



TIME OUT – THE SUMMER JUDAISM QUIZ

Shalom Chaverim,

As we all head toward our summer break, my own particular thoughts have been centred round the need for *hitbod'dut*, meaning "alone time". It's a chasidic term that defines a very intriguing part of our Jewish religious quest, the need to be alone, the need for existential thought and isolation.

Jewish tradition does not believe that monasteries or extreme *hitbod'dut* is required or mandated but that each human soul, each one of us, needs time to be with ourselves, away from the crowd to restore our spiritual sense. The demands of the rabbi are constant but this rabbi, for one, is looking forward to "alone time", to walking, thinking, writing, reading, visiting and restoring my spiritual juices before the onset of another year ahead.

I am sure it is the same for all of you and I do hope that you will find the time these two summer months to find your soul, your peace of mind, and return to the upcoming new year 5779 refreshed and reinvigorated, ready for new challenges.

As I thought of *hitbod'dut*, I also wondered how many of us know some of the other "languages" of Judaism. Let me share just a few: *simchah shel mitzvah*, *hiddur mitzvah*, *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*, *bal tashit*, *nihum aveilim*, *kevod habriyot*. There are many others, but let's see how you did in recognising these essential Jewish phrases.

1) *Simchah Shel Mitzvah* – Joy of carrying out the Commandment – When we fulfil any obligation, we should look

to find joy in practising our Judaism. The Talmud says that if we come to the end of our days only to discover that we failed to find pleasure in God's Creation, missed those opportunities to travel, discover and learn, then we failed to find *simchah shel mitzvah*.

2) *Hiddur Mitzvah* – Beautification of the Commandment – which means that when we fulfil a mitzvah, we should attempt to beautify it as much as possible. So, when we select a new tallit, Shabbat candlesticks or lulav and etrog for Succot, we should look for the best, make them beautiful. Adorn your Judaism, make what we use beautiful and special.

3) *Tza'ar Ba'alei Hayim* – Suffering of Living Creatures – Judaism's requirement to take care of the animal world, to prevent needless suffering to all living creatures. The Torah warns against yoking stronger animals with weaker animals. Shabbat was decreed as a day of rest for our animals, too.

Shechitah, the Jewish method for kosher slaughter of animals, mandates that the animal taken for our benefit should not suffer needlessly. The slaughter must be done quickly, the knife used must not have any defect which would cause needless suffering to the animal.

4) *Bal Tashit* – Do not Needlessly Destroy – This is the Torah's most powerful directive against wanton waste of God's earth. *Bal tashit* is a blanket prohibition against destroying trees, polluting the air, wasting food, smoking,

vandalism, even squandering money.

We do not own anything, the Torah teaches. Everything belongs to God, so therefore we must be wise in the way that we live here on this planet. Do not destroy things, preserve what you have, especially God's Creation.

5) *Nihum Aveilim* – Comforting the Mourners – This commandment is considered one of Judaism's most important commandments, the mitzvah of comforting those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The place of comfort is in the mourner's home, an opportunity to talk about the deceased with those in mourning, to bring food and solace to our friends, making sure that they know they are not alone in facing their grief.

6) *Kevod Habriyot* – Honouring Human Life – Love of God is translated in our Jewish tradition into our love for humanity. Ben Azzai, one of our great Sages from the 2nd century CE, said that this was the most important commandment of all. Every human being is created "in the image of God". Therefore, desecrating a human being's feelings, spreading falsehoods and hurting someone all diminish the image of God that resides in the human soul.

Let me know if you liked this brief lesson. More essential "languages" of Judaism coming. Enjoy your *hitbod'dut*, your alone time, and take this time for learning and uplift.

In shalom,

Rabbi Altshuler

CHEVRA KADISHAH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 22 July, at 11.30am (Tisha B'Av)
at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, NW10 2HG
Conducted by Cantor Paul Heller

KEVER AVOT – VISITING THE GRAVES

Sunday 2 September at 11.00am
at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery
A service to remember family and friends who are buried there

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Congratulations to Eve Salama (12), who raised £2,100 through a sponsored silence at the end of April. Half the money went to Age UK Camden, in her borough, and half to Jewish Care's Holocaust Survivor Centre in Hendon, where she was invited for a celebration tea by Mrs Gerda Oblath, 92, whom she regularly visits, and where she gave out 15 goodie bags she had filled. Eve started her silence on a school day and was encouraged by her school, Dame Alice Owen's in Potters Bar.



Dancing at the Israel dinner



Members of our youth choir at the Hyde Park Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday 15 April. Our boy soloists at the mike: Max Chalfen (left) and Chaim Sciamma, in white shirts. Orly Landeck at left of photo in wheelchair next to twin sister Lily (right). Brother Benny and Jack Loison, also in white shirts, are in the back row. Joining the Jewish Male Voice Choir is our youth choir director Miles de Cruz, 2nd row, 3rd from right next to steel pole and tree trunk. (See article on Page 6)



Happy diners at Shavuot lunch

Congratulations to our young member Elizabeth (Lizzie) Roberts who was seen in April in the BBC TV series The Split, a drama about a family of top divorce lawyers, later shown on American Sundance TV. Lizzie played the 16-year-old daughter of one of the high-powered women solicitors and looked very much the teenager. She is a bit worried about revealing her actual age (23) but she is one of those people with youthful genes.

Lizzie went from Camden Girls' School to Birmingham University, where she got a sociology degree, but she always wanted to go into acting. She emailed several agents, was accepted by one and gained experience through "bits and pieces" in low-budget short films. She successfully auditioned for the TV series last year and filmed from July to October. The domestic scenes were filmed in a house in Clapham where she had her own teenage bedroom which was "really cool."



Photograph by Michael Wharley

RECORD AMOUNT RAISED AT ISRAEL DINNER

Our sell-out Israel Dinner, organised by Emma Brookes, continued its popular appeal as tables were squeezed into the synagogue-cum-kiddush room. With lively dance circles and energetic lines weaving through the throng (see *photo on page 2*), our MC was professional commentator Rob Nothman, whose wife Sharna arranged the attractive table decor. Caterer Adam Nathan completed the in-house contributions. Outside contributors comprised the veteran band, Shir, who know our taste in music, and guest speaker, the journalist and broadcaster Jonathan Freedland.

