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Farewell from Gay Saunders



I joined Mosaic Reform as a social worker who had worked in the field of adoption for most of her working life and understood that my new job as Community Care Co-ordinator at Mosaic would be working with families with young children. However, much to my surprise and pleasure, I soon discovered that the need of the community, at the time, lay with the older members. Mosaic was a caring community, which members valued being a part of but there were a number of issues people were dealing with. Key themes included loneliness, ill health, managing to continue to live safely at home, as well as events from the past that they had struggled to accept. These were the areas I focused on, as well as policy and issues of a confidential nature.

My role has mainly been to assess the needs of members referred to me and help them access appropriate help so they can maintain their independence and remain part of the community for as long as possible. I built useful connections with care agencies, care homes, Jewish and non-Jewish organisations and gained a knowledge of the financial benefits people were entitled to claim. Many members were fiercely independent and some were more willing to accept help than others but it has been a privilege to spend time with all of them, helping to make their lives safer and more manageable. Sadly, many of the people I have worked with are no longer around but the

memories of how they faced up to life's challenges, so bravely, will stay with me forever.

I was fortunate to have been given the opportunity to develop the care co-ordinator service in my own way and, as well as my work with individual members,

I thought it would be helpful to offer more daytime activities at the Synagogue. To that effect I established Mosaic JACS, giving the community an opportunity to get together, in the Shul, on a Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea and a piece (or two!) of cake as well as the opportunity to hear an interesting talk if they wanted. I will never forget the long queues in front of poor Frances's desk, whilst people waited so patiently to pay their £3 and enjoy their afternoon!

I was also keen to provide support for members with memory problems and their families. It can be very hard for people with memory problems to feel they can still be a part of a social group and it can also be a very isolating experience for their partners and carers. I started Singing Seniors, (thanks to June for the name!) a group that met fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, to give these families the opportunity to chat, enjoy each other's company, share problems, sing, dance and have fun. Thursday afternoons soon became one of my favourite times of the week and hopefully theirs too!

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There were other groups and some projects. When someone told me she would love to play Rumikub but ,because of her mobility problems it would need to be in the area, the Wembley Rumikub club was successfully established and continues to meet in members' homes. The Men's Cooking club produced some rather delicious dishes but has not yet provided a Jewish Gordon Ramsay! The beginners' bridge group brought people to the Mosaic lounge on a Thursday morning. However, the exercise class I arranged in the Kiddush hall unfortunately attracted only one member. She was aged 98 and enjoyed every minute of the class and there are some lovely photos to prove it! Several members contributed to the inter-generational card exchange early in lockdown and to the 'This is Me' project, both of which were rewarding for all involved.

After 6 years at Mosaic, it is now time for me to leave. The Shul is moving to new premises and there are different and exciting times ahead. Younger people will join the Shul and I expect the role of the next Community Care co-ordinator may be different from mine. For now, I would just like to take the opportunity to acknowledge all the help I have received in my time with you. I have been fortunate to benefit from many people; Rabbi Kathleen and her many words of wisdom; Ann, whose discreet snippets of information have helped me greatly with my work; Stefan, always, thankfully, at the end of the phone to solve my tech problems; the different Chairs of Mosaic Reform who have supported me and given me the freedom to develop my role; Juliet and Norma who were there when I needed them and all the wonderful volunteers, (far too many names to mention but you know who you are!) who have

made endless telephone calls, befriended members in their homes and helped out at the various groups I've run.

I feel fortunate to have worked for Mosaic, where I have met some lovely people and learned a lot. I will miss you and, to quote from the song we so often ended Singing Seniors with, I do hope 'we'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when but I hope we'll meet again some sunny day!'

Additional words from Harry Grant, Chairman, Mosaic Reform:

And on behalf of those Gay has worked with, as well as those she has motivated to get involved in helping the Community in so many ways, and especially on behalf of those who have benefitted from her involvement within Mosaic Reform, sincere thanks to Gay for the guidance and expertise she has given us these past six years.

Recruiting a qualified social worker back then really was a leap of faith for us, as we had identified the need for such skills among our members but were unsure as to how those skills should be best applied. Gay has been a mine of information and support for many members and, in addition, has set up various groups within Mosaic Reform. Despite Covid putting a temporary stop to some of them, others, such as JACS on zoom, have remained popular and well supported throughout the pandemic. There is no doubt that the communal activities initiated by Gay will flourish in our new home.

We wish you well, Gay, in whatever you do next and look forward to welcoming you to our new home on Stanmore Hill in the near future to show you even more of the fruits of your labour.



May 2020, Diary Ruminations in Lockdown

by Rosemary Wolfson

My patio, 9th May 10.10 am:
Bluebottle on paving -
glowing green blue of body...

Bluebottle still on ground, 10.27 -
airing its wings or wounded?
There's a lonely ant, and
a gold yellow glittering
fly hovering over
the paving stones, momentarily.
But can the bluebottle
still fly?

Patio from window, 15th May:
A screech of
yellow and lime green
dagger-like leaves and
cherry pink pearl blossoms -
"And a wary Britain gets
back in step with the outside world"...

Fryent Country Park, Brent, 25th May:
All at once
I saw a host of shining
buttercups, a shimmering
of pale pink thin bulrush-like weeds,
and exquisitely pinkish-violet
clover, all tremulous in the frail,
kind wind.
There were distancing or
isolating couples
within this particular
Spring of 2020, in
discreet scenes of love...

What did lockdown mean to me

By Maron Bloom

It came at a time when I was having to adjust to the limitations imposed by increasing years and to recent widowhood – and then it happened! The prospect seemed totally bleak – no more family visits, no neighbours coming in for a chat – not even the regular visit from my cleaner and trusted friend – nothing. But then the gloom was lifted. Many kindnesses and offers of help, even from total strangers and, most significant of all, there was zoom. This opened a window to a whole range of new experiences. It meant that I could continue my usual activities and also a whole



host of new ones, and even make new friends. Sometimes the days were not long enough... At this point I want to express my thanks to all at Mosaic who have worked untiringly to create a wonderful programme, both religious and secular which has succeeded in keeping the community together.

Is it over yet? We still don't know. But there are certainly a host of adjustments to be made. What we do know is that we will continue to adjust and progress, both personally and communally.

SAVE THE DATE

MOSAIC JEWISH COMMUNITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The 2021 AGM for Mosaic Jewish Community will take place
on Wednesday 15th December, at 8.00 pm.**

We'll be holding the meeting on Zoom again this year.

The formal notice of meeting was published on 20th October.

