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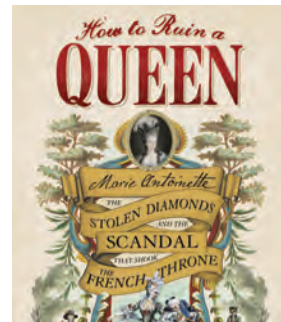
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## JOIN IN THE TRANSITION



Constant transition is the hallmark of Jewish life; in the yearly festival cycle, our lifecycle events, and in the longer lifecycle of communities. Whether it is our toddlers growing quickly into children and young adults, or the Yom Tov season transitioning all too quickly into winter and Chanukah, with Purim and Pesach quickly looming again on the horizon.

So it is with our own thriving community, where transition and change often seem to be the only constants. It has been an extraordinary few years of growth and development for our community. But once one milestone has been cleared, we must always look forward to the next, to determine how we can best ensure the transition to the next stage is a success, while always remembering where we have come from, as we will be doing in our centenary year.

Driven by the development of Rimon Jewish Primary School, now entering its third year, the redevelopment of the Shul building and the commitment and dynamism of our Rabbi, we have seen steady growth in our net membership over the past four years, with a particularly encouraging number of young families joining the Shul.

As with any growing or changing group, it is incumbent upon us to constantly assess the provision of our services to ensure they are appropriate to the changing dynamics of our community. That encompasses a wide range of things, from daily services to educational and social events, children's services, home visits for the elderly, and much more. A recent survey of our community revealed that we do many of these things even better than congregants had expected. But it also revealed areas that can be improved upon, and the Board of Management and Honorary Officers are committed to acting upon those findings.

As most members will know by now, the community will be looking to appoint an

assistant Rabbi in the coming year, who will work closely with Rabbi Belovski to ensure we are catering appropriately to the needs of all sections of the community. It is anticipated that we will advertise for the position after the Yom Tov season, and we are confident that this new strategy for rabbinical leadership will be instrumental in making the next stage of transition in our community a success.

While rabbinical leadership is a crucial component of any community, it cannot be left to our Rabbis alone. We already have many volunteers who help our community in so many ways, from making up a weekday minyan to assisting on the many Shabbat rotas, including children's services, Kiddush and security. But we are always in need of more help, and as our community grows, so too will the need for volunteers.

There is a role for everybody to play. As we look forward to the coming year, in which we will celebrate the centenary of the community with a number of special events, I encourage each and every member to look at the wide range of activities that our community does currently, or could do in the future, and think about something, no matter how small or large, that he or she could contribute. It is only through this kind of involvement, that the next stage of transition will be a true success.

Shana Tova U'Metuka – wishing all of the community a very happy and prosperous new year.

**PETER ZINKIN**  
ACTING CHAIRMAN  
GOLDERS GREEN SYNAGOGUE

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# YOM KIPPUR ON THE LABOUR WARD

**Twelve years on from a dramatic Yom Kippur experience on the labour ward at Whipps Cross Hospital, Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski considers the unique meaning and value of the day, irrespective of where it is experienced**

**T**his Yom Kippur, God willing, will be our youngest daughter's Bat Mitzvah. Rochel Tif'eres Yemimah Belovski (her third name celebrates the special day of her birth) made her first appearance at Whipps Cross Hospital on Yom Kippur in 2002, the last we spent in Ilford.

The following Yom Kippur, our first at Dunstan Road, I spoke about the unforgettable experience of the previous year. While I'm sure that some readers will remember the story, many will not have heard it before.

Vicki was due to give birth around Sukkot, so it was no great surprise that at around 7am on Yom Kippur morning, she told me that she thought the baby was on its way. As you will imagine, the prospect of a Yom Kippur baby, with all of its technical and professional ramifications, did not fill me with excitement, but I did my best to be supportive and prepare for a possible trip to the hospital and disappointing (or possibly, delighting, my rabbi-less community.)

Having dealt with Vicki's enquiries about whether to make kiddush before eating on Yom Kippur (no), and whether to add an appropriate section to the bentching (yes), I davened Shacharit and Musaf on my own. Fortunately, I had arranged for a colleague (now a successful US rabbi in his own right) to assist me at Shul that day and, fortuitously, his route to Shul took him past my home. I intercepted him and broke the news that he would be on his own, unprepared, in front of 400 people. Kudos to him, he didn't even flinch. Our old friend, Dr Maureen Malowany, more recently of Dunstan Road, now of Jerusalem, was staying with us, 'just in case'.

## Going by taxi

By mid-morning, it was time to go to the hospital and we arranged to be collected by taxi, at which point the fun really started. As I got into the taxi, dressed in shirt sleeves and a flat cap, a very occasional Shul goer strolled past with his tallit bag under his arm. He was so flabbergasted at the sight of his rabbi getting into a car on Yom Kippur that he stood rooted to the spot with his mouth hanging open. We duly waved and smiled as we drove away. I imagine that the unfortunate chap was apprised of the truth on his arrival at Shul, assuming he got there at all after his nasty shock.

I will skip the gory parts and just mention that by early afternoon, I was at a bit of a loose end and tried to take a post-Minchah nap on the floor of the labour room. This was a bad move, as a passing midwife assumed I'd collapsed from anxiety, with the predictable response. Eventually, we were delighted to

## BY EARLY AFTERNOON, I WAS AT A BIT OF A LOOSE END AND TRIED TO TAKE A POST-MINCHAH NAP ON THE FLOOR OF THE LABOUR ROOM

welcome our new daughter in the late afternoon. Thank God, mummy and baby were well and I decided to attempt the 75-minute walk back to Ilford, despite the fast and my deck shoes. I realised that I didn't actually know the way (navigation was never my strong suit) and I got lost a couple of times. Fortunately, I was offered directions (which I

Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski



accepted), and a ride home (which, reluctantly, I did not) and made it back to deliver the good news to the family about an hour before the end of the fast, with blisters that lasted until well after Simchat Torah.

I toyed briefly with the idea of turning up in Shul dirty, exhausted and dishevelled with good news, but

I decided that it would be too disruptive, so I davened Ne'ilah alone and danced with the children as the fast finished, before starting the great phone-around.

## Lasting reflections

It was, of course, an extraordinary day that neither of us will ever forget. Apart from giving poor

Rochel Tif'eres the cheapest birthday possible, it also produced one of the daftest questions I've ever been asked. A congregant who 'knew' that we couldn't possibly have ridden in a vehicle on Yom Kippur rang to confirm that Vicki had walked to the hospital from our house (it's more than four miles). This is only marginally less foolish than a recent study that recommends women in labour on Shabbat should cycle to hospital.

