

Our Congregation



News and views from Belsize Square Synagogue

5777 AND THE PARADOX OF HONEY

Shalom and my wishes to all of you and your loved ones for *shana tova u'metukah*, a good and sweet year (5777)

From the outset of my remarks, it is clear that the way we Jews welcome the new year is unique to the Jewish people and our Judaism, and to no other faith.

Normally, the passage of time is marked by raucous celebrating, imbibing, eating and dancing – a logical way to mark the coming of a new year and the blessing of life. However, in Jewish tradition our celebration is not with noisy drinking and dancing but by sitting with our families at the festive dinner table, dipping our challah into honey and thanking God for the renewed possibility of a good and sweet new year.

I can also understand why we wish our friends and loved ones a “good” year because, in Jewish terms, if we do not add goodness to our lives, the new year is just another day, a part of the cycle of nature. When we come to synagogue to pray, it is not to ask God for material needs but spiritual strength, new ideals, gratitude for what we have, a changing and healthier perspective on our lives and the world around us.

We study and hear the words of Torah reconnecting us to our past and to our people. We all know that the example of spiritual and religious resolve set by our Jewish ancestors at the start of our recorded history has stood the test of time.

They knew the power of words, that ideas are stronger than the sword. So Babylonia is in rubble, the remains of Assyria are in museums, Greece, Rome, Persia, the Holy Roman Empire, Islamic Empire, Communist bloc, Nazi

Third Reich are all gone and we, the Jews, less than %.002 of the world's population, are still here.

The theme of this year's Holy Days is “The Importance of our Vision: Finding Meaning”. On Erev Rosh Hashanah we will introduce our journey into why ideals and dreams matter, by focusing on a talmudic text that tells us exactly what we should be praying for on Rosh Hashanah.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the subject is “God: Why do our Beliefs Matter?” They certainly matter a great deal to the dregs of extremists and terrorists today, but what about us? Do we have any core beliefs? Why God? And what kind of God it is that I reject or accept?

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah we turn to our texts, the stories and history that give us vision.

On Kol Nidre: What is the mission of the Jewish people? Is it important to articulate what exactly we, the collective whole of the Jewish people, want for this world? What is the purpose of remaining Jewish? Plus a few words about how Belsize Square Synagogue fits into our people's vision. Does our Synagogue need goals and a mission?

For Yom Kippur, what does all this search for meaning and vision mean to me as an individual? What do I live for? Should I be a part of something greater than myself?

At Yizkor, remembering: the importance

of incorporating our memories of loved ones into our ideals and aims. Yizkor is all about remembering the past for the sake of our future.

At Neilah, before we say goodbye to our holiest time of the year, we will summarise and contemplate where we are headed as individuals and as a community.

We all begin our new year by dipping our challah into honey, which is perfectly *kasher*! Why is that an odd thing? Because normally something that is *tamei* (ritually impure) is forbidden, *treif*!

Milk products, eggs of kosher animals are just fine, but how can the product of a non-kosher creature – a bee – be considered kosher? (footnote: I love honey – good decision, Rabbis!) but why did they come up with a ruling that not only allows us to eat honey all year round but tells us we should eat it specifically at Rosh Hashanah? Why is it made the exception to the long list of prohibitions in Maimonides, *Hilchot Ma'achalot Assurot* 3:3?

According to the Rabbis, honey represents a food which turns “bad, non-kosher” into good – and kosher. That is the concrete form of what we express in our prayers: there is always a future for happiness. Good will emerge from past unhappiness, suffering and dissonance.

So what are our greatest hopes and dreams at this time of the year? The food – the honey – symbolises our quest for 5777 to see good emerge from our misfortunes, wars and crises; to see *taharah* (purity), the good, emerge from *tumah* (impurity) and our world move toward the fulfilment of our hopes and ideals.

See you all in our beautiful Sanctuary.