Jakob Kaufmann

by Jeanette Leibling

My grandfather, Jakob Kaufmann, was born in Andernach near Koblenz in 1892, where he was trained as a chazzan (cantor). He married my grandmother in 1917 and served several communities until he became cantor in Halle, near Dresden. My mother was his only child and in 1939 she managed to come to England as a domestic while my father came via Sweden later in 1939. My grandparents were unable to come to England but were able to escape to Shanghai, which was still accessible without entry formalities at that time. They lived for many years in the Chaoufoong Road home, a mass accommodation for refugees. My grandfather conducted liberal services in temporary synagogues and conducted funerals. He joined the newly established Jewish Cantor Association, which looked after the concerns of the cantors and he led their choir. My parents settled in Welwyn Garden City and in 1947 were able to sponsor my grandparents to come to England. When they left Shanghai, my grandfather was presented with a handwritten book of thanks from the Cantor Association which included a copy of



a tune he had written for Psalm 121 "Esso enai" (pictured). Once in England my grandfather became the minister of Welwyn Garden City Hebrew Congregation where he served for over 20 years. Many years later at the 60th anniversary concert for the Welwyn Garden shul my two brothers, Peter and David

Pollak sang the song my grandfather wrote and we were all disappointed to find that it was a very mournful tune, not at all like the joyous one that we normally sing. However, I imagine if you had been interned in Shanghai in dire conditions, you probably would not have felt like writing a happy tune.



In 2017 I was approached by a German academic, Sophie Fetthauer, who was writing a volume for a 21-volume encyclopaedia about persecuted musicians and musicians of the Nazi era. Her volume of over 800 pages is just about the musicians in Shanghai and contains

numerous references to my grandfather which I was able to help her with. In October, it was launched online at the Wiener Holocaust Library in London, to whom we have donated my grandfather's song book for future generations to see.



*Progress at
Stanmore Hill
- our new home is taking shape*

An Amusing Moment

We need more RAM!

by Martin Simonis

The most amusing moment in the Mosaic Reform Rosh Hashana service ('yes', there was one and, a month later, it still makes me laugh out loud) was during the blowing of the Shofar. In case I was the only one who thought it funny, I am sharing it with Kehila readers.

Alexander de Magtige was manfully blowing away and I'm sure he was producing a brilliant and inspiring sound (Mazal tov, Alexander). Sadly, the Zoom software, or the microphone chez Middleton, did not pick-up the frequency of the sound being emitted and the congregation got silence instead of Tekiah, Teruah.

Punch-line coming soon.

Someone - and it must have been Stefan or David, since everyone else was muted, said "**We need more RAM!**". Classic! Well, I thought it was funny.

Congratulations to Stefan and David P (and others) for their input to the HHD services - not just for the witticism.



2022 Subscriptions

We're pleased to announce that the annual subscriptions for 2022 will be frozen yet again. The new invoices will be sent out with Kehila on 30th December.

WOOLF & MARIE HEYMANN ("z'l")

by Michael Reik

Woolfie lived in Charlottenberg in Berlin initially going to the Volkshule and then at 11 (in 1935) to the Lycée where he was taught in French. This was a privileged school, where the Jewish children were not subject to the Nazi Laws in place because many were the children of diplomats.

The Heymann family knew a number of the Rabbis, eg Van de Zyl, Cassel, Leo Baeck and Maybaum. From 1937/1938 Jews were forbidden to go to cultural events and Woolfie's father was only allowed to work in the Jewish Community. So, the local

Jewish Community organised its own cultural events as part of a Culture Bond.

Following Kristallnacht on 9th November 1938, Woolfie and his sister Margot left for England on Xmas day 1938. They arrived in St Johns Wood by chauffeur-driven car from Southampton at Woolfie's Great Aunt. Woolfie's father, Ernst, got out of Germany in March 1939 in a wine barrel on a boat going down the Rhine. He arrived in England in June 1939. Woolfie's Mother, Daisy, chose a more conventional method by train from Berlin to Hook van Holland on the day war broke out on 3rd September 1939.

Woolfie, now in the UK, went to a Methodist Public School (boarding school) in Bury St Edmunds, and then to Battersea Technical College where he acquired an Engineering



Degree. From 1942 onward Woolfie always expressed openly his Jewish Point of view. In November 1943 he was involved with 92 others in forming a youth group and then early in 1944 Jewish immigrants formed a 16-20 group in Belsize Park/Swiss cottage, that met at the Blue Danube Club. The group was known as the Otto Hirsch Chapter. (Otto Hirsch helped children to escape from Austria and Czechoslovakia during the war). The meeting place was shortly to be at West London Synagogue under the supervision of Rabbi Rheinhardt.

In 1948 Woolfie met his wife-to-be, Marie, at West London Synagogue, and they were married at the Western Synagogue (now Marble Arch Synagogue) in 1952.

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Marie, who died just 16 days after Woolfie, has a fascinating story of her own during the war years. Marie was born in Willesden Green. Marie's parents were originally Orthodox but, following her starting Hebrew Classes at West London Synagogue, the family became Reform. Marie's parents moved with the family to the States in 1938 and set up a business. However, in April 1939 Marie's father died of appendicitis. Marie with her sister and mother then went to live with Marie's maternal grandfather, temporarily at Cap D'ail in the South of France. Three weeks later war broke out and Marie was stuck in France. Until 1943 life was not too bad, partly because Marie's mother had burnt all papers that could identify her family as Jewish. From 1943 the Germans occupied all of France and many times Marie and her family had to leave home in Cap D'ail. Two days before the Allied Landings, Marie and the family escaped to Cours in the mountains just north of Lyons. She was rescued by Allied Soldiers and in April 1945 repatriated back to England.

Woolfie and Marie moved to various parts of the world because of Woolfie working as a Project Engineer. This took them to Denmark, South Africa, Botswana and Brazil together with their daughters, Anita and Lillian. Whichever country or community they were in, they engrossed themselves in the local Jewish Community.

In 1957 Woolfie and Marie moved from their home in West Hampstead to Fryent Way in the Wembley area. Several members of West London Synagogue who lived in the Wembley area were finding it was taking too long to travel to Cheder with their kids. Rabbi Alan Miller decided a new Reform Community

should be formed in the Wembley/ Harrow area. He effectively appointed individuals for specific roles at this new Shul. Woolfie was appointed Senior Warden for the new 'Middlesex New Synagogue'. This was the first of the many roles that Woolfie would take in the Synagogue. These included Functions/ Education, decades in the Choir and as chairman in 1993/1995. Woolfie also became involved in what was known as 'The Guild' (Originally the Ladies' Guild where Marie was heavily involved). Marie was also a very active part of the Friendship Club.

Woolfie and Marie were very much "Mr and Mrs MNS", partaking always together in whichever events the community put on, in almost all the Services, all educational events, any discussion group and, in the early years of the Synagogue, often hosting the rabbi at home (They loved having Lionel Blue for dinner)

In addition to his activities at Middlesex New Synagogue and later Mosaic Reform, Woolfie was very involved in outside organisations. He was a very active supporter of any causes within Reform Judaism. Interested in all things Israeli, he was on the National Board of the Zionist Federation (ZF) for a number of years (including as Vice-Chairman), and Chairman of Pro Zion (now Arzenu). Woolfie represented MNS for many years at RSGB Council Meetings

I personally would be at meetings with Woolfie whether at Synagogue AGM's, at Council or Executive Meetings of MNS, at ZF Board meetings or at RSGB Council Meetings and there would never be an occasion that Woolfie would not express a view, always representing his Progressive instincts. I shall very much miss not hearing Woolfie's voice again.