The appeal, which raised a record £48,000, was introduced by Allan Morgenthau. He was followed by Rob Nothman who briefly interviewed three committed congregational members (Brian Harris, Ruth Rothenberg and Allan Morgenthau) on the charities we regularly support: the Jaffa Institute (after-school activities and educational

help for at-risk children), Yemin Orde Children's Village (providing a nurturing home and education for teenagers from broken backgrounds) and the Israel Sports Centre for the Disabled.

This year, to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the State of Israel, the event was held on the Hebrew calendar date (5 Iyar), corresponding to the evening of 19 April. The original date in the secular calendar was 14 May 1948 (5708 in the Hebrew calendar). Whatever date is chosen, the starting point remains that, as Jonathan Freedland pointed out, Israel "is a miracle".

Questions covered Israel's attitude to the Syrian dictator and long civil war ("Better the devil you know"); why more attention is paid to several dozen Gazans killed by Israeli troops in the protest marches along the border fence than the hundreds of thousands of Syrian civilians killed in warfare ("Israel

is held to a higher standard"); and the probability of Israel ruling over more Arabs than Jews ("The dream of 1948 was not to be the occupier of another country for 51 years.")

But while it is easy to pontificate from a comfortable distance, Jonathan Freedland conceded that borders must be defended. In fact, he noted, many security issues have been resolved to the military's satisfaction. But the emotional issues on the Arab side "unravel all attempts to make lasting peace", notably the right of return and Jerusalem.

Perhaps the clearest illustration of how opinions depend on personal experience was his memory of a debate with noted right-winger Melanie Phillips 10 years ago, when his mother was still alive. "My mother, who was born in Palestine, nodded at Melanie's words. She sat with arms folded and pursed lips, when I spoke."

SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS

Tikkun

Shavuot, over a late May weekend, was bookended this year by a mini-lecture session, the *tikkun ley Shavuot*, which ushered in the festival, and a catered meal for elderly members at the finish.

The five sessions (with a bring-your-own picnic supper) had several high points. Professor Antony Polonsky's prodigious knowledge of Central European history gave us a completely different perspective of the First World War from the Western viewpoint taught here at school. But every change of fortune brought misfortune for the Jews in this area, including finally those patriotic German Jews who were awarded the Iron Cross. He left us with the intriguing thought that if Germany had won that war, Hitler would never have come to power.

Jonathan Paris, an American political analyst now based at the University of Buckingham, focussed on Iran: the expansionist ambitions of its ruling clerics versus the craving of the younger population to be listened to and given the chance of a better life. What will happen when the older generation goes?

Claire Walford, sadly without Susan Storing who was recovering from illness, related the brief but heroic life of Hannah Senesh (Szenes), who emigrated from Hungary to Palestine in 1939, joined the British Army in 1943, trained as a paratrooper to rescue Jews in Europe, was parachuted into then Yugoslavia and joined Tito's partisans, and was captured after crossing into Hungary. Refusing to release any information despite torture, she was executed in 1944, aged 23.

Apart from her supreme courage, her legacy is a collection of short poems that go straight to the heart and form part of Israel's literary heritage.

Our Rabbi and Cantor spoke on war and peace, respectively. Rabbi Stuart Altshuler outlined the numerous biblical and rabbinic references to the code of conduct in war, an indication of the importance attached to accountability in this field. Cantor Paul Heller looked at the development of the use of the term "peace" from Bible and Talmud to the prayer book, including the priestly blessing from the Book of Numbers. In earlier sources the wish for peace figures largely in the context of smaller groups, such as community or family. In liturgy it spreads its wings further, to encompass the world.

Ruth Rothenberg

Lunch

Once again some of our most senior members were invited to enjoy a Shavuot lunch on Monday 21 May. (See *photo on Page 2*). It was a beautiful day and perfect opportunity for friends who live at a distance to come together and catch up on gossip, share memories, and sing along with the Rabbi and the Cantor. People travelled from Edgware, Whetstone, Kingsbury, Southgate, Willesden, Finchley, Golders Green and Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Ursula Seftel explained that she was born in the spa town of Bad Hersfeld, while Margit Laser said she was born in Nuremberg but grew up in Hamburg. Brigitte Flynn was born in Hamm and Charly Fraylich and George Summerfield, who have May and June birthdays (91 and 85 years respectively), came from Berlin.

The lunch, catered by Claire Walford, was a success for newcomers and long-time members alike, including Dorothy Rynhold, who complimented the excellent food, and Brigitte Flynn, who was delighted to meet Marian Goldberg, whom she had not seen for a year. Marian's mother, Hella Israel, acted as witness at Brigitte's wedding.

Eve Hersov



A YEAR BUZZING WITH ACTIVITY and a quiet AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting, the second year of Jackie Alexander's term of office, was quiet and uneventful with an attendance of around 50. But it noted several changes as well as increasing initiatives and announcements of next year's important dates.

Among the changes was the increase in our representation at the Board of Deputies from two to three deputies, owing to increased membership. We even had to vote as four candidates stood for office. The winners were Roberts Sacks, who continues in the role; Deborah Cohen, a former synagogue treasurer; and Carol (Laser) Cohen, with 25 years experience at the Community Security Trust under her belt.

Susan Storing, the new girl on the block who joined BSS during her recent four-year single-handed campaign against strident anti-Semitism at University College London, was told by our chairman to stay close at hand. Her quiet purposefulness will be called upon. Robert Sacks paid fulsome tribute to his former colleague, Eric Moonman, who served as our representative from 1968 till his death last December and was active from his youth in Jewish and public life.

Two Board members stepped down and three new members, co-opted during the past year, were confirmed by being elected. Chairmen of committees and projects were thanked, especially those now stepping down from that role.

On the financial side, our operating deficit has reduced. Though legacy income is down, we have benefited from increased membership and the rental income from Keren's Nursery (currently in discussions over lease renewal) and the Central School of Speech and Drama's use of our hall.

Lee Taylor's short presentation on the General Data Protection Regulation Act of May this year, which has bombarded the entire population with communications on information they never knew existed, promised us that, in practical terms, nothing would change. But the office now has the obligation and opportunity to clear out cupboards full of old data. Members can also now opt out of receiving communications.