But the day produced a number of lasting reflections too. One is that no one, including the rabbi of a big Shul, even on Yom Kippur, is indispensable. It's true that I was lucky to have had a competent last-minute substitute, but a

sobering message is that the show goes on, rabbi or otherwise.

More important, it enabled me to focus on what is really important about Yom Kippur. Of course, the unique Shul environment, sharing the ups and downs of the fast, the stirring tunes, and, maybe even a good sermon, make the day for many of us, but are any of these the core?

My Yom Kippur 'off' taught me that the powerful, inspirational prayers, the cleansing properties of the fast, the opportunity for personal space and growth and the certainty that God will wipe our slates clean of sin, trump any Shul experience. And they can be experienced anywhere – ideally, of course, with the community in Shul,

but when not, then at home, in a labour ward, walking on the A406 to Ilford with blistered feet, or, indeed, anywhere. In short, as the rabbis say: 'the day itself effects atonement' – Yom Kippur just is – living through it, in whatever way, is transformational.

Someone once told me that a relative of his spends every Erev Yom Kippur smiling and singing, happy and excited that the next day will afford an opportunity for closeness to God, and an unparalleled opportunity to begin again. As we celebrate Rochel Tif'eres' Bat Mitzvah this Yom Kippur, this confidence seems especially meaningful.

**RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI**

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# HERITAGE, THE LOTTERY AND US

A recent funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was rejected, but feedback was very positive and the committee plans to resubmit in 2015. If successful, the grant would complete the redevelopment work and put the refurbished synagogue to unique and valuable new uses. Benny Chain explains how members can get involved

Many readers will be aware that I submitted an application on behalf of Golders Green Synagogue to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) earlier this year. Our application, for a project with a total budget of just over £1 million, was unsuccessful, but the grant committee was strongly supportive of a second application, which we hope to submit early in 2015. So what is the HLF, what does it fund and how might you become involved so as to ensure we are successful next year?

The HLF was established in 1994 to receive and distribute a share of the proceeds from the National Lottery

## THE PROGRAMME WOULD CHANGE GGS FROM BEING A LOCAL HOUSE OF WORSHIP TO A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

for good causes. Its website states: "The Heritage Lottery Fund sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage through innovative investment in projects with a lasting impact on people and places. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our heritage. Since 1994, HLF has supported over 36,500 projects, allocating more than £6 billion across the UK."

An important strand of HLF funding goes towards promoting and preserving Britain's multicultural heritage. The Jewish community has played an important part in the history of the UK over several centuries, and Jewish heritage is therefore of interest to the HLF. For example, substantial HLF grants have gone to the Jewish Museum in Camden, and more recently to Beth Shalom, the

Holocaust Museum in Nottingham. The application we submitted this year was made up of two parts. The first part, making up about two thirds of the budget, was a capital redevelopment programme for our Grade II listed synagogue and its garden. The project envisaged completing the internal refurbishment of the upper level of the synagogue, converting the rear of the ladies gallery into an additional event and exhibition space, and recreating the garden and its surrounding enclosures.

Feedback from the HLF committee suggested that this section of the proposal was well received, the work



predominantly its own members to a community centre for educational, social and cultural programmes focused on a broad concept of the values of Jewish heritage.

Feedback on this aspect of the proposal was also positive, and the HLF recognised the value of such a programme. However, the committee felt the proposal was premature: they would have liked to see concrete evidence that our community was really committed to the project, and had already begun to develop the partnerships and activities that would ultimately deliver the required changes in how our building is used.

Now we need your help. Rob Ginsburg, Paul Morland and I have already begun to explore possible partnerships with local primary schools, the Ben Uri gallery, the Proms at St. Judes, the Jewish Military Museum, the Jewish Vegetarian Society and the Three Faiths Forum.

Building up such partnerships, and organising new programmes and events takes time, commitment and hard work. We need help from people who are genuinely interested in a broader perspective on Jewish heritage, and on creating lasting links with the broader community in which we operate.

**BENNY CHAIN**

**THE HLF APPLICATION IS THE COMMUNITY'S BEST OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGIN A UNIQUE AND WORTHWHILE LONG-TERM PROJECT FOR THE BUILDING ITSELF. TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE CONTACT BENNY CHAIN AT [B.CHAIN@UCL.AC.UK](mailto:B.CHAIN@UCL.AC.UK)**

# HOW TO DESIGN A BIMAH

The recent addition of a beautiful new Bimah and reading desk, sponsored by Graham Morris and the Woolich family respectively, marked a major step forward in the refurbishment of the Synagogue. Brian Baderman (BB) reflects on the journey he took to bring the project from idea to reality

One day, Brian Baderman sat down with some approximate measurements, a pile of paper and some pencils, dejected by a decision he bitterly regretted taking. He had said yes, he would design a bimah. He drew and drew. Far from satisfied with his doodles, but with Shul people breathing down his neck about deadlines and sponsors, BB went off in search of carpenters and the like.

Each of these sundry and occasionally shady characters claimed they could build what he drew but each expressed a bewildering array of objections, not to mention flinging wild prices at him. Brian was ready to give up.

Several weeks (or was it months?) later, Brian met Jaro. Jaroslav, to give him his full name, is a Slovakian builder who was the first person to say yes to all that this increasingly complicated project required. "Why make it simple when you can make it complicated?" had become its leitmotif.

What's so complicated about a bimah, the reader will ask, even if you've never designed so much as an egg cup before? It needed wheels,

glass, inlaid Hebrew texts in veneer, perforated perspex sheets to match the mechitzah, and heavy curved plywood panels (curvatures thanks to some company in the Midlands he never met).

The straw that nearly broke the back of the camel (aka BB) were the decorative texts, drawn from a variety of traditional sources. Finding a Hebrew typographer, easy? No. Serendipitously, fortuitously, 'Raphael' from Leeds, but now of Jerusalem, designer of celebrated Sacks siddur (the green one), obliged. Textual variants were encountered in the pesukim (of course you'd love me to bore you with debates over missing vavs). Thin sheets of veneered texts were ferried by taxi from Brighton ("My wife is Jewish", the veneer cutter cheerily volunteered).

The veneer episode culminated in BB spending whole Sundays, enjoying the frisson of hearing ecclesiastical music in Shul on Radio 3, peeling off the most stubborn adhesive film he'd ever encountered, along with the fragile letters it was supposed to protect. Yes, the solitude was delicious and a welcome distraction from pre-wedding nerves (his



courage (or folly) and vision (or blindness) in going with an untested, unorthodox option, and equally massive gratitude to Jaro who literally steered this project through every twist in the road, and who devoted hours of effectively unpaid manpower to achieve the best possible result.

His greatest compliment: "Mr Brian, when can we do another interesting project together?" Don't ask me, ask the Shul.