Musical Memories

by David Pollak

When our friend, fellow Plonker, synagogue Director of Music and all-round good guy passed away in August, I think I speak for all of us when I say that David Martin will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.



I can only imagine how much his family, and Juliet especially, will miss him. However, for Steve and myself, as two-thirds of The Plonkers, while David is no longer party to our regular messaging and occasional rather wicked banter, he is still very much alive in our thoughts and our music. Singing on a Shabbat morning and through various festivals and the High Holydays in particular, David is always sitting on my shoulder, correcting me when I miss a beat or fail to breathe in the right place. When Steve and I shared the floor on erev Simchat Torah, with our wives, Karen and Joan, sitting with us, we all felt David's presence in the room and while others might not have heard him playing and singing along, Steve and I certainly could.

David's commitment to Middlesex New Synagogue, now Mosaic Reform, has been well documented and spoken about and, without him, we would not have been able to enjoy the sounds of a choir at our services and festivals for so many years. None of us know what the future will hold. What we do know is that the musical future of the Mosaic community will never be quite the same.

The same can be said of The Plonkers. When we formed our 'band' with the intention of entertaining anyone who cared to listen, we could not have anticipated the demand, and

not a little success, that our brand of playing and singing would deliver. Over more than 10 years, David, together with Steve and myself, formed not only a band of musicians but in effect, a 'band of brothers' who shared a slightly warped view on life which resulted in our rehearsals (for want of a better word!) being as important and as much fun as our performances.

David was always central to our meetings, as he was to choir rehearsals, services and the musical entertainments in which he took part. His early days as a member of his first band, The Karibas, was just the beginning of his career in musical entertainment and only recently he was seen treading the boards and singing in a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof". The praise he received for all his musical endeavours was richly deserved.

Of course we're sad, and a little angry, that David was taken from us too soon. He had many years of musical entertainment left to give and it will be our loss that he isn't here to share his talent with us in person. However, as I already mentioned earlier, the memory of his sense of humour, his witty and perceptive views on life, talent to entertain as well as his musicality, will never be forgotten.

Willesden Cemetery and Remembrance Sunday for the Jewish Fallen



by Edwin Lucas

It was a lovely Sunday morning at the start of October when the war dead from the Jewish faith specifically were remembered by 50 representatives of AJEX at Willesden Cemetery. I have never been to that ceremony before. It was not as big as the annual parade and it was more convivial and personal. It was heart rending to see the graves with the Magen Davids being enhanced with a poppy of remembrance. It is not that long ago that Jane Prentice organised a visit to the Poppy factory in Richmond. We were all moved in that visit by the happiness generated around sadness. There were all age groups there including Air Force and Sea Cadets as well as 3 younger children who were assisting on the day. The Cadets looked so smart as did indeed the children in their “best” outfits.

I also thought about the next time I will be attending an AJEX event. It will be at 13.15 on Sunday 21st November when the Jewish fallen will be remembered and many onlookers and families will think of their bereaved who have given of their lives to give us a better tomorrow. I understand at this year's parade that the JFS Cadet Corps will be marching as a platoon and laying a special wreath. There will be standards being presented and of course there will be the 2-minute silence. I have attended the parade for 43 years as a member of Stoke on Trent Hebrew Congregation. Sadly they

cannot come down themselves any longer as age and not the best of health hampers their desires. For the last few years we have had up to 15 members of Mosaic “Come March with Me” and show that little Stoke on Trent is not forgotten amongst the big communities in the UK. We would love you to come and join us and make Mosaic alongside Stoke a big platoon. I did put the word “march” in inverted commas as my marching is more like a stumble and I welcome the shouts from the platoon member marching behind me of “left, left, left right left” to keep me in step. It reminds me of the lead man in Stoke on Trent and brings the 43 years to life and I remember Sydney Morris with such living pride. If you come, please bring your relatives' medals from whichever campaign and wear them on your right side. That way your relatives will be honoured in the march past the cenotaph.

We will be meeting from 13.15 in Horse Guards' parade under the Stoke on Trent banner. Please notify edwin.lucas6@googlemail.com **by Friday 5th November** if you would like to join the platoon of marchers. I will need the following information: -

- first name • surname
 - Telephone number • email address
- to log you onto the security system of the AJEX team

See you there on the Square.

We Mourn the Passing of Rabbi Richard Asher (Dick) Hirsch

by Michael Reik

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, one of the founders of the Reform Movement in Israel, passed away in Florida on 17th August at the age of 95.

Born in Cleveland, he founded the Religious Action Centre in 1962, the legal and public arm of the American Reform Movement (URJ), serving as Director till 1973.

Rabbi Hirsch was involved with others in drafting the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and personally lobbied President Johnson on voting rights. He was very close to Martin Luther King and delivered the Jewish portion of the assassinated civil rights leader's eulogy in 1968.

As an extremely pro-Israel Reform Rabbi, he was very close to the Israel Embassy and to AIPAC (the Israel Arm of American Jewry).

In 1973 Rabbi Hirsch became President of WUPJ (World Union for Progressive Judaism) and immediately emigrated to Jerusalem with his wife Bella. His first and most important act as President was to move the WUPJ headquarters from London to Jerusalem. He became the leading advocate for Reform Zionism, founding Arzenu, the political voice worldwide, representing Reform and



Progressive Judaism. He arranged the affiliation of WUPJ with WZO, (the World Zionist Organisation) and with The Jewish Agency. In 2010 he was the first Reform Rabbi to light the torch during Israel's Independence Day Celebrations on Mount Herzl.

Rabbi Hirsch retained Israeli and US citizenship and remained an advocate for Diaspora Jewish Voices in

Israeli Politics, particularly on the rights of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel. His commitment that Reform Judaism in the Diaspora and the State of Israel were interchangeable was expressed by Nathan Sharansky (while serving as Chairman of the Jewish Agency). He stated 'At a time when there are voices calling for the disengagement of the Jewish People from Israel, a leader has emerged who realised very early on that there is no future for the Jewish people and the Reform Movement without a strong Israel. He also stated that Rabbi Hirsch believed that the struggle for Zionism and the struggle for human rights are one and the same.'

Member of the Knesset, Rabbi Gilad Kariv (who spoke to Mosaic by Zoom in June) said 'Rabbi Asher Hirsch has been one of the great leaders of Reform Judaism of all generations

- a man of vision and fulfilment, learning and practice, who has had an impact on the arenas of Jewish and Zionist life for the past fifty years'

Rabbi Hirsch spent his last few years in Florida so he could be closer to his children

but, as commented by the great 12th century Jewish thinker and poet Judah Halevi , ' While he lived in the West, his heart remained in the East'.

Teachers Wanted for HaMakom



HaMakom is looking for two enthusiastic teachers for Sunday mornings.

You would be responsible for planning and teaching lessons in Jewish Studies and Hebrew for children aged between 7 and 11 years.