The following are the major points of

the Chairman's Address:

Scout Hut: I wrote to everyone in the congregation last November to tell them that the Board had unanimously agreed to the Building Steering Committee's recommendation not to proceed with the large-scale redevelopment of the Hall and Scout Hut. At present we are actively considering occupying the Scout Hut for our own use, while looking at whether a redevelopment of the Scout Hut site will be feasible.

Nick Viner and I, with the help of Keith Conway, have also been engaged in negotiations with the Scouts to regularise their lease. We have served them with a formal legal notice and a schedule of dilapidations, and discussions are ongoing.

Building improvements: The Board requested a clean up of the premises inside and out, to discard obsolete materials and improve storage conditions. Freddy Lehman is still working on this with Lee Taylor and Gordon ... Once this is finished, we will know what clear space we have and can start to plan for a modest refurbishment of the hall in a cost-effective and appropriate manner. I hope this will happen later this year.

Security: As always, Justyn Trenner is very modest about the amount of work that he puts into Security, as chairman, in order to keep us all safe. The security tender and selection of a new security firm has been very involved and a huge thank you is owed from all of us to him.

New & recent initiatives: The first babies and toddlers service, organised in early 2017 by Annette Nathan and our Ministers, was a great success. It is now an annual event and the next one will be held on **3 November**. On 19 May we participated for the first time in National Mental Health Awareness Shabbat, which began last year. We joined over 100 synagogues and will do so again in 2019. The Membership Committee is working on "inclusion", led by Michelle Wayne who has just been co-opted to our Board.

Another new initiative, launched across the Jewish community at the beginning of the year, is the ECO Synagogue project. We have started the registration process and Paul Fraylich will champion this, supported by the Facilities Committee, with Lee and Gordon, to see how we can become

more ecologically friendly.

Welfare: I am proud that we are now registered as a Disability Confident Employer. As you enter the Synagogue, you will see that we display leaflets from relevant assistance organisations. We will add leaflets about Eve Hersov's work as our Community Care Co-ordinator (thank you, Eve) and the help that Re'ut provides. Thank you also to Suzanne Goldstein who, while deciding to step down from the Executive, will stay on the Board and continue to lead Re'ut, which plays such an important part in our community.

A thank you also goes to Claire Walford who has run two very successful clothes collections for Syrian refugees. Please do not forget that we still have World Jewish Relief cards on sale in our office, which is also a great way of helping those who are displaced and in need of help from WJR.

Conversion: The Executive and I have been working with the Rabbi to ensure that those who go through our conversion classes feel fully integrated and welcome in our community. If you would like to host a Friday night dinner for one or two couples, please let Suzanne Goldstein know. We have also come to an arrangement with the Masorti movement to ensure that we can continue to use their Bet Din for all our conversions and any *gets*.

Holocaust education: Our annual Holocaust Memorial Day schools programme is another tremendous success but sadly both Sue Leon and Henny Levin have decided to step down after 13 years as initiators and organisers. They have done so much to build up this programme and we are enormously grateful to them both. Fortunately, Peter Bohm has agreed to take over the programme and we are all there to support him.

Music: Philip Keller has decided to step down as chairman of the Music Committee. He has been visionary in establishing our music programme and I cannot thank him enough. We are working on how to continue his work. With the youth choir, we are fortunate



to have welcomed Miles as its director to replace Alyson. Our youth choir continues to go from strength to strength.

Israel Dinner: I want to thank Emma Brookes for chairing the Israel Dinner committee and providing us with such a fantastic and successful evening. Next year's dinner will take place on Thursday **9 May 2019**. Please note this in your diary. Over the year Paul Burger will conduct a review of the charities we currently support. He already has a list of potential charities to consider alongside our present ones. Please do not send him any more!

80th anniversary: With next year being our 80th anniversary, I have

formed a planning committee. We will ask for your help and attendance at the events. First date for your diary is **1 March 2019**, which coincides with Shabbat UK, when we will launch our celebrations with a Friday night dinner in the hall after the service.

The second important diary date is the Civic Service on the afternoon of Sunday **24 March 2019**. This happens to be the exact weekend of the first ever Belsize Square Synagogue service. More information to follow on both events.

Burial: I need to thank Steven Bruck, who has worked tirelessly on our behalf with the Edgwarebury Joint Burial Board and is now stepping down. As he said in his committee

report, in September 2019 it will be our turn to take the chair and I am delighted that John Abramson has agreed to take over his role and joined the EJBB Board to gain the necessary experience in advance.

After thanking everyone involved in synagogue life, including her husband John, Jackie Alexander concluded with a list of the year's numerous highlights and said this was the answer to a question she had been asked: "What is it about Belsize Square Synagogue that makes it so special and that people are talking about?" The answer to that, she said, "Is all the above and of course all of you, our members."

The Financial Report will follow in the next issue.

HONORARY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF THE BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE 2018-19

HONORARY OFFICERS

Chair:	Jackie Alexander
Hon Secretary:	Annette Nathan
Asst Hon Secretary:	Rob Nothman
Hon Treasurer:	Jimmy Strauss
Asst Hon Treasurer:	Adam Hurst

EXECUTIVE

All Honorary Officers
Plus the following Board Members:

Adam Davis
Francis Joseph
Justyn Trenner
Nick Viner

BOARD MEMBERS

All Honorary Officers (except the Chairman) and all members of the Executive

Plus:

John Abramson
John Alexander
Joe Brookes
Steven Bruck
Paul Burger
Keith Conway
Simon Cutner
Suzanne Goldstein
Joe Hacker
Pat Hirschovits
Michael Horowitz
Freddy Lehmann
Adam Nathan
Marion Nathan
Elizabeth Nisbet
Sarah Percival
David Pollins
Richard Pollins
Anthony Stadlen
Dilys Tausz
Claire Walford
Michelle Wayne

RE'UT REPORT FROM SUZANNE GOLDSTEIN

Re'ut was formed in July 2016 with the purpose of attending to the needs of the elderly of the community. It also helps members who may be in need of it at different times in their lives.

We have provided lunches around the *chagim* that focus on bringing together older members, both long-established and more recently joined, together with volunteers. Attendance was strong for the Shavuot and Chanukah lunches and we now serve a hot meal, the most recent being catered by Claire Walford.

For Mitzvah Day in November we created an Inter-Generational Celebration with a concert by Cheder students and staff, along with a special tea for our older members, which was hugely enjoyed. Sadly, snow forced the cancellation of our Purim lunch but we had excellent weather and turnout for the Shavuot lunch on 21 May.