**BRIAN BADERMAN**

**THE BIMAH WAS SPONSORED BY GRAHAM MORRIS. HIS DEDICATION (IN HEBREW) READS AS FOLLOWS: THIS BIMAH IS DEDICATED BY RUT AND GERSHON HALEVI MORRIS IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER SOSHE BAT SIMCHAH AND HER HUSBAND AHARON BEN SIMCHAH SAMUELS WHO WERE AMONG THE CONTRIBUTORS TOWARDS THE FIRST BIMAH IN THIS SYNAGOGUE, AND ALSO IN MEMORY OF DAYAN MOSHE SWIFT WHO INFLUENCED OUR COMMUNITY IN THIS HOLY TASK.**

**THE READING DESK WAS SPONSORED BY THE WOOLICH FAMILY AND IS DEDICATED AS FOLLOWS: THIS READING DESK IS DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. JOHN WOOLICH (YAKOV BEN BARUCH Z"L) 1934-2013, BY DENISE, ANTHONY, SARA, REBECCA & HELENA.**

## THE BIMAH NEEDED WHEELS, DIVISIBILITY, DETACHABLE STEPS, INTEGRAL SEATS, INCLINED TABLE, CUPBOARD, AND EDGES TO STOP PEOPLE FALLING OFF IT

divisibility, detachable steps, integral seats, inclined table, cupboard, and edges to stop people falling off it (Benny C nearly did just that on Purim when an only half-finished platform was rushed into temporary service).

In fact, so easy and straightforward a matter was it, why stop there? Why not complicate matters a little further? Add engraved toughened

daughter's wedding that is, not his). Well, the thing's finally there: done, dusted (sometimes), finished (save for the spikes for the rimonim; these were overlooked, the rimonim stolen), ensconced, happily taken for granted, part of the furniture, you could say. I can only thank the Shul for its patience and seemingly unwavering confidence in a novice designer, its

The dedication of the new bimah, September 7, 2014. From left: Anthony Woolich, Rabbi Belovski, Graham Morris and Brian Baderman



# UPDATE FROM CHILDS HILL PARK

I hope readers will have noticed the terrific improvements to Childs Hill Park in recent months. We now have a wonderful playground, which is attracting children from far and wide. The zip-wire and bicycle roundabout are particularly popular, but all of the new equipment is being really well used. The previously broken benches are now fully renovated, and looking very smart. We also have an outdoor gym, and volunteers from Middlesex University are running weekly training sessions. We have also had a table tennis table and three picnic tables installed, adding to the range of activities available to families in the park. Rimon is looking forward to using the new access gate for PE lessons, in addition to the school's Forest School programme, which already makes use of the park's resources.

We are now embarking on the next stage of our strategy, which will see further playground equipment for under-fives, and a substantial replanting of the flowerbeds.

We are going into partnership with The Harington Scheme, a charitable organisation that teaches horticultural skills to young people with learning and other difficulties. Students will learn how to plant and maintain a public park, which could pave the way to permanent jobs in the sector.

There is an area below the playground that is flooded throughout the winter. Our first project with Harington will be to build a marsh garden there. We are fortunate to have been awarded an initial £7,500 Barnet corporate grant and are now seeking additional funds. It should be a beautiful, diverse and educational garden, which will also alleviate the problem of excess water.

We have also been chosen by the London Orchard Project for a valuable grant to plant and maintain fruit trees in the park. They will provide fruit trees of our choice, and we have chosen heritage varieties of apples, pears, plums and cherries. The orchard will be planted between the playground and the tennis courts. The preparatory planting work will take place on November 16 – Mitzvah Day – and we hope lots of Shul members will participate.

Alison Kiersz runs our Facebook page and Parents Group, and has had discussions with local parents about children's activities in the park. There will be a crafts-based day in the back room of the Cafe on November 2, which will be the first major activity.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the bulb planting last Mitzvah Day, and to those, including children from Kisharon and Rimon, who helped plant the wildlife border behind the Shul. Unusually, a very high proportion of the 500 native species trees are thriving, and will be enhanced by the planting of woodland flowers.

**INGRID POSEN  
CHAIR, FRIENDS OF CHILDS  
HILL PARK**



**MORE THAN 130 YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE SHUL AND RIMON COMMUNITIES ENJOY A LAG B'OMER BARBECUE IN THE GARDEN OF JULIA AND BENNY CHAIN ON MAY 18. WITH AROUND 65 ADULTS AND 65 CHILDREN, THE EVENT MARKED THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF EVENTS INTENDED TO BRING TOGETHER YOUNG FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THE SHUL AND THE SCHOOL. FOR DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS, SEE PAGE 26.**

## TEA AND LEARNING

Jacqui Zinkin

Seeking to take advantage of one of the lesser tapped pools of talent within our community – women who work full-time, support their families and the community and yet still find time to learn – and to fill the long summer Shabbat afternoons, we started 'Tea and Learning' this year.

From 7pm to 8pm each Shabbat afternoon, up to 30 people (both men and women) enjoyed talks on a wide variety of topics, ranging from the recital of Kaddish by women to Lithuanian Jewry.

Each talk was prepared and delivered by women from our community. Each topic was personal to the deliverer and every week all those who attended were hungry for more.

Now the nights are drawing in and winter is on its way but spring follows winter and the nights will draw out again.

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# RIMON COMPLETES A PACKED SECOND YEAR

As Rimon Jewish Primary School welcomes its third intake of pupils into the newly completed building this month, acting Headteacher Sarah Campbell looks back on the highlights of the summer term

July 2014 marked the completion of a fun-filled and highly successful second year at Rimon, and we are very excited to be welcoming a third class into our newly completed school building this month.

The children all worked incredibly hard last year, which was reflected in our wonderful academic results. They enjoyed an array of exciting and varied educational experiences, including learning and acting out The Tempest in Year 1, writing to the local council about eco issues, blogging about science experiments, making shark teeth in Reception, designing their own star constellations, and carrying out rocket experiments.

During the summer term, the Reception pupils enjoyed a trip to the Sea Life Aquarium, while Year 1 visited the Tower of London. These trips coincided with their class topics of 'Under the Sea' and 'London Town'. It is wonderful for

energetic Sports Day in Child's Hill Park in early July. It was a beautiful sunny day and the event was well supported by parents. Races included a relay race, water race and three-legged race. Teachers and parents also enjoyed a grown-up race, which was loudly cheered on by the pupils and refereed by me. The morning ended with a lovely communal picnic under the trees.

