whatever is left over from lunch.

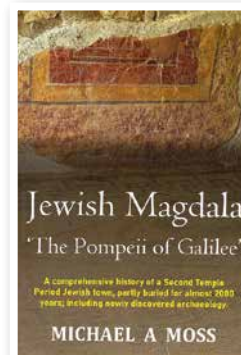


### Meet The Author and Art Historian – Patrick Bade

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2.30pm*

Michael Reik will introduce Patrick Bade who will make a presentation on David and Bathsheba, examining six great masterpieces of Western art inspired by the story of David in the Jewish Bible, sculptures of David by Donatello, Verrocchio, Michelangelo and Bernini and paintings of Bathsheba by Rubens and Rembrandt.

Patrick Bade is an art historian, writer and occasional broadcaster. He studied at UCL and the Courtauld Institute and was senior lecturer at Christies Education for many years. He has lectured for the Art Fund, National Gallery, Victoria and Albert Museum, British Museum, the Royal Opera House and several universities. He built a longstanding working relationship with the London Jewish Cultural Centre and JW3. He has published extensively on 19<sup>th</sup> Century and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century art and on historical vocal recordings. His book Music Wars: 1937-1945 dealt with the role of music in World War II.



### Jewish Magdala, The Pompeii of Galilee – Michael Moss

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 4pm*

Mike spent four years as a volunteer excavator and guide at the archaeological dig in Magdala on the shores of Lake Kinneret.

Inspired by what was uncovered and his broad knowledge of Jewish history, Mike will share some of his experiences

which have led to his amazing vision of Jewish life in this town which flourished at the time of The Second Temple.

This site was discovered in 2009 and has the only First Century synagogue in the Galilee. Mike is very keen to promote the strong and unique Jewish connections to this place.

He has completed a book entitled 'Jewish Magdala, The Pompeii of Galilee', and this zoom talk will include illustrations from the book.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Has Covid Spiked My Drink?

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 4.00 pm*

Join us at 4.00 pm when Robin Goldsmith asks, "How has the coronavirus pandemic affected the drinks industry?"

What were pre-COVID trends and are they still relevant? What will we be drinking in months and years ahead?"

Robin will be presenting some thoughts and research figures on what's been happening during the past 12 months in the world of wines, beers, spirits and more...

### Interview with Dame Louise Joyce Ellman

*Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2.30 pm*

Steve Levinson will interview Dame Louise Joyce Ellman, DBE. She served as Member of Parliament for Liverpool Riverside from 1997 to 2019. She was a member of the Labour Party until her resignation in October 2019.

Louise was elected as a councillor on the Lancashire County Council in 1970, becoming the Labour group leader in 1977 and leader of the council from 1981 until her election to the House of Commons in 1997. She was Vice-Chair of Lancashire Enterprises and served as Chair of the Transport Select Committee from 2008 to 2017. She was Chair

of Labour Friends of Israel and is Honorary President of the Jewish Labour Movement.

She was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours List, and is a Vice President of the Jewish Leadership Council. Louise resigned from the Labour Party in October 2019, expressing concern over antisemitism in the Labour Party and a potential Jeremy Corbyn-led government.



### Collecting Weird & Wonderful Gadgets!

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 4.00 pm*

MOSAIC is delighted to be welcoming Maurice Collins OBE to talk about

some of the items in his extraordinary collection and engaging you to fathom out the functions of some of the gadgets on display.

Maurice has earned himself a unique reputation as a collector of gadgets, distinguished by their eccentricity as well as the sheer enterprise of many British inventors through the last two centuries, determined to plug a gap in the consumer market.

D deservedly awarded the title "Britain's Best Collector" of Victorian gadgets.

He has been amassing these marvellous items for over 40 years, sharing them, together with a wealth of ephemera and posters, many housed in museums including The British Library and talking about them to numerous audiences. As an author he has written several books on his Eccentric Collections and other subjects.

This promises to be an enlightening and humorous afternoon with surprises.

## MOSAIC CALENDAR

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

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

### DECEMBER

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Mikketz
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Meet the Gemmologist – Menahem Sevdemish
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	14.30 Meet Rabbi Alex Dukhovny from Ukraine
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Vayigash
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Quiz with John Ashmele

### JANUARY 2021

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shabbat Vayechi
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	16.00 To be announced
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Meet the Author & Art Historian – Patrick Bade
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Shemot
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	09.45 HaMakom – New term begins
	16.00 Jewish Magdala – Michael Moss
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 JACS – The Legacy of Anne Frank
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kehila copy date
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Va'era
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Has Covid Spiked My Drink? – Robin Goldsmith
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Steve Levinson interviews Dame Louise Ellman
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Shabbat Bo
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Maurice Collins – Collecting Weird & Wonderful Objects!
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 JACS – Impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Music
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	20.00 Fred Weil, Stories in Theresienstadt

Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tu b'Shevat
	Kehila distribution
	19.30 Paul Gross, Israeli Politics Today
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Beshalach
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	16.00 Quiz with John Ashmele

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Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.30 Meet the Author – Peter Altman
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Yitro
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Meet the Rocket Scientist – Sam Phillips
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 JACS – Journalism, It's Not All Fake News!
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Mishpatim
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	HaMakom Half-term
	16.00 Visual story telling with Robyn Wilson-Owen
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Meet the author – Nadia Ragozhina
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Terumah
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	HaMakom Half-term
	16.00 Quiz with John Ashmele
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	14.30 JACS – Boris the photographer
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup>	Erev Purim
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Tetzaveh
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Cooking with Judi & Jackie Rose



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