HaMakom runs every Sunday during term time (about 30 weeks) plus one staff meeting and one teacher training day each year.

We ensure that all teachers have high quality teaching resources and books to work with and we provide lots of support with planning and classroom management.

Previous teaching experience is desirable, but not essential. This is a paid role.

Please do get in touch with Viki or Toria if interested at:

headteacher@hamakomschool.org.uk

Juliet Grainger would like to thank everyone who sent her emails, notes and letters after David Martin's death. They are very much appreciated

Pretoria's Miracle Man does it again

At least to Larry Shulman of Pretoria, he may well be the cat with 9 lives. In 2007 Larry was attacked in his home by intruders. He tried to fight them off with his walking stick but it broke and the armed robbers beat him up before shooting him at point-blank range between his eyes. The 9mm bullet should have normally shattered his skull, but instead it miraculously lodged in his upper skull, stopping 3mm away from his brain cavity.



"Why was I so lucky?" asked Larry before answering with, "a day earlier I had given tzedakah to a visiting Rabbi from Israel. It is known that giving charity protects one from harm". This was the second attack and on the previous occasion he had also given charity to the same Rabbi, days before the first attack of an attempted car-hijacking where he drove away, despite a gun being pointed at his head. A mere 48 hours later after the 2nd incident, with a metal plate inserted into his forehead where the bullet was removed, he greeted his visitors in hospital with the comment "I made front page of two newspapers and (President) Mbeki only made page 4".

Proudly Pretorian born and bred, Larry is a stalwart of the Pretoria Jewish community, and was a long-time member of the Maccabi teams to Israel and an avid bowler. With the rare AB

negative blood, he started to donate for the 1967 Six-Day war and has continued donating every 2 months for more than 45 years. Larry was recognised for his achievement by the South African National Blood Services (SANBS) on his 200th pint donation in 2012.

After contracting the Corona virus at the beginning of the year, he began a long and difficult road to recover. Due to his age (76) and co-morbid conditions, statistically he had less than 20% chance of survival. Larry spent just over 6 weeks in ICU on a ventilator after almost complete organ failure, with a tracheotomy and a feeding tube and almost no light at the end of the dark tunnel. He spent a further 4 weeks in a hospital facility, with limited rehabilitation progress. But there was a slight glimmer of hope which was sufficient for him to keep fighting toward. Infection counts went up and down like a yoyo as he twice got a hospital super-bug infection, pneumonia did not help and he lost 20kg weight and muscle strength. With many complications, doctors thought he would never walk again and would be mentally compromised as he developed hypoxia, needed oxygen, a feeding tube, catheter and possible pacemaker. During all this time, there was an online Tehillim group of more than 200 family members, friends and acquaintances from all over the world who were continuously

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saying the cycle 150 Tehillim prayers for his recovery 24/7, in honour of his Hebrew name of Eliezer ben Shifra, sometimes managing to complete the whole Tehillim book up to 10 times per day.

After being moved to a frail care facility opposite the Pretoria shul, his progress improved and he started eating soft foods and started to walk a few steps each day. His miraculous recovery and progress has astounded even his specialist doctors. Every morning he would sit in the garden proudly wearing his Springbok and Maccabi tracksuits from his youth. With the help of his son Justin and his wife Ashney, he put on a tefillin until he could do it with saying the brachot independently in Hebrew. His handwriting

improved and overall, Larry was on the road to recovery. He was especially happy when his pet dog Prince was allowed to come visit him.

In an emotional video clip which went viral in the community and nearly six months after being hospitalised, Larry walked out of the Frail Care Facility, surrounded by the nursing staff who sang him to his car as he went home accompanied by his supportive wife Ashney. Larry has no doubt that his (and his family's) strong faith, tehillim and giving of charity regularly, is the reason that Hashem has kept him alive.

(This article was submitted by Mosaic Masorti member, Marilyn Finester, and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Pretoria Jewish Chronicle)

My good Old Days

by Bernard Fisherman



The 1960s were filled with fun
 Hope and change for everyone
 Colour television, the first man on the moon
 Hippies and flower people lightening the gloom
 A street to remember that puts a smile on your face
 Is Carnaby Street, a real swinging place
 Cortinas and Capris were best selling cars
 And something snazzy for young and old
 Was the opening of trendy coffee bars
 Mini-skirts, Twiggy, Steptoe and son
 World cup winners, velvet trousers
 And Coronation Street that's still going strong
 The Beatles arrived with Please, Please Me
 And the rest as they say is history
 Wonderful times in so many ways
 The 60's were certainly my good old days

Anna Kislanski CEO of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ)

by Michael Reik (Mosaic Reform Israel Section)

On June 10th we were privileged to hear from Rabbi Gilad Kariv at one of our Zoom interviews. Gilad had been CEO of the IMPJ since 2009. However, he had just been elected to the Knesset as MK for the Labour Party and was now part of the ruling Government. A new Chief Executive has been appointed by the Movement, Anna Kislanski.



was offered a position as Programme Director at Haifa's Or Hadash Congregation. She next moved to New York where she served as the Jewish Agency Liaison to the Reform Movement in North America till 2009. She returned to Israel as Director of Congregational Development and 6 years later was appointed as Deputy

Director of the movement. Since 2010 the number of Reform congregations in Israel has grown from 25 to 52.

Anna's history

Anna was born in Moscow, moving to Israel with her parents during the Soviet Aliyah wave of the mid-1970s. Anna grew up in Haifa, served in the intelligence unit in the army and obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees at Haifa University. While a graduate student at the University and working as programme director and facilitator at an organisation that sponsored educational programmes, she took a real interest in Jewish identity. One of the programmes was affiliated with the Reform Youth Movement. She later met up with Rabbi Meir Azari, the spiritual leader of Beit Daniel (Tel Aviv's major Reform Congregation) She got married there and several years later

Working with EUPJ

I worked with Anna between 2014 and 2019 while on the Board of the European Union for Progressive Judaism, (where I had responsibility for Israeli Matters). We set up twinning arrangements between Israeli Reform Congregations and European Progressive Synagogues, under a specific project known as Domim-Alike with financial aid for the Israeli Communities from the Israeli Government. As a result, twinning had been established in 8 European Countries with 16 Israeli communities. This includes our own

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twinning with Darchei Noam in Ramat Hasharon.

The way Forward

Anna believes that, as the new governing coalition is more moderate on religion and state issues, this should be an opportune time for the non-Orthodox denominations in Israel. All parties that make up the coalition to some degree or other support religious reforms and greater pluralism. However, the new Government is not likely to allow non-Orthodox converts to marry in Israel or recognise marriages performed by non-orthodox rabbis (yet). She does, however, believe the revival of the Egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall will become law and that there will be a significant increase in State funding for the non-orthodox movements through the new 'Department for Jewish Renewal' set up under the auspices of the Diaspora Affairs Ministry.

Recent Surveys show 8 per cent of Jewish Israelis identify as Reform. However, a low proportion are Synagogue paying members.