Reception pupils celebrated the completion of their first year at Rimon by taking part in the annual Reception graduation. Pupils sang a number of songs, including 'We are Jelly fish!' and collected their certificates in front of an extremely proud audience of parents. Miss Williams and Mrs Clark spoke about the special and unique achievements of each child during their first year at school.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) organised a lovely school bake sale in July, raising more than £100 for Jewish Care. The school's weekly

## THE NEXT YEAR LOOKS SET TO BE JUST AS EXCITING AS THE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND DEVELOP

the pupils to have access to such inspiring and informative places that truly bring the classroom learning alive. Reception particularly enjoyed watching the different varieties of sharks, while Year 1 enjoyed meeting the famous ravens at the Tower and seeing the Crown Jewels.

The summer term was full of celebratory events, including the Year 1 Chaggigat Ha'Siddur (see box). We also enjoyed a highly

tzedakah collection was donated to Raphael House, which works to support adults and children through counselling. We were visited by a representative from Raphael House who explained the work of the charity and thanked the pupils for their support.

Thank you to the wonderfully dedicated staff, Governors, PTA and parents for all their support over the past year. This year looks set

to be just as exciting as the school continues to expand and develop. We have been busy ordering wonderful new resources and books for our school library and look forward to enjoying them for years to come.

### SARAH CAMPBELL

*Dr Zoe Dunn is currently on maternity leave from Rimon*

Clockwise from top left: Reception trip to Golders Hill Park; the completed building; sports day; summer term activities; Year 1 trip to the Tower of London



## CHAGGIGAT HA'SIDDUR

Rachel Clark, head of Kodesh

In June 2014, Rimon celebrated a very special milestone – the first Chaggigat Ha'Siddur. Our 22 Year 1 pupils and their families gathered together in the Shul hall to mark one of the most important occasions in their Jewish educational journey as they received their first siddurim.

The children spent many weeks preparing for the event. They performed a wonderful show in Hebrew and English to showcase their learning over the past year, including songs, tefillot and a dance. Rabbi Belovski said a few words, and then each child was called up to receive their siddur.

A special highlight of the event was that, unknown to the children, their parents had participated in an arts and crafts session that week in which they decorated their children's siddurim covers with personal photos, greetings and pictures. The event, organised by SEED, was a lovely opportunity for the parents to be involved in the ceremony.

The children were very excited to receive their personalised siddurim and set about exploring them immediately. But perhaps the most special part of the whole event came afterwards, as the children's enthusiasm to use their siddurim, learn from them and engage with the text has been wonderful to watch.

They have loved doing "tefillot treasure hunts" as they search for the correct pages, identifying the different reading rules they have learnt in the original text. We all look forward to seeing this first cohort of Rimon children growing and developing, taking their siddurim with them as they lead the way in the Rimon journey.



# CHIEF RABBI'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

In his Rosh Hashanah message for 5775, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis looks back on his first year in office

In our prayers for the High Holy Days, we say Simcha le'artzecha vesasson le'irecha – Give joy to the land and elation to the city of Jerusalem. Following a traumatic and difficult summer, it is our fervent hope and prayer that the New Year ushers in peace and security for Israel and the entire region.

Aspiration for happiness is central to our Jewish psyche. We are encouraged to celebrate what we have in a key passage in the Book of Genesis, which we will begin to read on Simchat Torah.

The Talmud [Chulin 139a] asks a surprising question: where can Haman be found in the Torah? Surely nowhere! The answer is mystifying: he appears in the Biblical account of the Garden of Eden.

We read: "Hamin ha'etz...". With these words, God confronted Adam and asked whether he had eaten of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. The Hebrew Hamin has the identical spelling to Haman. On this basis the Talmud declares "This is where Haman can be found in the Torah".

As we often find in our sources, a creative interpretation of the Hebrew language is the vehicle for

what he had, Haman fumed and obsessed about the one thing he lacked – Mordechai's submission.

The Torah provides us with a guide to all situations that confront us in life. In asking where we find a phenomenon like Haman in the Torah, the Talmud answers by identifying him with the precedent of Eden. Instead of being happy with their bountiful blessings, Adam and Eve were miserable about being forbidden the fruit of one single tree. This destructive dissatisfaction led them to lose their paradise.

A year ago, as I took up office, I called on you to 'Come with me' on a journey. During my first year in office, I have enjoyed immensely the privilege of visiting the majority of our communities in the UK. I have been deeply impressed with what I have seen. Our congregations boast spiritual and lay leaders of the highest calibre. Many dedicated and selfless men and women give contributions of inestimable value to their synagogues through their deep and unwavering commitment. We are blessed with warm and hospitable synagogues that stage beautiful services and provide a

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an insightful teaching – in this case about inner peace and happiness. The entire Persian nation paid homage to Haman. Only one person, Mordechai, refused to bow down to him. Instead of being content with

welcoming home for wonderful people, some of whom might otherwise be forgotten.

Unlike Haman, we recognise and rejoice in our many achievements and take pride in the work of our hands.



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis

While feeling gratified and fulfilled we should not, however, be complacent. There is far more that we can and should be doing to breathe new, fresh and exciting life into our synagogues and community centres.

With this in mind, I look forward to being your active partner on this journey, in our quest to build on our attainments to date in order to achieve even greater success in the years to come.

Valerie and I extend our warmest wishes to you all for a happy, joyous, healthy, peaceful and successful New Year.



CHIEF RABBI EPHRAIM MIRVIS

Rabbi Mirvis is the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth

# BITCOIN@SIMPLELISTS.COM

The community of Silvers Wood in Massachusetts, USA, has taken its communal email list to the next level, launching its own currency to support the bartering of goods and services. Vivienne Lewis hears how the venture has supported the community's redevelopment

Firstly, there is much that we have in common: a thriving Modern Orthodox community, although possibly SWS veers more towards the Modern than we do. Like us, they have an active, reliable and much-used email list. Ask for a builder, and the recommendations come thick and fast. A home hairdresser? Your inbox is full to overflowing. Everyone uses it.

Two years ago, Harold, a recently retired economist with time on his hands, suggested a way of developing this cache of information and skills. They set up and trialed a bartering scheme. A tutor offered his services in return for gardening. One woman bakes challas and cakes for friends, one of whom ensures that the baker always has a beautiful fresh flower arrangement in time for Shabbat, while another offers produce from her garden. Young people babysit in exchange for anything from a haircut



Vivienne Lewis

became available.

It's over four years now since the Silver became local currency and it is working well. As you may have read in the national press, the mysterious owner of Bitcoin heard about the scheme and, far from condemning it, allowed the Silver to be exchanged for a Bitcoin where a service was not available within the community. Showing great altruism, the members

Lewis: Could Golders Green Synagogue emulate Silvers Wood?

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to rides to and from the local mall (ordered in advance, by mutual agreement) thus helping both teenagers and parents. An accountant does a solicitor's tax returns in exchange for legal advice, as and when needed.