Ketivah v'chatimah tova,

Rabbi Altshuler

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IMPORTANT TRAFFIC INFORMATION ADVICE TO OUR MEMBERS

East Heath Road, which runs down from Whitestone Pond at the top of Hampstead Heath to the Royal Free Hospital in Pond Street, is closed to southbound traffic for three months till mid-December for essential repair work. A diversion has been introduced which sends all southbound traffic down Heath Street and Hampstead High Street to meet Pond Street on the left. Please be aware that this will add to your journey times to and from the Synagogue. We would ask that you allow plenty of additional time.





THE WHITE GOWN

Cantor Paul Heller explains the Symbolism and Significance of his Festival Garb



During the High Holy Days, you will see me wearing a white gown.

I wore a white gown instead of the usual black one, when I recited the Prayer for Dew on the

first day of Passover. Afterwards, several people approached me and asked me why. Now, as the High Holy Days approach, I shall do the same thing again.

Alfred Rubens, in his authoritative *History of Jewish Costume*, writes: "Certain features of Jewish dress are as valid today as 2,000 years ago." Exodus chapter 29 describes the priests' clothing, including the *ketonet*, a long coat. (The same word is used for Joseph's coat of many colours). Religions have a lot in common,

including the long robe or gown. The Church copied the dress of the priests of the Temple in Jerusalem. So did the Muslims. Long robes are, after all, a common feature of Western Asian dress.

So no wonder ministers wear this for our services, especially at the most charged and emotional moments. Normally, we wear black gowns but on the High Holydays they change into a white gown, known as a kittel, which also serves as a burial shroud.

A white gown is also worn at the start of Pesach when the cantor recites the Prayer for Dew during the Musaf service, and it can be worn during the Seder. It is worn again when reciting the Prayer for Rain on Shemini Atzeret.

The reason for wearing white is that the colour symbolises the state of purity we seek to achieve when asking for the bestowal of these blessings, as well as forgiveness for our sins. We take our cue from Isaiah's words in chapter 1, verse 18: "Though your sins be as

scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

This example of the robes, or gowns, as a common element of religious practice leads me to the troubling question: what makes people hate us so much? As the former Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, so clearly illustrates in his book, *Not In God's Name*, with so much in common, there is no reason for people to kill each other.

Lord Sacks lays the blame on non-believers, whose philosophy egged on the extreme right in Germany 80 years ago, leading to the Holocaust, and today incites the extreme left in Europe, with the same aim. Hate-filled voices are also heard across the Atlantic, where God Our Creator is forgotten.

May democracy win on both sides of the Atlantic and may we strive for all humanity to see the day when, in the words of the prophet Zechariah, the Lord will be one and His name one.

Wishing you a blessed year – Shanah Tovah.

PLAQUE UNVEILED IN WIENER LIBRARY

Walter Goddard reports on a tribute to Hans and Eva Reichmann

Readers young (I won't say old) enough to remember our members, Hans and Eva Reichmann, may like to learn that, in conjunction with the Association of Jewish Refugees, a plaque was unveiled at the Wiener Library on 13 July to honour their work and memory.

For AJR chairman, Andrew Kaufman, the plaque commemorated "their everlasting contribution to the flourishing of the refugees and the shaping of our understanding of the culture, history and heritage of the Jewish emigres from Central Europe".

Eva Jungmann, as she originally was, worked from 1924-1939 at the Berlin headquarters of the Centralverein Deutscher Staatsbuerger Juedischen Glaubens (CV – the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith), closely following events in Germany after the First World War. She noted the

rise of fascism, resulting in the seizure of power by the National Socialists in 1933, and the increasing pressure on Jews, which ultimately led to Kristallnacht in November 1938.

Hans Reichmann, a lawyer who also worked at the CV, was one of the initiators of an anti-Nazi propaganda campaign during the last phase of the Weimar Republic. They married in 1932. After Hans's release from Sachsenhausen, the couple fled to England in 1939, where Eva first worked for the BBC.