We have recruited new volunteers to phone or visit the more housebound elderly. We have successfully matched new volunteers with specific members, trying to ensure compatibility in background, interests and closeness of location. The experience and dedication of established helpers in keeping in touch with our members has been much appreciated. The purpose for us as a community, apart from preserving a link with BSS, is to be aware of any changes to which we can respond appropriately. The reporting back of volunteers on their contact with members is therefore vital.

Through our Community Care Co-Ordinator, Eve Hersov, we have been able to set up "IT Help" to keep in touch with friends through Skype. Naturally, some people need help with this but it is highly rewarding. The article in the January/February issue of *Our Congregation* showed Ben Lachmann and Martha Tausz enjoying a Skype communication.

We are now starting a new initiative for established members to invite new, single or about-to-be members to their homes for a meal. Shabbat is an obvious starting point but some people may prefer a simpler social meeting. We hope that these interactions will allow us to communicate in a less formal and more personal way.

Anyone who could host or would appreciate an invitation to a meal, should contact the Office. My grateful thanks to this committee for their commitment to our work. We are a small group and would welcome new members interested in this important community contribution.

Apologies that this report was accidentally omitted from the Supplement accompanying the May/June issue.





HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FOR THE YOUNG – THE CHALLENGE

Report by Elizabeth Nisbet and Jeanie Horowitz

Holocaust education for our children requires creativity. Our youngsters absorb so much by osmosis from their own and their friends' families that the challenge is to present the lessons of the Shoah in new and stimulating programmes. As with Mitzvah Day last November, we aim to include parents.

In February parents joined their children to hear the remarkable story of Lilian Levy's early life, from being in hiding in Amsterdam to being saved from concentration camp to finally attending school in London.

For Yom Hashoah on 12 April, we encouraged members to take part in the Yellow Candle project, lighting a candle in memory of a named but unknown Holocaust victim. This simple and effective gesture was introduced last year by Masorti from the USA, where it has run for over 30 years. Our highly supportive members lit over 150 yahrzeit candles.

In the national ceremony the following Sunday morning, 15 April, five of our Youth Choir participated in the 1,000-strong commemoration service at the Holocaust Memorial in Hyde Park. (The rest were away on school holidays.)

The hour-long ceremony included songs from Jewish Orthodox primary school choirs, which our choristers joined for the first time. For the last five years this large-scale event was held at Copthall Stadium (Allianz Park) but this year it returned to Hyde Park.

However, for years our then children's choir, as it was known, was regularly and uniquely called upon to sing at the annual London commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, now marking its 75th anniversary. The event petered

out by the 1980s due to the ageing of the Polish-Jewish ex-servicemen.

Our youngsters follow a tradition of enhancing solemn services and this was no exception as they joined the 80 other children to sing Stephen Melzack's *Never Again*, a hit he wrote in 2013 for Yom Hashoah. Our choristers stood out from the crowd.

Soloists Chaim Sciamma and Max Chalfen, as well as Jack Loison and Lily, Orly and Benny Landeck, excelled and drew praise from the organisers for their beautiful voices, technical ability and professional approach. Youth choir director Miles de Cruz sang with the male voice choir. (See photo on Page 2)

A hauntingly beautiful violin solo accompanied the survivors who, together with representatives of Anglo-Jewry's communal organisations, lit the six candles of the Memorial Candelabrum.

If you would like to be part of the exciting programmes we are creating for children and families through the Cheder, and expanding them to allow everyone to participate, please get in touch with the Synagogue Office.



CENTENARIAN ANNELIESE

Congratulations to Anneliese Goldstein who celebrated her 100th birthday on 8 May and is now an honorary member of our synagogue.

Anneliese was born in 1918 in Breslau (then in Germany, now Wroclaw in Poland). She married Hans Goldstein in 1938 and they left Germany in February 1939 on a Danish cargo ship from Hamburg bound for the Far East.

Passengers were not permitted to leave the ship unless they had a job offer. So when the boat docked in Penang and Hans heard there was a post for an architect, he applied since he held a Diploma in Civil Engineering from Berlin University. The couple settled in Malaya, then part of the British Empire. Hans worked for a relative of the Danish royal family, Steen Sehested.

When the Japanese invaded the Malayan peninsula in December 1941 (in conjunction with the Pearl Harbour attack), the couple were evacuated by the British to Australia and interned in a camp for enemy aliens. At the beginning of 1943 they were released on condition that Hans went into the Forces. He

joined the Australian Air Force.

While in Australia, the Goldsteins started their family of three children: Robert, Clive and Catherine (Freeman), of whom the last two are BSS members. They all became Australian citizens after the war but Hans was unhappy in Australia. So they moved back to Malaya, where Hans set up in partnership with Steen Sehested to form a major civil engineering consultancy. The children were sent to boarding school in England.

In the 1960s the parents moved to England but eventually separated. In Germany Anneliese had worked briefly as a qualified seamstress prior to marriage. Now she had to fend for herself. She took a secretarial cum administrative post at a jewellery firm in Hatton Garden, the heart of London's diamond business, and worked there till her early 80s. She loved the bustle of Hatton Garden and next-door Leather Lane Market.

In the Far East, Anneliese became a serious bridge player. In England, she played duplicate bridge at several clubs



until her eyesight began to fail in her late 80s. In 1988 she moved from Ealing to Hampstead Garden Suburb to be near her children and joined our synagogue in 1992. She now enjoys painting and pottery at Jewish Care's Sobell Centre art studio twice a week.

A keen walker, she walked every summer in Pontresina in the Swiss Alps till the age of 91. Since becoming more housebound, she especially enjoys visits from her seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

We wish her continued good health and enjoyment of life.

RABBI ON RADIO

Our Rabbi made his BBC debut on 27 May when he was interviewed in a long-running early Sunday morning Radio 4 programme (with late night repeat) on religious, ethical and spiritual themes. *Something Understood* is a half-hour miscellany of readings, music and interview on "the big questions of life".

The main presenter of this series since 1995, is BBC veteran Mark Tully (now 82, knighted in 2002), who turned to this field after 30 years as correspondent and then bureau chief in India, land of his birth but not his education.

Although he studied theology at Cambridge and trained as a priest – but dropped out as he was not sure he would fit the bill – the decades of exposure to Indian culture have broadened his religious views. The subject under discussion with Rabbi Altshuler was "righteous anger". Can anger ever be justified?