Once the scheme was up and running successfully, Harold, now with a team of helpers, could see that there would often be an imbalance in the value of what was bartered. After careful deliberation, they suggested to the community that they should launch their own currency. Support was overwhelming and they decided to introduce the Silver. Harold and his colleagues worked out the value of each service, adding new ones as they

of SWS decided to pool their unused Silvers.

Like our own community, SWS also needed money to complete a comprehensive renovation programme. They exchanged their Silvers for Bitcoins and now have scaffolders, painters and decorators and even a specialist stained glass restorer, all paid for in Bitcoins.

As you can imagine, the Silvers Wood community is delighted with what it has achieved. I plan to visit later in the year and will update you then. Is this a venture that we at Golders Green Synagogue might emulate?

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# ECUADORIAN CHUPPAH

**A Jewish wedding in Quito, the capital city of Ecuador, brought 30 members and former members of the Pinner Jewish community together for a very special celebration this summer, writes Diana Wolfin**

**"Y**ou're going to a wedding in Ecuador? Really, a JEWISH wedding? Surely there aren't

many Jews in Quito?" These are the typical comments I received when I told people that I was planning to go to Ecuador for a wedding this summer. For me, the most surprising thing was that I wanted to go at all, not really being the intrepid travelling type. And so far away, so high, so hot, so different...

And yet, I had promised my friend that whenever and wherever her son got married, I would be there if at all possible. The bride was born in Quito but now lives in London where she and her new husband plan to live, but she wanted to get married in her own shul.

Many months of planning went into the trip; about 30 people from

all given beautiful Panamas, which was the family line of business and dozens of us were photographed in these trilby-style hats. It looked like a rehearsal for Wimbledon!

We were all made so very welcome and nothing was too much trouble for the family. I was talking to one family member whose life and background were so similar to mine that it brought tears to both our eyes. Although strangers, we hugged as though we had known each other all our lives. Both of us with the same Hebrew name, Channah, we had an instant connection and understood so much about each other without having to say anything. It was a truly memorable moment.

The Shul was far from where we were staying, so for Shabbat, the hotel allocated a room for the



The Chuppah at the Comunidad Judia del Ecuador in Quito

aunt and uncle and they arranged transport for us in style: an open-top bus with music, lights, balloons and dancing all the way there. A real South American treat. This got us all in the mood for the Chuppah the next day, which was held in the beautiful Shul and community centre. The Shul was just like so many here in London, with the added bonus of comfortable cinema-style padded seats.

One of Ecuador's main exports is roses, and there were more flowers at the Chuppah than I have ever seen before. Gorgeous white roses were everywhere and the smell was intoxicating as well as being a feast for the eyes. Then a fabulous party for more than 500 guests in the most enormous marquee on the community centre's football pitch. Even little plastic covers were provided for our high heels to stop us making divots in the grass!

Many of the other guests travelled on to the Galapagos and other exotic destinations. I was happy to come home with t-shirts from the market and a stash of delicious Ecuador chocolate, together with memories of a wonderful simcha.

**DIANA WOLFIN**

## THE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE WAS FAMILIAR AND WELCOMING, WITH PINNER DAVENERS GIVING IT A HOME-FROM-HOME FEEL

Pinner, my previous community, prepared to cross the world to celebrate this simcha with our friend Sheila and her family. How to get there? No direct flights, so a change in Madrid or Amsterdam, with an 11-hour flight afterwards. Endless preparations to avoid altitude sickness, diseases which require vaccinations, upset guts, too much sun and all the small trials and tribulations that can spoil a holiday.

While I was there, we were taken on a trip to the Equator and posed for the obligatory photo with one foot either side of the line itself, just like all the other tourists. We were

service, which was in the style of the Saatchi Shul here in London, where the Chatan is very involved. Rabbi Mendel Cohen came from Saatchi to work with Rabbi Mendy from Quito, only to find that they had both been to the same Yeshiva in Israel together. The Shabbat morning service was familiar and welcoming, with Pinner daveners giving it a home-from-home feel. We had lunch around the pool, with the waterfall gently punctuating our conversation, everyone feeling relaxed and happy. What a wonderful way to spend Shabbat.

In the evening we were treated to a party at the home of the bride's

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# HOW TO RUIN A QUEEN

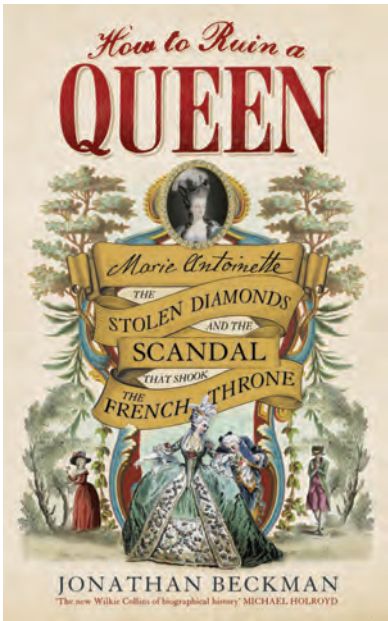
Newly published author Jonathan Beckman recounts the six-year journey that led to the publication of his book about an eighteenth century scandal that shook the French monarchy

My new book has its origins in the work of another alumnus of Dunstan Road. In 2008, I was reading *Citizens*, Simon Schama’s excellent history of the French Revolution, and found that he had devoted several pages to a curious episode that took place in the last days of the Ancien Régime known as the Diamond Necklace Affair. Jeanne de La Motte-Valois, an illegitimate descendant of the Valois, the dynasty that had ruled France until 1589, had forged letters from Marie Antoinette to convince a gullible bishop, the Cardinal de Rohan, to obtain one of the most expensive pieces of jewellery in Europe – a diamond necklace comprising more than 600 stones and worth 1.6 million francs. If that wasn’t enough, it appeared that in order to confirm the cardinal’s delusion that he had befriended the Queen, Jeanne dressed up a prostitute as Marie Antoinette and

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arranged a clandestine meeting with Rohan in the gardens of Versailles one summer evening. I had been rather unstrenuously thinking about writing a book for some time and this seemed like a good story; such a good story, in fact, that if it had been told as fiction it would have been dismissed as improbable. After some digging, I discovered that a serious treatment of the subject had not appeared in English for more than 100 years. True, I knew little – yet – about eighteenth-century France. True, too, that all the French I had was a GCSE, largely unused for over a decade. Bullishly, I threw myself into the

research. I spent three days each week in the library, slogging my way through the French sources. Many of the participants had written memoirs of the affair, and though they were largely unreliable, reading them enabled me to establish a rough chronology and learn how they attempted to justify their behaviour after the fact. And it helped to get my French up to speed. After six months, with my French now passable, I went to Paris to delve into the archives. The scam to get hold of the necklace had unravelled into a public scandal that led to a nine-month trial. This captivated the whole of Europe and arguably damaged the monarchy so much that it contributed to its downfall a few years later. The trial documents are held in the French National Archives, which are based in the townhouse previously occupied by the Rohan family. There were hundreds of pages of witness statements and interrogations. Unfortunately, these documents were written in an almost impenetrable cursive script. If that wasn’t bad enough, I initially wasn’t able to consult them directly but had to read them from microfilm negatives, which meant that the handwriting was displayed as white against a black background and, to my unpractised eyes, rendered utterly illegible. I managed to convince the archivists to allow me to photograph the originals, which I was able to decipher at greater leisure once I got home. While in the archives I found numerous fascinating items that contributed to my research: memos