A key goal is to get the 8 per cent more involved in the Reform Movement. Anna will work to further increase the number of Reform congregations in Israel. She intends to focus on young Israelis, including alumni who have graduated from the Reform Movement's gap year programme and Russian speaking immigrants who wish to connect to Judaism but feel no affinity to the Orthodox establishment. Indeed, there are already two congregations in Israel within the Reform Movement dedicated to Russian speakers.

Finally, Israel's relations with Diaspora Jewry, especially non-orthodox dominations, Anna believes came under considerable strain during the then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's many years in office. Netanyahu was accused of attaching greater importance to his alliance with right-wing evangelical Christians. Anna believes the Reform Movement in Israel can assist the new Government in putting the relationship with world Jewry back on course.



*Mosaic Tea Party
at the Ruback's*

Neilah Thoughts *by Edwin Lucas*

*I do not “look back in anger”, as per the book title,
but I do look back with pride.*

Neilah is special to me and I think back to one of our co-founders, Mark Reindorp, who many of you know from yesteryear. When we started our community some 22 years ago, Mark made a suggestion one year that the ark curtain, which is closed at the end of Neilah, should be possibly closed actually during the Neilah Service. Why change if things are not broken? Well, we thought about it and we reflected the words of Neilah and that our fate is sealed and that, whilst the curtain is still open, there is time for our fate to be managed and changed. We hope that people will live and enjoy the next year in the hearts of their families.

As I stood there, I thought of what did not happen one year earlier, as we did not have in-person services in shul. I thought back to two years ago, when I was standing in the same position, adjacent to the ark, looking at my pages and reading the text in English and it was poignant and heart rending. In our little Mosaic Masorti community we have had a high number of members passing away and, in addition, a lot of parents of members did not make it through the last year, or even two years. I knew many of the departed personally and reflected on each person with stories I could recall. That is one benefit of being small



in that we know relatives, as well as members. I was thinking about Covid and hoped and said to myself, Dayenu. A torrid time has been had by many in the community and I thought of saying Dayenu out loud but that is not the custom and dayenu is said at a happier time and in a more tuneful familial environment.

Shortly after Yom Kippur Mosaic Reform, and therefore all Mosaic, suffered the loss of Marie Heymann who, along with Woolfie, was a founder member of Mosaic Reform when the last new building was built. I thought of them and their daughters who had two bereavements in that many weeks. I reflected back to Neilah and thought about G-d who will have decided that Marie was not going to see the year through. If I found this hard, his daughters must have found this harder still, as it was so soon after Neilah. I then thought of Rabbis, Kathleen, Natasha and Rachel, who have to support members and families through this hard period and they are also human and must find this so hard to be positive at a time of reflection and need.

I wish everyone a good year and may you reflect on next Neilah and enjoy seeing the ark curtain closing, slowly but surely. Think about the good times and I hope they happen as planned and wished for.



Board Of Deputies

by Michael Reik

Plenary Meeting by Zoom 12th September with 184 present by Michael Reik, Mosaic Reform Deputy

There was no speaker so we went straight into President Marie van der Zyl's statement and questions.

Question: 'Do we need a commission to enforce Organisations that do not maintain IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism, having adopted it? The President stated that we should only monitor this at present.

Concern was raised of Rabbi Schwarz who made comments that child abuse within the Jewish Community was nobody else's business. This, the BOD representative believed, the BOD should condemn. Marie felt we should not condemn the individual but rather support condemnation of the action generally.

There was concern that Bristol University is not taking action against Professor Miller, allowing him to continue to work rather than suspending him while investigations are taking place on his proposed anti-Israel/anti-Semitic action.

Concern was raised that any anti-Semitic comments by Tory Party members are kept under the radar while such comments by Labour Party members are normally above the parapet. This was denied by the President.

A meeting was held by Board representatives with the BBC. This is the first of such meetings.

Statements made by the Board on the Afghanistan Refugee Crisis and the policy of the U.K on refugees were welcomed.

There was a proposal that we have regular debates of 30 minutes or so on specific subject matters that are currently relevant, through the individual divisions which would be supported by the 16 or so committee members of the divisions and which could then become Board Policy.

AJR has a budget of £10 million a year for Jewish Refugees annually. AJR is not looking for funds as their funds are provided from the Claims Conference. Any persons who are in need especially following the Holocaust should contact AJR.

Defence Division with Amanda Bowman: Meetings have taken place with the Government on matters affecting Northern Ireland, especially ensuring kosher meat will continue to be freely available there.

On 1st November there will be a special meeting to discuss anti-Semitism open to all deputies, who indicate their wish to be included.

A decision is to be made between the Charedi community and NHS on whether a child is

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allowed to die at home. This is going through a court process. Manchester Royal Infirmary have kept this child alive and courts are concerned at what the effect would be if the child went home.

Garry Mond and Community and Education Division: 8 sub committees have already been set up. This includes Gillian Moonman (vice-chair of the division) as head of the Holocaust Education committee. Laura Marks, as head of Holocaust Memorial Trust, offered her and other persons' experience to the committee.

David Mendoza Wolfson and International Division: There is an increasing intention

to approach Arab Embassies while Israel's relations improve with the Arab Nations. A proposal was made that we approach the Egyptian Embassy to honour Anwar Sadat, who died 40 years ago, as a result of setting up peace agreement with Israel.

Ben Crowe reported on the Finance and Organisation Division: Only one female is represented on the division.

Nick Grant of Mitzvah Day was the final speaker. This event takes place on 21st November and is the 12th consecutive year.

We were then shown the latest Board of Deputies marketing video.



*Another delicious tea party
enjoyed by six more Mosaic
members, very generously
hosted by Sandra and
Bernie Fisherman*

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If you missed any of our events, you can catch up with them by visiting www.choosemosaic.org and clicking on "what's on" and "past events". There are more than 100 recordings to choose from!

Meet Norma Brier OBE

by Robert Cohen

On Tuesday 3rd August Steve Levinson interviewed Norma Brier who has spent all her working life in Social Services helping young people and adults with mental and physical disabilities.

When she left university she qualified as a social worker and was initially with the London Borough of Camden working with children and families in need of support. This at a time when money was more readily available than today, enabling them to provide an enhanced range of services for young people as well as counselling for their parents.

She was a magistrate for 10 years in both the Criminal and Family Court. She explained that there was now a shortage of magistrates due to the fact that a retirement age of 70 has been imposed and few people of working age can afford to give one day a month to attend to court duties.

Norma was for many years CEO of Norwood. During this time she served on several Government committees which reported on the treatment of those with physical and learning disabilities. Their recommendations were accepted and this resulted in a complete change in how people with special needs were cared for, doing away with large long stay facilities. This also affected the way that Norwood and Ravenswood operated and

resulted in the merging of the two charities.

Today they offer a range of day care facilities for people with a variety of needs and provide support to families and their children. This includes support for non-disabled members of families whose lives might also be affected. They also provide homes where small groups of people with additional needs live with tailored support. In these small groups people can share the running of the household and build common interests.