God is often seen in "the Hebrew Scriptures" as angry. But this, said our Rabbi, is "the greatest misnomer" which has been used to justify anti-Semitism. Anger is a "divine tool" with the potential for good or evil. Judaism seeks a

balance between compassion ("absurd love" allows evil to thrive) and extreme justice, creating a "cruel world".

He gave three examples from biblical, rabbinic and modern times. After the angry reaction to the Golden Calf incident followed by Moses' intercession with God and a replacement set of tablets, comes the verse enshrined in the *Machzor* (Festival Prayer Book): "Lord, Lord, merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and plentiful in loving-kindness and truth." The emphasis is on love.

While restraint from anger is generally encouraged, Maimonides noted in the 12th century that "those who never get angry are corpse-like, unnatural". But anger must be in a good cause, to stop recurrence of offence. There are limits to anger and, after the outburst, one should let it go. So, a middle course.

Finally, in response to Mark Tully's observations on the Hindu tradition of non-violence, Rabbi Altshuler referred to the dialogue in 1938 between the Hindu activist Mahatma Gandhi and the Austrian-born Jewish humanist and philosopher Martin Buber following

Kristallnacht.

Practising his principle of non-violence, Gandhi

urged Jews to joyfully accept their fate, Buber, despite his pacifism, could not believe he was saying this in the face of synagogues set on fire and the brutality of the concentration camps. Buber fled Germany in 1938 and became a professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"We don't go the Gandhi way," Rabbi Altshuler said. "There is a time for passivity and a time to rise up."

Rabbi Altshuler's invitation to take part in the programme resulted from their meeting at a class he was giving. Sir Mark attended as a friend of Revd Peter Nicholson, priest-in-charge of our next-door neighbour, St Peter's Church.

Rabbi Altshuler has been active from the start of his time with us in forging ties with local religious leaders. He enjoyed appearing on the show. "Mark Tully was very respectful," he said.



SHEER MAGIC

Not to mention memory, concentration and sensitivity

For those whose mouths fall open at conjuring tricks, Jeff Salmon's "Sleight of Mind" demonstration on 29 April of how to read clues and foretell events was in a league of its own. No scarves out of sleeves or rabbits out of hats but a formidable display of sheer memory as he recalled in correct order a random series of around 70 numbers called out from the audience and duly noted down by an ad hoc volunteer.

Youth Committee chairman, Simon Cutner, introduced Jeff to a 170-strong audience, including many youngsters. They were not disappointed.

Jeff's opening number involved four random audience members, including the Cantor, choosing one of five numbered and sealed envelopes. Somehow the envelope Jeff was left with turned out to be the one containing a £50 note. From an American couple he elicited (nearly correctly) the name of a friend and their deceased dog as well as their current and previous abodes. The only clues, he said, came from their pulse as he placed his hands on their wrists (and his acute ear for accents).

The card tricks required audience volunteers, large numbers of whom were rejected on the grounds that they were family, friends or work acquaintances. Under his guidance, solo cards were located and colours matched at a dizzying rate. The action on the table was reflected and enlarged on a screen for all to see.

As Jeff said, his hobby has always enhanced his travels and his multi-

faceted work ranging from interior decor to insurance claims assessment. He introduced himself as someone who never did well at school. He has certainly carved out his own uniquely creative path.

Possibly his most unnerving feat was his effortless ability to tease out people's Pin Numbers. (No, he didn't broadcast the findings.) The closing number was the opening of a sealed envelope sent a week in advance, addressed to Rabbi Altshuler at the Synagogue Office, predicting the current week's news: the name of the latest royal baby (Louis) and a "short-lived friendship" between North and South Korea.

As a final touch, £3,900 was raised when Jeff auctioned a tutoring session in the art of mentalism. The three top bidders (at £1,300, £1,700 and £2,000) were allowed to pay £1,300 each, the lowest of those bids. Having taught his own children, Jeff reckons he is now "a more than experienced teacher".



Jeff Salmon amazes American visitors with his uncanny details of their lives

Ruth Rothenberg





ISRAELI CULTURE TODAY

Georgia Burton gives a young person's view

Georgia, who is now 19, wrote this essay after a five-week course for sixth formers given by the Rabbi last year. At the end of the course he set them an essay competition on the subject of Israel. Georgia's entry was the winner and her prize was £500 from the Frieda Graumann Travelling Scholarship which is going towards an ulpan course during a 2-month stay in Israel before she starts at Leeds University in September to study French and Spanish. The ulpan follows a 6-month trip to South America, where she also worked as a volunteer teaching English in Ecuador. No doubt she's had plenty of opportunity to practise her Spanish in anticipation of her university studies. We wish her good luck!

As an 18-year-old student living in London, I am very lucky to have visited Israel a number of times as a tourist. This includes when I was a child with my family, travelling with a large youth group for a month on the renowned "Israel Tour" in summer 2015, and travelling alone. I am connected to Israel not only by members of my extended family who live there, but also through friends I have made there whom I manage to keep in touch with, to maintain my love for the country.

Throughout my time there, I have observed and enjoyed much of Israel's culture. Having formed my own impression of the country, its people and culture, I find that – politics aside – Israel has so many appealing qualities. First and foremost, something that comes straight to mind is the abundance of food, a love shared by Jews around the world. Falafel stalls, hummus shops and tahina tasting sessions just layer the streets!

Israeli cuisine incorporates many traditional Middle Eastern and Mediterranean foods. Pita bread filled with falafel and a mixture of vegetables, hummus, tahini and/or shawarma can be found anywhere in the country. Couscous spiced with za'atar, shakshouka and schnitzel are also very popular. I loved eating these foods. On Shabbat, when religious stall holders don't work, people who live in Jerusalem often leave town for Arab villages such as Abu Ghosh to enjoy what some claim to be the best hummus in Israel!

The language is fascinating. Spoken by over nine million people worldwide, Hebrew is the only living Canaanite language left as well as the only truly successful example of a revived dead language. With a different grammatical structure to more familiar languages, such as the Romance languages, Hebrew has an alphabet of 22 letters, all consonants, and is written from right to left.