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from the French foreign minister detailing a plot to capture one of the suspects, who had fled to Newcastle, by disguising policemen as colliers; the increasingly deranged letters that Jeanne wrote to her husband while in exile; and notes in invisible ink which were smuggled to and from the cardinal during his imprisonment in the Bastille, now faded to rusty smudges. I discovered, too, that this tale of priests and aristocrats had a Jewish connection. When the necklace was dismantled, the thieves attempted to sell the diamonds in Paris. All of the dealers they approached were Jewish – one, Natan Emericq, even signed his deposition in Hebrew. Having aroused suspicions close to home, Jeanne sent her husband to England to fence them. He engaged a Bond Street jeweller named William Gray, who arranged a sale to Daniel Eliason, a diamond broker and a leading member of the Jewish community. He was the last known person to hold the remnants of the necklace in his hands.

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# MEMORIES OF THE FREEDMAN HALL

As the new Rimon building nears completion, Maurice Samuelson recalls the rich history of the site on which it is built, and some of the many uses to which the Joseph Freedman Hall was put over the years

With the beautiful new Rimon building now virtually complete, the three elderly buildings it has replaced are very easily forgotten. But while the halls had become dilapidated in later years, and the new school is clearly a very positive development for our community, they played an important part in the congregation's life for much of the past century and many older members will have fond memories of the earlier days.

Gone for good is the large classroom block, which once housed the caretaker's flat; the Harris Lebetkin Hall, containing both sukkah and Beit Hamidrash; and the Joseph Freedman Hall, opened by Chief Rabbi Dr Joseph Hertz in May 1939.

These brick buildings were vital facilities not only for synagogue members and their families but also for the wider community. The two-storey classroom block, opened in 1927, was only five years younger than the Shul itself, which was also extended in the same year, to meet the needs of a fast growing community.

In the classrooms, with their characteristic large windows to admit natural light, generations of children received their basic, and sometimes quite advanced, Hebrew and religious education. In 1934, Rev. Livingstone, the Shul's minister, arranged for Jewish children at the

well-attended Cheder, also held there. By 1943, despite the numbers of children evacuated from blitz-hit London, there were more than 100 children enrolled in the Shul's classes, about 70 of them from Wessex Gardens. Here too, kosher lunches were served to children from the same school. One child allegedly asked his mother: "do they call us 'koshers' because we go for our dinner on coaches?"

The Freedman hall, with its theatrical stage and lighting, was also a popular venue for marriage and barmitzvah receptions, as well as for public meetings for a wide variety of organisations, including the Jewish Friendship Club, where people aged 60 and over met on Wednesdays under the aegis of the indefatigable Anita Daniels.

From 1947, when the Yishuv was fighting for statehood, the Freedman Hall was also the scene of huge fundraising bazaars. They were organised by a committee including not only the Alyth Gardens Reform Synagogue, but also the more strictly orthodox London Beth Hamidrash. The brochure of the seventh bazaar in 1953 contains a joint message signed by Rev. Livingstone and Reform Rabbi Werner van der Zyl.

These bazaars were so successful that eventually Dunstan Road formed its own separate charity committee, which raised even greater sums at



Gone but not forgotten: phases in the 72-year life of the Joseph Freedman Hall

own memories of the Joseph Freedman Hall - quizzes, Purim celebrations, lectures, Zionist meetings, kiddushim, prize-giving days, overflow services and, finally, the New Minyan (see photo).

This was a controversial period for the congregation as a whole, leading to the ambitious re-development of our synagogue and the demolition of these older buildings. But as the influx of children to Rimon breathes new life into the community, let's remember the rich history of the ground on which both their Jewish and secular education is now taking place.

MAURICE SAMUELSON

## THE IMPOSING BUILDINGS THAT UNTIL RECENTLY STOOD BEHIND THE SYNAGOGUE NOT ONLY PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN ITS OWN MEMBERS' LIVES BUT WERE LANDMARKS OF JEWISH LONDON

nearby Wessex Gardens Primary School to come to Dunstan Road for thrice weekly Scripture lessons as required by the state curriculum. That was apart from the Shul's

lavish "Gold and Green" dinner dances in West End hotels such as the Savoy, the Dorchester and Grosvenor House.

Today's members will have their

# US WOMEN

Jacqui Zinkin, one of four women to have been elected to the trustee body of the United Synagogue in July, explains what the role entails

On July 14, history was made, or at least a little bit of history. Four women were, for the first time, elected to the trustee body of the United Synagogue. The Chief Rabbonim past and present had been consulted, and the Beit Din was asked to rule. Together with the formal acceptance of women as chairs of our Shuls, this has finally pushed one part of Anglo Jewry into modernity.

It is a big step. We are not called Women Trustees, Lady Trustees, or even Female Trustees; we are simply trustees. There are no longer any caveats, no longer an imbalance in voting powers, no imbalance in responsibilities. The trustees who happen to be of the female gender are simply trustees.

The trustees have ultimate

responsibility for the actions of the charity in the eyes of the Charity Commission. We are updated on what is going on and we take strategic decisions with regard to the financial and administrative running of the United Synagogue. We also work closely with the Office of the Chief Rabbi, the Rabbinic Council, US Women, the London Board of Shehita, and the professional employees of the United Synagogue itself. We help to develop and implement new initiatives and support current initiatives in ways that enable the United Synagogue to maintain its open and inclusive

JACQUI ZINKIN IS A NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEE OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE AND HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES. SHE ALSO SITS ON THE EXECUTIVE OF US WOMEN, WHICH HAS WORKED HARD TO BRING MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS TO WOMEN ACROSS THE US COMMUNITIES, RANGING FROM A ROADSHOW THAT EXPLORED MATTERS RELATING TO WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES OF BEING JEWISH TO A CONFERENCE, TRAINING SESSIONS AND AN ANNUAL DINNER. THE ROADSHOW, THE FEMALE JEW: OPTIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY, WILL CONTINUE THIS AUTUMN.



Jacqui Zinkin

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position within Anglo Jewry. We work with the communities, when invited, and can act as a voice on the trustee table where necessary.