After the war she became director of research at the Wiener Library (she had worked with Alfred Wiener at the CV in Berlin), alerting the British public to the continuing threat of fascism and racism. She wrote numerous incisive essays, continuing after retirement in 1959, and was honoured by the German state for her insights and work on German-Jewish reconciliation.

Her 1950 book, *Hostages of Civilisation*, is a profound analysis of the Jewish catastrophe in Germany. It gained her a doctorate (her second) from the London School of Economics

and she joked that she was now Dr Dr Reichmann! Her first doctorate in 1921 at Heidelberg was in the field of sociology. She died in 1998 aged 101. Hans died in 1964 aged 64.



Hans, who was chairman of the AJR from 1953-63, cultivated relationships with MPs and bodies dealing with Anglo-Jewish relations. As a British representative on the New York-based Claims Conference, he was instrumental in negotiations on German Restitution law. He then negotiated with the Inland Revenue to win tax-free treatment of restitution payments from Germany.



WITH THANKS FROM ISRAEL

Our very successful and enjoyable celebration in May of Israel's 68th Independence Day, held at the synagogue under Jeffrey Graham's able chairmanship, proved an excellent fund-raiser for our three chosen charities:

The Jaffa Institute

<http://www.jaffainstitute.org>

The Sport Centre for the Disabled in Israel

<http://www.iscd.com>

Yemin Orde Youth Village

<https://www.yeminorde.org>

These responses show their appreciation for our community's continued support for the work that they do.



The Jaffa Institute

**From Dr David Portowicz,
Chairman Jaffa Institute**

Thank you so much for your generous donation of £15,000 towards the Jaffa Institute's Jumpstart Programme. Your financial support will benefit the severely disadvantaged children and families who participate in the Jaffa Institute's many activities.

At the Jaffa Institute, we are constantly developing our projects to better meet the needs of those we serve. Our mission is to provide educational, recreational and social enrichment programs to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty found in the communities of Jaffa, South Tel Aviv and Bat Yam.

We are committed to fostering each child's self-esteem so that he/she can evolve into a healthy, educated and productive adult. Through our 30 different initiatives, including after-school programs, at risk youth residencies and nutritional services, we reach 4000 citizens annually. Thanks to the generous financial support of donors like you, we are creating brighter futures and a better Israel.



**From Susan Weijel,
Deputy Director
Yemin Orde Youth Village**

On behalf of the children and staff at Yemin Orde Youth Village, please accept our warmest thanks for the generous contribution from

Belsize Square Synagogue to our Art Therapy Program.

We are delighted that your recent event was so successful, and are honored that Mr. Allan Morgenthau spoke passionately about the Village and its children.

We cordially invite you to visit us in Israel. We would love to show you the project in action!

Thank you for working with us to provide *tikkun halev* (emotional healing) to the youngsters living and learning at the Village. Your support is



**From Brian Harris,
Chairman Friends of Israel
Sport Centre for the Disabled**

My colleagues and I are really quite overwhelmed and very grateful for the enormous further support which BSS has given to the remarkable Sports Centre for the Disabled in Israel.

£15,000 was received on Friday 10 June and this exact sum will be transferred to Israel to acquire much needed bikes.

With very many thanks to you, your colleagues and to all those who donated.

New Year Greetings

The Rabbi, Cantor, Emeritus Rabbi and their families, Honorary Officers, Members of the Board and Staff extend their best wishes to all our Members for a healthy and peaceful New Year

My wife Ella and I, together with Micah, Elanah and Eitan (my children) and Jonah, Roi and Ryann (my grandchildren) wish you and your loved ones a blessed, honey-sweet, good, loving, hopeful and peaceful New Year 5777.

Rabbi Stuart and Ella Altshuler

"On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed." May it be written and may it be sealed that you and your dear ones have a New Year that brings fulfilment and happiness, peace and prosperity – all of life's very best things. Have a happy and healthy New Year!