Whenever I am there, I try my best to pick up a few words so that I can communicate with the locals. There are numerous courses (*ulpanim*) for learning Hebrew, including those based in kibbutzim for people who

want to combine it with volunteering work. I have noticed that Russian and Arabic are commonly spoken and accepted, and street signs and shops may have notices in four alphabets.

Israel really is a cultural melting pot. It is a home to roughly six million Jews, 169,000 Christians and just under two million Muslims. Relations between the communities often make the news around the world but do not seem that obvious within Israel. Conversations heard in the street could be in Arabic or Hebrew but this is nothing strange.

Furthermore, Israel has experienced huge immigration on a scale that is hard to take in. Over the past 25 years the population has doubled. In recent years, the influx of immigrants has seen the population expand from 7,695,000 at the end of 2010 to a record population of 8,680,000 on Independence Day 2017. From May 2016 to May 2017 Israel welcomed approximately 30,000 immigrants. Most arrived from Ukraine, the United States and Russia, bringing a number of challenges as well as opportunities and new skills, while creating a more diverse and enriching community.

The majority of these immigrants came from Russia (approximately one million) and countries of the former Soviet Union, as well as from Ethiopia. Israel set up special programmes to absorb and accommodate them while teaching them how to live in Israel.

The numbers explain the large growth in infrastructure. For example, Israel's road network has been expanded and

improved to accommodate the rapid increase in traffic. The new Trans-Israel Highway (Route 6), is a multi-lane toll road going the length of Israel from north to south. It started about 15 years ago and is still expanding.

Ben Gurion International Airport, built in 1936 as Lydda Airport (actually, its original name was Wilhelma after the small German Templar colony there) is now the main gateway into the country. In 2016 it handled just over 17 million passengers. The National Water Carrier, taking water from the Sea of Galilee, started operating in 1959 and became Israel's main water channel. Today roughly 80% of domestic water in Israeli cities comes from desalinated water, originating in the west.

Israel's political system is complex. It is dominated by Zionist parties, which include Labour Zionism, Revisionist Zionism and Religious Zionism. Despite (or maybe because of) this complex political system, it is the only country in the Middle East that is a truly democratic state. We have learned about coalition governments and the voting rights of all the communities in the country.

As a democracy, you can openly criticise the regime and do so constantly without fear of problems or reprisals. Many people do, both in the street and the Knesset, Israel's parliament, where all communities are represented. For example, out of the 120 members of the Knesset, there are currently 17 Arab members, representing Israel's Arab voters.

Evidently, this is a very appealing country to me, as I have returned several times. Tourism is, in fact, one of Israel's major sources of income. Millions of tourists visit each year, with a record of 3.54 million tourist arrivals in 2013. With a huge variety of different attractions and sights, from beach resorts to heritage tourism and historic and religious sites, Israel attracts all types of people. It is a holy land not only for Jews but for Christians and Muslims. For Christians it is the country of the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, attracting visitors to the churches and the Via



Georgia in a different setting: on the Amazon catching piranha before heading to Israel

Dolorosa. To the Muslims it is "Blessed", as written in the Quran.

Another prominent section of Israeli life and culture is the Israel Defence Forces. The IDF are a very present element in everyday life in Israel, notably in the lives of young people. They consist of the Army, Air Force and Navy. Although it may seem rather frightening or dangerous to us, to the youth there it is mundane as it is one of Israel's most prominent institutions with great influence on their economy, culture and politics. The IDF differs from most armed forces in the world, notably in the mandatory participation of women. Military training at age 18 is compulsory for both boys and girls.

With regard to the economy of Israel, it is technologically advanced, by global standards. As of 2015, it ranks in the top 18 nations in the world on the UN's Human Development Index, and is the home of thousands of hugely successful companies. It is sometimes referred to as the "Start-up Nation" due to the large number of entrepreneurs building businesses, particularly in Tel Aviv. Multinational tech companies such as Google, Apple, Microsoft and Facebook all have technical research and development centres in Israel.

Israeli technology is sold and exported all around the world. However, due to the political sensitivity that certain countries have when dealing with Israel, the fact that the technology was

created in Israel is not always made clear. An example of one of Israel's popular start-ups is Waze, a satellite navigation application founded in 2007 by Ehud Shabtai, Amir Shinar and Uri Levine. It was the first Israeli consumer-app company to be bought for over \$1 billion. However, the country is poor in natural resources so it depends on imports of petroleum, raw materials, wheat, motor vehicles, uncut diamonds and production inputs.

Yom Hazikaron, Israel's official Remembrance Day, was entrenched into law in 1963. Every year, on this day, all sources of entertainment are closed. The day opens with a siren the preceding evening, memorial candles are lit in homes, schools, army camps, synagogues and public places, and national memorial services are held.

The siren rings out for one minute all over the country, and all citizens stop everything, even driving, and stand in silence. It is a solemn day when people remember those they knew who were lost in Israel's many wars: 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973, as well as the 1982 war in Lebanon and other more recent conflicts in the West Bank and Gaza.

Another important commemoration day is Yom Hashoah, also known as Holocaust Memorial Day, commemorating those lost in the Holocaust. On the night before Yom Hashoah, Holocaust documentaries and related talk shows are broadcast

on television, while flags around the country are lowered to half-mast.

Next day at 10.00am, a siren sounds causing traffic to stop on the motorway. I have personally seen all buses, lorries and trains stopping. People get out of their cars and stand beside them in silence without moving for two minutes, both on the streets and motorways. People will stand solemnly in the street, in shops and offices, or leave the building to stand outside. This day is taken very seriously.

Finally, it is interesting to point out that in one respect Israelis seem to have a different approach from people in other countries. I have noticed that "please", "thank you" or "sorry" are not said much. It therefore seems that such words are not important to many Israelis, and life certainly seems to produce or at least allow more aggressive behaviour. To the British, brought up in a culture of making orderly queues and being polite to others, Israelis can appear rude.

In summary, visiting Israel is definitely a unique experience and it is worth going there to appreciate the breadth and depth of the culture. It is important not to believe all that is portrayed in the media and not to let these views warp your perception of the country. You must see it for yourself and immerse yourself completely to experience what the country really has to offer. It will be a trip that won't be forgotten.