The trustees of the United Synagogue are working hard to ensure that there continues to be an open and inclusive home for all Jews within the community. Should you wish to raise a particular issue, please don't hesitate to contact me.

JACQUI ZINKIN

## FROM EMPLOYEE TO EMPLOYER

Jeremy, 38, a North London web designer, was made redundant and needed to choose the right career path for his future. Jeremy tells us how he made the transition from employee to employer

**WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE?** After weeks of sending out job applications and getting nowhere, I realised I needed help finding work. My CV just wasn't making the right impact. It was so demoralising. I was an experienced, qualified web designer but had been in the same company for 12 years. I asked a friend for help and he told me about a charity called TrainE-Traide, which offers employment and business support, so I gave them a call.

**WHAT HELP DID YOU GET FROM TRAINE-TRAIDE?** I attended one of their job readiness workshops, where I learnt how to structure a CV properly, prepare for an interview and network on social media - guidelines and tips and that no one else had ever taught me. **DID IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?** Yes - straight away! They began putting me forward for a number of jobs on their books. I had two interviews lined up within a fortnight. But the process of rewriting my CV and thinking about what I enjoyed made me wonder whether salaried employment was right for me.

**IS THIS WHEN YOU CONSIDERED STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?** To be honest, I had always loved the idea of being my own boss but never knew where to start. I'd been in web design for over a decade, knew how the industry worked and was always full of creative ideas. After talking to TrainE-Traide's career adviser, she put me in touch with the charity's business department. I had one-to-one meetings and began to put a business plan together. They even helped me apply for a government start-up loan to cover the costs of marketing my new business.

**ONE YEAR ON, ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR DECISION?** Absolutely. I love being my own boss and my business is flourishing. TrainE-Traide has continued to be part of my professional life - they've been an invaluable source of advice and support.

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# GOLDERS GREEN CARES

Following the success of the first Seniors Tea Party in June, another event is planned for October and the welfare team also plans to launch two important new initiatives after Yom Tov, writes Susan Freiberger

This has been a very interesting and exciting few months for Golders Green Cares, the community's welfare department.

On June 22, we held our first Seniors Tea Party, which was a wonderful success (see box). Ruth Glatman and her team of volunteers put on a wonderful spread and it was a very special afternoon.

The next event will be on October 26, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Having read an article by Esther Rantzen recently about how and why she started the Silver Line, a chat line for the elderly, I thought it would be a good idea to start something similar for our community. I have had a good response to this venture and a new group of volunteers attended training at the end of August. The volunteers will be calling members who we know might enjoy a regular phone call; this project will be coordinated and led by Eve Golditch. If you know of someone who might appreciate a call, or you yourself would, please contact Eve. This project will be launched after Yom Tov.

We will also be launching another valuable project after Yom Tov, to be known as Food@Golders Green. Lisa Scott will be coordinating and managing this, with the aim of providing meals to those who have had a baby, been bereaved or just need a helping hand. If you are interested in helping out and providing a meal, please contact Lisa.

On November 26, we will be hosting a Jewish Care talk on dementia awareness. It should be a very interesting and stimulating

evening and will be open to all members of the United Synagogue, so we are expecting this to be a sell-out event. Do register your interest with me or the office.

About 20 years ago, Ruth Cohn called me and asked if I would like to join the new volunteers group she was launching with the late Judy Citron z"l. I went along to the first meeting, and in my enthusiasm, every time Ruth asked for a volunteer to do a specific job, my hand shot up. At the end of the meeting, Ruth took me to one side and very kindly said that it was great to see my enthusiasm, but that I needed to give others the chance of doing a mitzvah. I have never forgotten what she said.

I have an amazing team of volunteers: Eve Golditch coordinates the visiting, Sara Raiher coordinates Befriending in Bereavement, Rachel Paul looks after the hospital visiting, Ruth Glatman coordinates the Pesach food parcels and honey cake gifts, and there are many others as well. What they do is a mitzvah, and a very important one. Please think about doing your own mitzvah by joining our fantastic group of volunteers this year. We have a wonderful community, but however many volunteers we have, it is never enough.

## SUSAN FREIBERGER

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## SENIORS TEA

Ruth Glatman

The first Seniors Tea was held in the Shul hall on Sunday afternoon, June 22. It was from an original idea of Tamara Tolley that we should hold such an event as there were many of our older members who were no longer able to come to Shul.

Having made cakes and scones on the Thursday, we prepared the tea on Sunday morning. The hall looked very nice – we had white paper tablecloths, covered by the blue linen ones, we used the blue and white Shul milky crockery, and had flowers on the tables.

About 45 elderly members came to tea, 22 of whom needed transport, so thanks to my worthy bunch of volunteers who came forward to ferry them to and from Shul. Maurice Samuelson played his accordion, while Susan Freiberger and Eve Golditch greeted everyone during the course of the event.

It was a great success and we received lovely letters and telephone calls of thanks afterwards. We hope this will now be a regular item in the Shul calendar to show our older members that they are still very much valued by the community.



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# SHANA TOVA

# U'METUKA

## Rosh Hashanah greetings from the members of Golders Green Synagogue

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Simon and Penina Bowman wish all their friends and family a good, peaceful and sweet New Year

### CLARK

Joel, Rachel, Annie and Jonah Clark wish the whole community Shana Tova u'Metuka

### CHAIN

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Monroe and Susette Palmer wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

### RAHIMZADEH/HART

We would like to wish everyone a very healthy and Happy New Year and wishing you well over the fast. From the Rahimzadeh/Hart family

### SAMUELS

We wish the wonderful GGS community a Shanah Tovah U'metuka, from the Samuels family

### CROSSLEY

Shana Tova from Jackie Crossley

### DAVIES

Jonathan Davies wishes all members of the shul a happy 5775. Shanah Tovah

### FRANKS

Wishing the whole community shana tova and well over the fast from Julia, Julian, Ella, Isaac, Gabriel and Michael Franks

### FREIBERGER

Wishing all our family and friends a very good Yom Tov. Susan, Brian, Andrew, Anna and Lee

### FREIBERGER

Shanna tova u'metuka from Eve, Phil, Avi and Ben, Yossi, Alon and Tamar

### FREIBERGER

Gillian and Malcolm and all the family wish the Kehilla a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

### GINSBURG

Wishing the community and all of Israel a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year from Dina, Rob, Avi, Elisheva and Aaron Ginsburg

### GLATMAN

Sydney and Ruth Glatman wish everyone in the community a Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope that this year will bring peace and safety to everyone all over the world

### VAUGHAN

Shana Tova to the Golders Green community, best wishes from the Vaughan family

### WAIDHOFER

Shana Tova greetings for a Happy and Peaceful Year. Norman and Viviane Waidhofer and family