Norma was awarded an OBE in 2013 for her services to children and young people.

Thanks were given to Norma for telling us about her interesting and important work and that of Norwood Ravenswood. Thanks also to Steve for hosting the afternoon.



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What comes
around, goes
around -

A presentation by
Philip Silverton

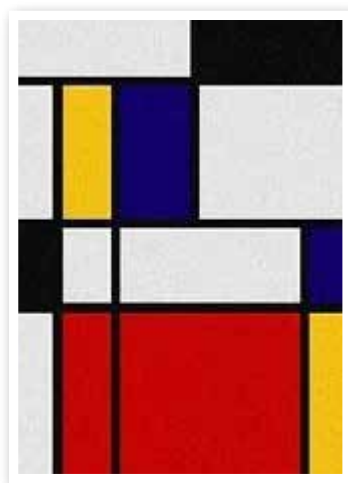
by Linda Paice

Philip's first slide was called "Dark Satanic Mills". Whilst the general population was enjoying access to continuing development of affordable products, many were nostalgic for earlier times and crafted products.

The Arts and Crafts Movement began in the 1860s and strongly rejected the Industrial Revolution. The Red House was the Arts and Crafts home of William Morris and the centre of the Pre-Raphaelite circle. Locally there are some houses built in the Arts and Crafts style, notably C.F.A. Voysey's own house, The Orchard, Chorleywood (1899).

The 1890s to 1910s brought in Art Nouveau, characterised by its use of long, sinuous, organic lines. An architectural example is the building designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh for the Glasgow School of Art in 1897.

The Bauhaus was a German art school operational from 1919 to 1933. It aimed to combine aesthetics with everyday function. Villa Savoye, designed by Le Corbusier and completed in 1929, both celebrates and reacts to the new machine age. Other artists of this period were Annie Albers (tapestries), Paul Klee, Wassily Kandinsky and Piet Mondrian.



Art Deco originated in the 1920s. A major style in western Europe and the United States during the 1930s, its intention was to create a sleek and anti-traditional elegance that symbolised wealth and sophistication. The Chrysler building is classic Art Deco. It was the world's tallest building when it was completed in 1930, but only for a year! The Bugatti car was considered to be a work of art with its streamlined aerodynamic form. A house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1939 called Fallingwater was built partly over a waterfall. Philip is extremely proud of his lego version of this!

Pop Art emerged in the 1950s and included imagery from popular and mass culture, such as comic books and advertising. Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol remain popular artists. The DeSoto car of this period featured tail fins and lots of chrome for the American market. As for furniture, the popular Ercol chair design is making a comeback today.

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Philip grew up in the 1960s, his favourite period. In 1967 he went to the Northern Polytechnic to study architecture and, later, interior design. The term “op art” was coined in 1964. Even Bridget Riley couldn’t look at her own creations for too long. Mary Quant’s mini-skirts revolutionised fashion. Barbara Hulanicki was a real innovator in fashion and wallpaper design. She started the Biba fashion store.

Following Philip’s enlightening presentation, members of the audience reminisced on their memories and experiences. His knowledge and passion were much appreciated.

This was my first time hosting a Mosaic event. I received my training from (a very patient) Stefan Roos. I thought I would get set up early to ensure there were no hitches, only to lock myself out of the meeting! Luckily Stefan came to my rescue and, after this initial scare, everything seemed to run smoothly.

The Long Way Home, 1939-1945, with Rose Gartenberg

by Phillip Tureck

This wonderful talk took place on 17th August. Having known Rose and Ralph’s son Peter for nearly 40 years, it was more than interesting to hear Rose’s story from Romania to Pinner and that Ralph, her husband, also has a fascinating story to tell – living in and fleeing from Germany in the 1930s.

The story started in the town of Czernowitz,

which had a large Jewish population and where Rose as a little girl living with her parents and brother had a very comfortable upbringing. It was under various countries over time: the Austrian Empire, Romania, the Soviet Union and Ukraine.

Rose and her family enjoyed a good standard of living but, as the storm clouds of Europe came, they had to leave their village from the advancing Soviets, losing their house and almost all belongings. The Nazis played a minimal role in the family’s departure story but it was more than complicated to leave this part of the world at short notice.

The family undertook a dangerous escape through forests guided overnight by peasants, as they needed to reach Bucharest (in non-Soviet-controlled southern Romania), so that they could get to Palestine. The journey was not without danger, notably at the heavily protected border and with unwelcoming, thieving Romanian guards. After Rose, then 10, had been interrogated, they did eventually reach Bucharest and planned the next stage of their journey. The escape routes were being closed down by the Soviets and so it was fortuitous that they arrived at their destination of Palestine. It was not straightforward, firstly crossing the Black Sea from Constanța, a couple of nights in Istanbul followed by a train journey to Syria and then Palestine, where several years on Rose found herself by Lake Kinneret on Israel’s Independence Day.



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Throughout this arduous journey the family endured many hardships, having to do many things for themselves that previously had been taken care of for them by their household. During this time Rose's father tried to keep in touch with family members to keep them updated with progress of the journey.

It was nice to hear a different story of escape from a country as Jews during the war years. In this story of Rose's family, if you got caught or were not the type of person the Soviets approved of (e.g. politically involved in any way whatsoever), it was exile to Siberia and a hard, potentially fatal, labour camp.

We also heard how Rose and her family settled into Palestine, with much less money, a new school for Rose, new language and new careers for her father and, later, Rose – who studied a new profession, orthoptics, in Leeds and met Ralph on the first El Al flight from London to, by then, Israel.

Now in their 90s, the Gartenbergs have lived long and fruitful lives and there may well be an opportunity for another talk by Ralph.

ship" from a boring job in his brother's clothing business to seize the opportunity when it arose to becoming a dealer in antique silver. Of course, expertise didn't happen overnight and it took him ten years to find his feet, buying, then selling on commission for the first couple of years.

Amazed by his wide knowledge of the variety of articles he spoke about, he very kindly gave valuations on personal pieces (which were held up in front of our zoom cameras) and also let us have professional advice on how to clean our silver properly.

Adrian amused us with some funny incidents involving customers and also took a number of questions from us.

Now he and Lyndsey attend exhibitions and trade fairs all over the country.

A very enjoyable and informative afternoon.

Thanks, Adrian.

The History of English Silver

by Maureen Lubert

A very interesting talk by Adrian Cohen gave us an insight into the history of English silver which goes back much further than one would suspect. Just as fascinating is how, as a single parent with two young sons, Adrian was brave enough to "jump



A Good Read

by Judy Silverton

Following in the footsteps of Radio 4's "A Good Read", on 12th September we were given an insight into the book choices of 4 members of our community and what a treasure trove it turned out to be with a varied selection of favourites – some familiar, others less so but always interesting and thought provoking – exactly what good books should be.



Our reviewers are all avid readers – unsurprisingly - and explained how it was so difficult to choose just 2 books each to talk about.