L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu veTechatemu

לשנה טובה תיכתבו ותיחתמו

Cantor Paul, Antge, Michelle and Yohel Heller

We would like to thank the many members of the community for their warm wishes, gifts, flowers and charity donations on the occasion of our "milestone" birthdays. We have been quite overwhelmed and deeply touched by the thoughtfulness and kindness of so many and we truly appreciate the sentiment that prompted such an outpouring of affection.

We also wish all members a happy and healthy New Year.

Rabbi Rodney and Sue Mariner





JEFFREY GRAHAM: Our Chatan Torah

I was born, at a rather early age, in Golders Green and regularly attended Golders Green (United) Synagogue, where my parents were members. It was there that I had my initial formal Hebrew learning on Sunday mornings (and three times a week after school too) until my Bar Mitzvah.

I went to Wessex Gardens Junior School before attending Orange Hill Grammar School, where I spent much time on the sports fields playing cricket and football. After studying Politics and Sociology at Manchester University in the heady '60s, where I was involved in student politics, I became a teacher of history and social studies.

My first visit to Israel was in June 1967 immediately after I finished A levels and I went to volunteer on Kibbutz Ein Dor. A few years later I was invited to be a teacher there and I lived on the kibbutz for 17 years and became Principal of the Regional High School after completing my army service. More

importantly it was there that I met my wife, Ofra, and we brought up four children Yaara, Elad, Adam and Maya.

In 1988 we left the kibbutz and returned to London and I went into the family business, which I now run. After a brief interlude at Alyth Gardens Synagogue, we happily joined the community at Belsize Square. Ofra taught Hebrew for a while and the children attended Hebrew Classes.

Yaara, Elad and Maya now live in Israel and we have three beautiful grandchildren, too. Maya was the latest to get married in September!

I have been a member of the Israel Committee for several years and took on the chairmanship a couple of years ago, which was not without its challenges. However this year, with a great committee, we put on a successful fund raising event – Celebrate Israel 68 – for our chosen Israeli organisations.

I have been a regular attender of the Adult Education Group which meets on Sunday mornings and cannot understand why more of our members do not take full advantage of this wonderful asset we have, especially parents who drop off their children in Hebrew School. Just pop upstairs to the library and enjoy great learning with a special group of people!

Outside of synagogue, I am a lifelong Spurs supporter and member of Middlesex County Cricket Club. I am delighted to have the honour of Chatan Torah bestowed upon me and look forward to many more years of involvement in our community.



Farewell To Irene White 1917-2016

The scent of flowers overpowers the smell of death.
Its sweetness lingers for all times, carrying a feeling of sublime,
It's carried through the air by the breeze,
It wafts gently through the fully clothed leaves.
But today it's the time
To bid a grand old lady of ninety-nine farewell.
For many years with pleasure her stories she did tell.
Where there was no hope, she gave hope,
She taught many how to cope.
Her paintings so bright, fresh and new
Brought much to many – I was also one who knew
Her. She brought much to her family during her long life.
Now, the once cherished and devoted wife
Has joined her husband in the world beyond the grave.
She was kind, gentle, resourceful and very brave.
So Irene, we all bid you farewell.
Thank you for allowing us to join you in your last journey
Still holding us in your spell.

Irene White, who died on 22 July, one of the last remaining early members of our synagogue in its fledgling years, had an extraordinary life, which will be told in a future issue of this paper. This tribute comes Patricia Tausz, daughter of another of this sadly dwindling band, Martha Tausz, who is fortunately still with us.

JUSTYN TRENNER: Our Chatan Bereshit



The Trenner family became a part of the Belsize family nearly 13 years ago. Our membership is now coming up for

its Bar Mitzvah. It is a special, if co-incidental, enhancement to the great honour of being asked to be Chatan Bereshit. Education and *hasbarah* (communication) have been at the heart of my involvement in our community.