THANKING BELSIZE SQUARE VOLUNTEERS

In perfect weather on 7 June in the beautiful garden of Philippa and Jimmy Strauss, Suzanne Goldstein, chair of Re'ut (Friendship) Committee thanked 30 volunteer members who carry out the congregation's welfare commitments. (See report on Page 5.) Volunteers assist with Holocaust education, festival lunches, bereavement support, hospital visits, the NW3 Lunch, and calls and visits to older members.

Special tribute was paid to Henny Levin and Sue Leon who have stepped down 13 years after creating and running the highly successful schools Holocaust Education Programme. Leaves naming Henny and Sue will be added to our "Tree of Life" honours board.

Second generation member Hilary Solomon spoke about this programme, which brought 1,000 year 9 pupils (14 year-olds) to the

synagogue in February to hear about survivors' and refugees' experiences and learn about Judaism. Hilary uses her late father's life story to bring home the lessons of history.

Sue Schraer told the group about the relationship she has formed with a charming lady of 91 and how much she values their time together. Our Cheder head, Jeanie Horowitz, spoke about the Cheder's inter-generational

work, where twice a year the children assemble and deliver gift baskets to many of our housebound members.

Our Community Care Co-ordinator, Eve Hersov, outlined how we carefully match volunteers to roles that suit their interests. She also explained how her role has changed as the community ages. With so many more care issues, there is less time to make birthday phone calls to the over-80s. She now tries to link up people from the same home town so that they can share memories. New ideas and volunteers always welcome!

The Rabbi thanked everyone and then it was time for delicious refreshments and lively chat. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and especially our hosts, Philippa and Jimmy Strauss and their children Hannah and Peter.



Sue Schraer on visiting housebound members

Eve Hersov





Dear Fellow Members

First from all I wish to convey my hardest congratulations to Rabbi Altschuler on arriving at 65 years of live. I am really very sorry I could not attend his honoured kiddish. A phew days beforehand it was my 95 burseday und to celebrate Mrs Klopstick had arranged a surprise short holiday for me in Tourkey, Devon. Unfortunately she could not join me because she was in training for the Henry Regatta where she is one of the cogs for a ladies ate.

On the time of writing this kolumne we here in Abernein Mansions are on tender looks waiting as tomorrow Donald Tramp und King Jung Un will come together in Singapour und then lie to won another with impurity. I suppose that if this keeps them occupied und out from twitting und throwing out insults, then this is perhaps OK. But as won rouge state becomes perheps less nuclear, another arises its ugly hat again, Iran. As far bag as the nineteensixtees Mrs Klopstick has been an auntie nuclear protestant. She believes that this is still won of the greatest threads to humanity und I am obligated to agree with her.

Now I come to the O'Bramawitch situation. When he was aloud into this country und became share man of Chelsea football club he was never mentioned as being Jewish. Since he is band from having a weeser suddenly he is Jewish. I would like to know why this extinguished residue from Kensington is being not permitted to be here, apart from being a closed alley of Vladimir Corbyn und made rich through becoming a dirty oil barrow.

Also at the moment Israel is very much on the bag foot with the American Ambessy being moved to Jerusalem. Hammers



und their supporters have taken this opportunity to make much international proper gander over it. I just hope that it is not true about the number of deaths of innocents. We of course all know that the position is never as it is reported, but the situation could have done without Tramp making such a big thing from it und so being high-lined in the news. As far as I remember Israel's capital is Jerusalem, so why is this location from an Ambassy such a problem? On this argument should the Islamic Republic of Iran's Ambessy be in Milton Keynes rather then in London?

Und what goes on here is almost behind belief. It seams that this Breaksit is just an eternal battle for both the Conservative und Labour parties. It is as if they don't care that the country will go down the pants. Mrs May's cabinet is completely spilt in two quarters und will never be dissolved as far as I can see. The same goes for Jeremy Putin und his under cabinet. I still hope that someone with more cents will come along und repatriate the situation.

What a crazy world we live in today. It is not to be believable that someone has suggested that Donald Tramp should receive the Noble Peace Price. Maybe it was himself what proposed this. Thank godness for the sanctuary und piece from Belsize Square. Mrs Klopstick always likes to recharge her butteries when she makes a raw appearance in the synagogue. She claims that always her spirits und other parts are well lifted up during this experience. I feel exactly the same. Not unsimilar to going down quickly in a lift.

With the best of intentions

Fritz Klopstick



Remember Belsize Square Synagogue in your Will
and help secure the future of your community



Although the community continues to grow and attract new members, we cannot flourish on membership fees alone.

We depend on the generosity of you, our members, to provide the inspiring religious services, a wide variety of education for adults and children, social events, burials and pastoral care for all members of our community and also to preserve our unique musical heritage.

Any legacy, large or small, will make a difference!

Any questions? For a confidential discussion please call Lee Taylor on 020 7794 3949

Shabbat Candle Lighting



Friday 6 July	Isabel lesser
Friday 13 July	Marianne Summerfield
Friday 20 July	Suzanne Smith
Friday 27 July	Izzy Abrahams
Friday 3 August	Margaret Selby
Friday 10 August	Carolyn Selman
Friday 17 August	Rosie Lewis
Friday 24 August	Hazel Kay
Friday 31 August	Sue Miller

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Have you got a Family Simcha coming up? Significant Birthday? Wedding Anniversary? Aufruf? New Baby? Engagement?

Take the opportunity to sponsor a Kiddush on a Shabbat Morning. Sponsors will be named in News From The Square and their contribution is greatly appreciated by the community.

Everything is ordered directly by the shul and sponsors are not required to do the shopping but will need to set out and host the Kiddush. Please contact Jennifer Saul in the office.