We started with Mosaic Reform member, Caroline Chadwick, whose choices were *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn set in Bletchley Park during World War 2 and describing how the lives of three different women came together at that dangerous time. *Small Pleasures* by Clare

Chambers with a late 50's South London setting was Caroline's 2nd choice. Longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2021, it follows the story of a journalist and a "miracle" or possibly not (?) investigation she undertakes.

Masorti member, Elise Italiaander, whose reading tastes cover all genres chose possibly the most famous gothic tale -*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley published in 1818, which she described as both moving and terrifying encompassing themes of romanticism, the pursuit of knowledge and human weakness. Her second choice was the 1st *Fifteen Lives of Harry August* by Claire North, the pseudonym of author Catherine Webb. Whilst this novel is classified as being in the sci-fi genre, Elise hoped that some of us who have not yet explored this category of writing might want to read this well-written and interesting book.

Liberal member, Hana Schlesinger's choices were *In This House of Brede* by Rumer Godden published in 1969 and tells the story of a highly successful professional woman who leaves her life among the social elite to join a cloistered Benedictine community. This "deeply enriching read" which took 5 years to write follows the conflicts and dramas of life within the convent. Hana's 2nd choice was *The Good Earth* by Pearl S Buck published in 1931 dramatising family life in a Chinese village in the early 20th century. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel drew on first hand observations by the author as the daughter of missionaries to China.

Judy Silverton of Mosaic Reform was our final reviewer and firstly chose "*American Dirt*" by Jeanine Cummings. This story of a middle-class bookshop owner in modern day Mexico escaping the clutches of a drug cartel with her young son after a brutal family

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massacre and their escape to the USA is an emotional story that grips the reader from the start. This book has not been without its critics as the author was accused of exploiting the suffering of Mexican immigrants and resorting to stereotypes. Although violence is not downplayed it explores themes of culture, family grief and love.

Judy's next choice was "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. This Pulitzer Prize novel is set during World War 2 in Paris during the Nazi occupation and centres on a young blind girl, Marie-Laure, her father and a German orphan Werner whose paths cross in Saint Malo in 1940. This is a deeply moving novel of survival against the odds and will possibly bring a tear or two.

A big thank you to everyone involved in this event.

HappyReading

Meet Bernice Krantz

by Jack Lynes

Jack Lynes decides to write an Open Letter to Bernice Krantz following an hour listening to her, hosted by Alex Gerlis, telling members and friends of Mosaic, via Zoom, one Tuesday afternoon, about her role as UK Co-ordinator of The Spielberg USC Shoah Foundation. It very quickly became apparent why she has been so successful in encouraging Holocaust survivors to tell their

stories, now recorded for posterity, directly, movingly, embroider-less. It was with some difficulty, when it came to 'Question Time' to resist the temptation to engage in our own narrative. To date, there have been more than fifty thousand interviews, and whilst some stories may be more memorable than others, each, be they short or long, has a very special value and alone commands respect and an incomprehensible gratitude. Many have been able to relate their experiences to audiences young and not so young, Jewish and of many Faiths, over several years but now, mostly in their nineties, must hand over the information baton to the next generation. They must find new ways to generate interest and regard for those almost unimaginable events under Nazi rule as well as recalling genocides and rules of terror of more recent years. "Interest and regard" though, are but a starting point. 'Never Again' has a somewhat hollow ring when but a moment's thought will surely urge

each one of us (and I write this just before Yom Kippur) to be constantly on guard against prejudice at all times, and to actively resist it as best we can. But I started by announcing an 'Open Letter'. Here it is.



Dear Bernice,

Their experiences were, in our eyes, very similar to each other. But 50,000 survivors really do have as many as 50,000 stories. Each individual's story is archived for all time. That is some

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story. Thank you for being a part of its making. Skilled as you obviously are in narrating, even more important is your talent at listening. We are born with two eyes with which to see a broad view and two ears so that we may listen to both sides of that which is being said. Many survivors take several years before they feel able to tell their stories. And even after much time are reticent so to do. Surprisingly, even within tales of unimaginable horror, there is always a thread of optimism, perhaps faith, in the background. Optimism is the one common factor which each one shares and which for us makes it possible to turn from one story to the next. But, and the 'but' is major, if new generations are to learn from the stories, they must be re-told and, as you said, who better than the next generations to accept their responsibilities or privilege, I suggest, of

accepting the challenge? The stories they must tell are not merely to record the unimaginable past of their own families, those who survived, and the millions who were mercilessly slaughtered by the Nazis, but to warn those who declare, "Never again!" that there will be more "agains" unless each of us, wherever in the world we may be, and whatever occupation we may have, are prepared to fight prejudice and promote understanding between all people. Our eyes must not close and our ears must not be covered, be it at the dining table or in the conference hall, we are duty bound to react, if prejudice interferes. Oh Bernice, what started, with the best of intentions, as an 'open letter' following your spellbound talk, has turned rather into a sermon.

Please excuse me!

Jack Lynes.



*Mosaic Liberal
& Reform Succot
Service*



21st November 2021

Goods for Good

We will be collecting new underwear for Afghan refugees & sorting already donated clothes on the Sunday morning. Please donate new goods at either HaMakom or Kol Chai (see below).
Help will be needed on the morning to sort.

Food Drive

For the next 6 weeks, until Mitzvah Day, we will be collecting dry food groceries which will be given to the Harrow Food Bank.

All donations will be collected at HaMakom or Kol Chai (see details below).

Open to everyone.

Environment Mitzvah - Sunday 21st November

Join 'The Friends of Harrow Weald' who are working towards creating carbon neutral, solar powered, plastic free parks, that are strengthened by a supporting hub of community groups.

Open to everyone

10:00 - 12:30

Additional fun activities at HaMakom - Sunday 21st November

- **The Together Plan**

We will be making Mezuzot to send to families in Belarus.

- **Foundation Stones**

Everyone will paint a stone and make a personal contribution to the new UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

- **Baking cakes**

These will be sold after HaMakom with the proceeds going to Jewish Care & those living with Dementia.

Mitzvah Day General Information

We need as many volunteers as possible for all the above activities. HaMakom activities on Mitzvah Day will take place at 434 Uxbridge Road. Goods can be left at HaMakom on a Sunday mornings or at Kol Chai Synagogue labelled for Mitzvah Day on weekday mornings (except Monday) or Shabbat mornings.

Please advise us in advance if you wish to help at Harrow Weald Rec, so we can give you details.

Most activities will take place between 10.30 – 12.30 at HaMakom (434 Uxbridge Road) unless otherwise stated.

Come along and be part of the fun this Mitzvah Day – it's a mitzvah!