### WOOLICH

Denise, Sara, Anthony, Rebecca and Helena Woolich and Barbara Goldstein wish the wonderful Golders Green community a very happy New Year

### ZINKIN

The Zinkin family wish the Golders Green community Shana Tova and well over the fast

### GOODMAN

Wishing everybody at Dunstan Road a happy and a healthy new year, and well over the fast. Lots of love Sara, Philip, Avi, Yoram and Shevi

### HABIB

Best wishes to the whole community for a happy and peaceful new year from Eveleen Habib and family

### HOCHHAUSER

Shana Tova from Jo, Daniel, Dina, David and Rachel Hochhauser

### JACOBS

A Very Happy New Year to all of you from Myrna and family

### KAUFMAN

A happy and healthy new year, from Corinne, Jeremy, Hannah, Sam and Emma Kaufman

### LEWIS

Vivienne and Jeffery wish everyone a Shana Tova

### MALINSKY

As the New Year starts, may you discover a new sense of possibility, of gifts you have to share and a renewed commitment to your faith and your dreams. Yaron and Meir Malinsky wish their family, friends and the entire congregation a Happy & Healthy 5775! LeShana Tova Tikatevu VeTechatemu!

### MANUEL

Happy and Healthy New Year to all the community from the Manuels

## "IF NOT NOW, WHEN?"

Best wishes for a happy and peaceful year from the Roth/Gessler family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2014

MAZEL TOV TO...

- Adam and Andrea Berlin, on the birth of a daughter, Alyssa
- Simon and Gabrielle Stern, on the birth of a son, Netanel
- Jeremy and Liz Manuel, on the birth of a grandson, Aryeh, son of Abigail and Chaim Burman
- Stephen and Fabia Shaw, on the birth of a grandson, Moshe-Akiva Yehuda, son of Gaby and Sam Lebens
- Louis Myers, son of Keith and Jane and grandson of Eveleen Habib, on his Barmitzvah
- Gabriel Franks, son of Julian and Julia, on his Barmitzvah
- Gabriel White, on his Barmitzvah
- Baruch Cramer, on his Barmitzvah
- Benny and Julia Chain, on the engagement of their daughter Talia to Josh Charig
- Richard Verber and Naomi Joseph, on their marriage
- Oliver Robinson and Lily Meyer, on their marriage
- Brian and Miriam Baderman, on the marriage of Hanna and Herzl
- Stephen and Fabia Shaw, on the marriage of Gideon and Atoosa
- Rabbi Edward Zinkin, son of Peter and Jacqui, on being awarded Semicha
- Avram Shapir, on his 80th birthday
- Lionel Blumenthal, on his 80th birthday
- Trevor Fenner, on a special birthday
- Rob and Dina Ginsburg, on their silver wedding anniversary
- Philip and Sara Goodman, on their silver wedding anniversary



The wedding of Gideon and Atoosa Shaw (left); Barmitzvah boy Louis Myers

DEATHS

- Elizabeth Grovic
- Jack Lesser
- Yvonne Melnick
- Margit Nebenzahl
- Max Sinclair
- Kenneth Gamse, father of Ian Gamse
- Saul Weissbart, father of Jonathan Weissbart
- Sidney Goldstein, father of Sara Woolich

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Harry Blumenthal
- Benjamin and Sharon Braun
- Talia Chain
- Edwin and Suzy Chomer
- Adam and Deborah Clyne
- Simon and Sharon Eder
- Jack Frankenthal
- Andrea Frankenthal
- Jonathan Gabor
- Avigail Goodman
- Elise Horowitz
- Thomas and Rebecca Irwin
- David and Anita Jason
- Anthony and Katarina Julius
- Etziona Polushko
- Daniel and Joanne Rahimzadeh
- Sara Shulman
- Jonathan and Annabel Weissbart
- Jared and Rachel Wolman
- Eleanor Zinkin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Senior Tea Party

▪ Sunday October 26, 2.30-4.30, Golders Green Synagogue  
Please RSVP to the Shul office (0208 455 2460), or to Susan Freiberger (07553 451 023). Please let us know if you require a lift

Mitzvah Day

▪ Sunday November 16.  
The community will be involved again in this annual day of social action and volunteering, with a wide range of activities for all ages. Do keep the date free and volunteer your time. More details to follow after Yom Tov. To get involved, contact Samantha Vaughan - [vaughan.samantha@gmail.com](mailto:vaughan.samantha@gmail.com)

Dementia: What's it all about?

▪ Wednesday November 26, 7.45-10pm, Golders Green Synagogue. Gill Yentis (Jewish Care's Dementia Development Practitioner) will be hosting a talk on dementia. Come along and find out more. For more information, call 020 8455 2460

EVENTS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES:

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| ▪ Simchat Torah pre-lunch entertainment | October 17       |
| ▪ Chanukah party                        | December 20      |
| ▪ Tu B'Shvat lunch                      | January 31, 2015 |
| ▪ Purim Carnival                        | March 1, 2015    |
| ▪ Baby Blessing                         | April 18, 2015   |
| ▪ Lag B'Omer BBQ                        | May 3, 2015      |

GOLDERS GREEN EVENTS (GGE):

GGE, formed by a small group of members, is planning a programme of varied events for the community

- Tuesday October 28, 8pm at Golders Green Shul Jonathan Beckman, author of newly published book, *How to Ruin a Queen*, in conversation with Daniel Hochhauser
- Sunday December 14, 8pm at Golders Green Shul, Panel Discussion/Brains Trust
- For 2015: a Bridge afternoon, quiz supper, and various talks. More information to follow



WELCOME TO CANDICE JANET

Our new Community Manager, a replacement and enhancement of the former administrator role, is Candice Janet.

Candice joined us in July, having previously worked at KKL Executor and Trustee Company as events and marketing officer. Before that, she was research coordinator for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Originally from Johannesburg, Candice has been living in North West London for the past 13 years.

Candice succeeds Naomi Hill, who worked as the administrator for more than 10 years. During this time she worked hard to ensure the Shul office provided a welcoming and supportive resource for members and non-members alike. She always had a smile on her face and was always willing to lend a sympathetic ear to those who needed it. Naomi supported us and worked very hard during some of the most turbulent times in our history.

We thank Naomi very much for her tireless work and wish her every success, while also welcoming Candice to the community. Candice will be working full-time for the United Synagogue: half for us and half for Hampstead Synagogue on Dennington Park Road.

The new Shul office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 5pm and the first Sunday of each month, 11am to 1pm. When she is not in the Shul office, Candice can be contacted on 07939 049103 and she monitors this phone and the Shul email from Hampstead.



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Shana Tova and best wishes

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