I grew up in Surbiton and, like most of my contemporaries, chose to move North Of The River to live in a larger Jewish community. My late father, Desmond, led services, leyned beautifully and taught generations of children for their Bar Mitzvah. My

mother, Rosalynde, continues to sit on the board of Kingston and Surbiton District (United) Synagogue and is a stalwart of inter-faith work in the community.

After my university years and involvement with Oxford JSoc, NUS and UJS, the struggle for Soviet Jewry and president of The Oxford Cholent Society (I promise, this really exists), I attended Yakar at Lauderdale Road (Spanish and Portuguese), joined South Hampstead (United) Synagogue and then met my wife, Rebecca. I eventually followed my sister, Deborah Jay, and found our Jewish home here at Belsize.

While growing a consulting firm in the wholesale banking sector, which I eventually sold to an inter-dealer brokerage, I have always managed to find the time for my Jewish involvement, focusing on education, religious participation and Zionism.

To draw on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, I enjoy asking for Wonder. Much of this wonder has been seeing our children and all of the children of Belsize develop in their Jewishness. Whether sitting on the Education Committee or sending out twice-monthly emails to serve as starting points for my B'nei Mitzvah discussion group, there is always a 25th hour in the day for Belsize. It has been a pleasure to help so many young people to engage spiritually with the weekly parshah and find relevance in its timelessness.

I have tried to contribute to the inclusive running of our services as a Gabbai (warden), chaired the Israel Committee, and currently look after the security of our community. It is a privilege to sit on the Board and the Executive, to have a part in shaping our future. However, I am most proud of having introduced whisky as a staple of our Simchat Torah services.

CAN YOU HOST A SHABBAT DINNER?

Friday 11 November: Shabbat UK, Kristallnacht Service & Friday Night Dinner

Following last year's success, we are seeking members to share their Friday night dinner as part of our Shabbat UK programme which runs from 11-12 November. Our aim is to match people with other members in their area, so that they can make new friends and associations and feel part of the Belsize family.

This year Shabbat UK coincides with Kristallnacht, a significant event in the origin of this synagogue. We are asking those near the shul to host more distant members, who may appreciate a Shabbat meal with members after the service.

If you are interested in hosting fellow members of the community or being invited, please contact the Synagogue Office as soon as possible, so that we can arrange your invitations and hosts know their numbers.

Lee Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

TRIATHLON SWIM WIN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Congratulations to Mike Solomon (centre, holding trophy) and his two younger brothers Neil (47, left) and Paul (45, right) for their triathlon sprint relay win on 18 September at St Albans. The trio each did their favourite sport – Mike swam, Neil cycled, Paul ran – in a very respectable time of 1 hour 24 minutes, including transitions.

So far they have raised over £18,000 for the cancer research charity of the Royal Marsden Hospital, where Mike (49) was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer in March. His instant reaction was to take up open-air swimming again.

The family, including Mike's wife Hilary and mother-in-law Lilian Levy, are very grateful for the support of synagogue members.

For anyone else who wishes to donate, you can do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SolomonBrothers>



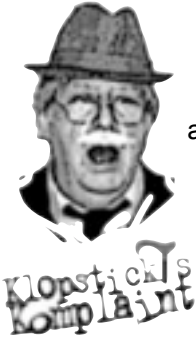


Dear Fellow Members,

This month I have had most of the worts from my kolumn cut off because of the imposing High Holidays. Also my naval passages have become bogged und the surgeon needs to clean my asteroids out from affection.

There four I did ask Mrs Klopstick to handel my kolumn, but she has refused point black. She says she has her own engender with football practice und so wider. So I must do it myself und cut mine own worts short witch is easier done then said.

Und here we are again on the doormat of Roshashono und Yom Kippur. For this reason I got out my special High Holiday tallis und found that in parts it was more than a bit afraid. Mrs K said that she would buy me a new one as a burseday present in advance. I know that there is a fashion for having the tallis in other collars, but without wanting to sound prejucice, I still prefer white.