Viki Kenton & Toria Bacon - headteacher@hamakomschool.org.uk
Kol Chai 020 8421 5482 admin@kolchai.org Mosaic Jewish Community office@choosemosaic.org
Coordinator: Jacky Martin - 07831 346214

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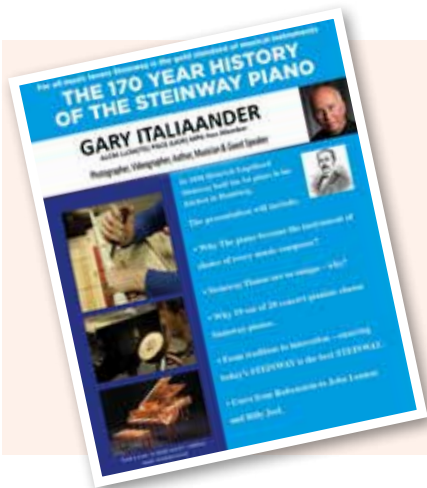
Please note the new time of 4.00 pm for our Sunday events
Zoom details for all events will be announced in the weekly notices

Shabbat 5th/6th November
Eco-Shabbat

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021. The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. As part



of this, EcoSynagogue and the Board of Deputies are planning a range of events highlighting our faith's response to the climate emergency. This includes EcoShabbat on the only Shabbat during COP – 5/6 November.



Sunday 7th November

The 170-year History of the Steinway Piano with Gary Italiaander. 4.00 pm

Join Gary for his presentation on the 170-year history of the Steinway piano. In 1836 Heinrich Engelhard Steinway built his first piano in his kitchen in Hamburg. The presentation will include why the piano became the instrument of choice of every music composer and why Steinway pianos are unique. For all music lovers, Steinway is the gold standard of musical instruments.

Tuesday 9th November 7.00 pm

Commemoration of Kristallnacht

On the night of November 9th-10th 1938, the Nazis staged vicious pogroms—state-sanctioned, anti-Jewish riots—against the Jewish community of Germany.

This action came to be known as Kristallnacht, or the Night of the Broken Glass (also known as Reichspogromnacht, the Reich's Pogrom Night). The pogroms marked an intensification of Nazi anti-Jewish policy that would culminate in the Holocaust.

We will come together to mark the 83rd anniversary of Kristallnacht.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 9th November - 8.00pm

Meet the Political Editor – Stephen Bush

Steve Levinson will interview Stephen Bush both in his role as Political Editor of the New Statesman and in his role as Chair of the Board of Deputies' Commission on Racial Inclusivity within the Jewish Community.

Stephen Bush went to University at Balliol College, Oxford, where he studied history and was a member of the Oxford University Labour Club. He graduated in 2011. He started his career writing for the Daily Telegraph and has written for The Mirror, The Times, The Financial Times, The Observer, and The Guardian. He has appeared on the BBC programme Newsnight. He joined The New Statesman in 2015 and became Political Editor in December 2018.

The Board of Deputies decided, following the racist murder of George Floyd in mid-2020, to investigate whether black members of the Jewish Community felt instances of marginalisation and discrimination. As a result, the Commission for Racial Inclusivity in the Jewish Community was born with Stephen Bush invited to lead the Commission.

Stephen has won several awards including the Political Studies Association Journalist of the Year award in 2017



Sunday 14th November

The Heath Robinson Museum

Join us at 4.00 pm when Beverly Peter will introduce a fascinating film of Peter Higginson, Art Historian and great-nephew of William Heath Robinson, giving an illustrated talk about “The Brothers Robinson” who were all amazing artists in their own right.

The Heath Robinson Museum was built 5 years ago in Pinner Memorial Park and is home to the largest single collection of the works of William Heath Robinson.

Beverly Peter is a retired GP and recent film maker.



Sunday 21st November - 4.00pm

Mosaic Quiz

Neil Goodman, will present another entertaining on-line quiz for the Mosaic Jewish Community & friends. No winners, no prizes, just a lot of fun. Refreshments: whatever is left over from lunch!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday 23rd November

Meet Elise Italiaander

Meet the Audio and Digital Manager at DK publishing and learn more about the audio books industry

Join us at 2.30 when Alex Gerlis will interview Elise Italiaander.

Elise has interviewed a number of authors and celebrity narrators for Audible's short-form content. At DK, she has launched their audiobook list, publishing over 170 titles to date, as well as working closely with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team writing recommendations and heritage & culture pieces for their newsletter.

Sunday 28th November

1st night Chanukah

Time to be confirmed

Join the Mosaic Rabbis on zoom for the first candle lighting of this year. Have your chanukiah ready for the start of this festival. Zoom details will be sent out with the Shabbat notices nearer the time.



Sunday 5th December

8th night Chanukah

At last! We're delighted to invite you to join us in person for the final night of Chanukah. Time and venue to be announced but "mark the date" and join us for fun and doughnuts!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7th December

Meet the Israeli Brigadier General

Join us at 2.30 pm when Michael Reik will be introducing Noam Reef who has recently taken over 'The World Zionist Organisation' WZO in the UK. Noam will elaborate on his own life story and the way forward under the title: 'From the Northern border to the Northern Line.' Noam will also introduce to us Steve Winston, the Chief Executive Office from the Zionist Federation (ZF), who will explain the current activities of the ZF.

Noam was born and raised in kibbutz Cabri in Northern Israel (where his grandparents were pioneers in building the kibbutz in 1949). Noam joined the army in 1993 and served for 28 years in the Israeli Airforce as an Attack Helicopter pilot. He left the army as a Brigadier General., Head of Helicopter and Ground Support Division. He has a BSc in Mechanical Engineering and an MA in Political



Science. He graduated from the Israel National Defence College.

Having recently completed three decades of his service in the Israeli Air Force Noam is excited to be starting his new role.

Sunday 26th December - 4.00pm

Mosaic Quiz

John Ashmele will present another entertaining on-line quiz for the Mosaic Jewish Community & friends. No winners, no prizes, just a lot of fun. Refreshments: whatever is left over from lunch!



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

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Sat 6 th		Shabbat Toldot Eco-Shabbat
Sun 7 th	15.00	Cameo
	16.00	History of the Steinway Piano - Gary Italiaander
Tues 9 th	19.00	Community comemoration of Kristallnacht
	20.00	Meet the Political Editor - Stephen Bush
Sat 13 th		Shabbat Vayetzei
Sun 14 th	16.00	Heath Robinson brothers – Peter Higginson
Sat 20 th		Shabbat Vayishlach
Sun 21 st	14.00	Mosaic Quiz
Tues 23 rd	14.30	Meet Elise Italiaander
Sat 27 th		Shabbat Vayeshev
Sun 28 th		1st candle Chanukah Mosaic Candle lighting

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Sat 4 th		Shabbat Mikketz
Sun 5 th		8th candle Chanukah. In-person Chanukah event
Tues 7 th	14.30	Meet the Israeli Brigadier General - Noam Reef
Wed 8 th		Kehila copy date
Sat 11 th		Shabbat Vayigash
Sun 12 th	16.00	To be announced
Tues 14 th		Fast of Tevet
Sat 18 th		Shabbat Vayechi
Sun 19 th	16.00	To be announced
Sat 25 th		Shabbat Shemot
Sun 26 th	16.00	Mosaic Quiz
Thur 30 th		Kehila distribution

Happy Birthday in November & December to:

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 Naomi Witte, 8
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