Community News

The copy deadline for the next issue of
Our Congregation is Friday 10 August 2018

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a cordial welcome to:

Francesca Toresella

Jake Morris

Liran & Gal Maller with children Clementine & Theodore
Lara & Laurence Jacobson with children Isabelle & Noah
Emma Alter

B'NEI MITZVOT

Mazel Tov to:

Lex, son of Janet & Matthew Kentridge, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday 26 May
Eleanor, daughter of Emma & Joe Brookes, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday 9 June
Annabel, daughter of Celia & Brian Sher, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday 16 June
Talia, daughter of Alex & Jeremy Antscherl, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday 23 June
Ariel, son of Penny & Stephen Isaacs, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday 30 June
Isabel, daughter of Rebecca & Benjy Lesser, who celebrates her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday 7 July

WEDDINGS

Mazel Tov to:

Rebekka Friedman and Ben Wolf who were married on 24 February

Maryam Tafreshi and Andrew Laderman who were married on 18 March

Daniella Kotzmann and Stephen Fried who were married on 6 May

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Mr G Hellman (93) on 1 July

Mrs L Krieger (96) on 6 July

Mrs G Burns (95) on 8 July

Mrs H Wilson (86) on 11 July

Mr B Lachmann (94) on 12 July

DEATHS

We regret to announce the passing of:

Anne Carson on 24 April

Joe Behrens on 25 April

Tiny Daly on 14 June 2018

Isidore Rynhold on 15 June 2018

Edith Trenton on 18 June 2018

Martha Tausz on 20 June 2018

STONE SETTINGS

Marion Smith - Sunday 1 July, 1.30pm (Edgwarebury)

David Tauber - Sunday 1 July, 2.30pm (Edgwarebury)

Bernard Kissen - Sunday 15 July, 1.30pm (Edgwarebury)

Eric Moonman - Sunday 15 July, 3.00pm at Duke Street Cemetery, Southport, followed by tea at the Amelan Hall, Southport Hebrew Congregation, Arnside Road, Southport PR9 0QX

MITZVAH DAY SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Do you have unused small bottles of toiletries "borrowed" from a hotel or airline? The summer holidays are fast approaching and, like last year, one of the areas we will support on Mitzvah Day is "Homeless in Barnet".

Please bring the toiletries to the synagogue on or before Sunday 18 November between 9.30 - 11.30am. They will be packaged and given to a shelter for the homeless, where they are very much in need and will be greatly appreciated.

REGULAR SERVICES

Friday evenings at 6.45pm & Saturday mornings at 10.00am

Kikar Kids

Saturdays 7 July, 4 August, 1 September at 11.00am

Under-5s Service in the Crèche (Crèche opens 10am)

Junior Service for 5-9 year-olds 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

Term ends: Sunday 8 July

Next term begins: Sunday 16 September

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 sessions: 13 July & 14 September



NW3 LOCAL LUNCHEON GROUP

Giacomo, 428 Finchley Road, London, NW2 2HY

1pm on Wednesday 18 July & 15 August

Please phone Judy Field (020 8455 0614) if you wish to attend

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCUSSION

1 July

10.00-12.30 Rabbi Altshuler on Zionism, Ideology and Israel today: How do we measure the success of Zionist thinkers? What is the role of ideology in Israel today? Is there a future for the kibbutz movement and social Zionism? What has happened to Religious Zionism and relations between secularists and the religious community? How has Zionism affected us and what does it mean to us today?

12.45pm - End of year Pot Luck Lunch.

Contact claire.walford@yahoo.com for further details

MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARINER

I have been truly overwhelmed by so many messages of warm good wishes following my recent hip replacement operation and would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the kindness and concern shown to me which has touched me greatly.

I am happy to report that I am well on the road to recovery and my doctors assure me that I will be back to normal (whatever that was) in a few months. Thank you so much.

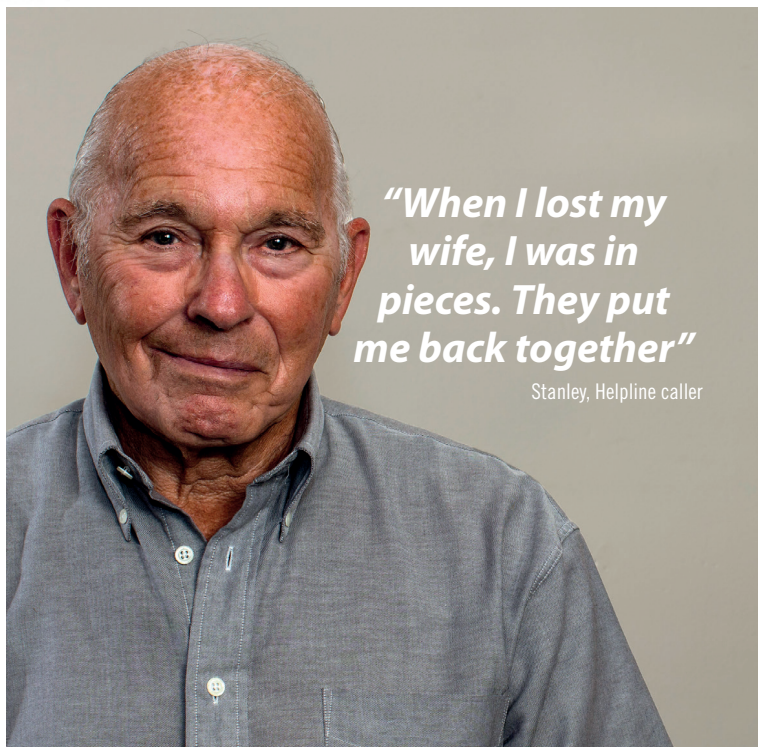
HENNY LEVIN'S JAM JAR APPEAL

Following last year's record-breaking Chanukah Market, jam making starts all over again for 2018. Over 100 jars of jam, marmalade and chutneys were sold on the grocery stall I hope that you all enjoyed eating them. Many of the jams and the green tomato chutney are organic, with the fruit grown on my allotment.

Now is the time that I need to replace the used jam jars, so please bring any empty jars with screw lids in the 340gm and 370gm size to the synagogue office and I will collect them.

Many thanks & looking forward to the next home-made batch!





"When I lost my wife, I was in pieces. They put me back together"

Stanley, Helpline caller

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Members of the congregation will shortly receive in the post a pack with all the information required for our High Holyday Services. This will include tickets for each family member, which are sent out automatically. Application for tickets is now only required for non-members.

The pack also includes application forms for non-members' tickets, prayer books and transport requirements/volunteer provision. Please do not destroy.

Please contact the Synagogue Office if you would like to discuss any aspect of these arrangements.

HIGH HOLYDAY SERVICES

Selichot

Saturday 1 September at 10.00pm

Rosh Hashanah

1st Eve: Sunday 9 September at 6.45pm

1st Day: Monday 10 September at 9.30am

2nd Eve: Monday 10 September at 6.45pm

2nd Day: Tuesday 11 September at 9.30am

Kol Nidrei

Tuesday 18 September at 7.00pm

Fast commences at 6.54pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday 19 September at 10.00am

Fast ends at 7.56pm

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