I know that we have come a long way with the emulsification of women, not just on the bima but also across the world of politics. But how far are we coming in this direction? I know that Mrs Klopstick would very much like to blow the chauffer, but are we ready for this? We don't have one at home, but as most here in the Mansions are aware she is really quiet good with making loudness with her trombone, so the chauffer should really be a peace of doddle.

In this space what I am now up filling were worts witch will now be regurgitated next month. This is of cause on the provision that the surgeon dozen make a complete mess up of my passage. On be halve of Mrs Klopstick und me, I wish you well over the New Year und a happy fast.

With the best of intentions

Fritz Klopstick

Scripture Readings

Candle Lighting	Date	Sidrah/Festival	Torah		Haftarah	
Friday 30 September Lucia Salmon	1 October Elul 28	Nitzavim	Deuteronomy	29:9-30:20 30:18-20	Isaiah	61:10-63:9
	3 October Tishri 1	Rosh Hashanah 1st Day	Genesis Leviticus	21:1-27 23:23-25	I Samuel	1:1-2:10
	4 October Tishri 2	Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	Genesis Leviticus	22:1-19 23:23-25	Jeremiah	31:1-20
Friday 7 October Mira Ross	8 October Tishri 6	Vayeilech Shabbat Shuvah	Deuteronomy	31:1-30 31:28-30	Hosea Michah Joel	14:2-10 7:18-20 2:15-27
	12 October Tishri 10	Yom Kippur Shacharit	Exodus Leviticus	33:12-34:10 23:26-28	Isaiah	57:14-58:14
		Yom Kippur Minchah	Leviticus	19:1-18	Jonah Micah	Book 7:18-20
Friday 14 October Susannah Cohen	15 October Tishri 13	Ha'azinu	Deuteronomy	32:1-52 32:48-52	II Samuel	22:1-51
Sunday 16 October Vicky Hersheson	17 October Tishri 15	Succot 1st Day	Leviticus Deuteronomy	23:23-44 16:13-15	Isaiah	35
Monday 17 October Emma Orman	18 October Tishri 16	Succot 2nd Day	Deuteronomy Leviticus	8:1-18 23:42-44	I Kings	8:2-21
Friday 21 October Valerie Asher	22 October Tishri 20	Shabbat Chol Hamoed Succot	Deuteronomy Deuteronomy	14:22-15:18 16:15-17	I Kings	8:22-43
Sunday 23 October Ofra Graham	24 October Tishri 22	Shemini Atzeret	Deuteronomy Deuteronomy	10:12-11:21 28:2-6	I Kings	8:54-66
Monday 24 October Rebecca Trenner	25 October Tishri 23	Simchat Torah V'zot Hab'rachah	Deuteronomy Genesis Deuteronomy	33:1-34:12 1:1-2:3 4:2-4	Joshua	1:1-8
Friday 28 October Judith Sciamma	29 October Tishri 27	Bereshit	Genesis	2:4-4:26 6:5-8	Isaiah	2:4-4:26 6:5-8

Community News

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Joachim, son of Judith & Patrick Sciamma, who celebrates his Bar Mitzvah on 29 October

WEDDING

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Heather Goldstein & Dan Matlin, whose wedding took place on 28 August

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Mrs A Bruh (94) on 10 October
Mrs E Maier (90) on 18 October
Mr H Brook (97) on 19 October
Mrs G Hirsch (88) on 31 October

DEATHS

We regret to announce the passing of:

Edgar Davis on 24 August
Margot Nathan on 25 August

Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

9 October

10.00-11.15 Rabbi Altshuler on the Great Philosophers and the Jewish response: Schopenhauer, Mill, Darwin and Kierkegaard (part 2)
11.15-12.30 Debra Brunner, co-founder and London director of *The Together Plan*

16 October

10.00-11.15 Rabbi Altshuler on the Great Philosophers and the Jewish response: Marx and Engels (Part 1)
11.15-12.30 Dr Joshua Edelman, lecturer in theatre studies, Manchester Metropolitan University, on *The Merchant of Venice*

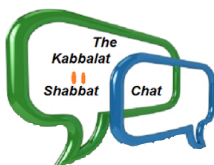
No class on 2 October (Erev Rosh Hashanah) or 23 and 30 October (Half Term)

CANTOR HELLER'S KABBALAT SHABBAT CHAT

An invitation and opportunity for Bar Mitzvah class pupils to make Kiddush, sing Lecha Dodi and learn the lessons of the Parsha.

On the second Friday of the month,
5.30pm in the Library

Next session: 14 October



THE BELSIZE MEMBERS' GROUP ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO THE POPULAR SUPPER QUIZ

Please join us with your family and friends on
Sunday 13 November at 7.30pm
Tickets £20 per person

To book a table of 10 or 12,
or if you want to be added to a table to get to know people,
please call the Synagogue Office on 020 7794 3949
or Marion Nathan on 020 8361 2443

The copy deadline for the next issue of
Our Congregation is Friday 14 October

REGULAR SERVICES

Friday evenings at 6.45pm & Saturday mornings at 10.00am

Kikar Kids

Saturday 1 October & 5 November at 11.00am

Under-5s' Service in the Crèche

5-9 year-olds Service in the Library

11.30am – Kids' Kiddush

Often followed by a Pot Luck Lunch

Contact Frank Joseph on 020 7482 2555 to bring a dish

Religion School

Sunday mornings: 9.30am-12.30pm

**No Cheder 2 October (Erev Rosh Hashanah)
or 23 & 30 October (Half Term)**

LOCAL LUNCHEON GROUPS

Still running and happy to welcome new members
Please let us know if you plan to attend

The NW3 and Wembley Group

Giacomo, 428 Finchley Road, NW2 2HY

1.00pm on Wednesday 19 October & 16 November

Please phone Irene Strauss on 020 7435 3538

The Edgware Group

Edgware & District Reform Synagogue (EDRS)

118 Stonegrove, Edgware HA8 8AB

1.30pm on Tuesday 8 November (No October lunch)

Please phone Inge Strauss on 020 8958 9414

SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION

This year we shall be collecting tinned and dried goods (vegetarian only please) for those in need in Camden through the Salvation Army. If you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile cause for those who are struggling to make ends meet, please bring your gifts to the Synagogue during office hours or before or after Services until Wednesday 26 October.

Branch Line

If you are thinking of pruning your pine, laurel or cypress trees this year, then the Synagogue would be grateful to receive branches for the Succah, which will be erected on Thursday 13 October.

Please contact the Synagogue office to make arrangements for delivery if you are able to help or contribute.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11 & Saturday 12 November
Shabbat UK

Friday 11 November

We will also commemorate Kristallnacht

Saturday Eve 3 & Sunday 4 December
Chanukah Market





HIGH HOLYDAYS AT BELSIZE SQUARE

The Synagogue Office will be open for the collection of High Holyday Prayer Books and non-member tickets on Sunday 2 October from 10.00 to 12 noon.

ROSH HASHANAH

1st Eve – Sunday 2 October at 6.45pm
1st Day – Monday 3 October at 9.30am
2nd Eve – Monday 3 October at 6.45pm
2nd Day – Tuesday 4 October at 9.30am

KOL NIDREI

Tuesday 11 October at 7.00pm – fast commences at 6.00pm

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday 12 October at 10.00am – fast ends at 7.03pm

During the Mazkir Service there will be a Mifgash run by Michelle Heller in the Synagogue Hall.

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Rosh Hashanah

Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 October,
reopening on Wednesday 5 October

Kol Nidre

Tuesday 11 October at 12.00 noon,
reopening on Thursday 13 October

Succot

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 October,
reopening on Wednesday 19 October

Shemini Atzeret

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 October,
re-opening on Wednesday 26 October

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