

Ruach

The Magazine of Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation

Editorial

This year the Wootton Gardens Synagogue building celebrated its centenary, the foundation stones being laid on 5th January 1911 and the opening ceremony then taking place on 2nd July 1911. The occasion was marked by a celebratory dinner and ball, which raised much needed funds to help preserve the fabric of the building.

During the past one hundred years so much history has been encompassed. Technological progress, scientific progress, wars, the tragic loss of so many of our brethren in the Shoah but remarkably, it also includes the founding of a homeland for the Jewish people in the State of Israel.

At time of writing there is much turmoil in the Middle East and a certain anxiety as to what the future will bring for the State of Israel. Let us hope the New Year will peace to all Israel.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

We also wish Mazaltov to our Chatanim, Neshei Chayil and Junior Honorees on being chosen by the Executive.

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*Cover shows stained glass windows in the Synagogue and a foundation stone.
Also Richard Saunders, Alan Argeband, Jackie Grey and Josie Lipsith.*

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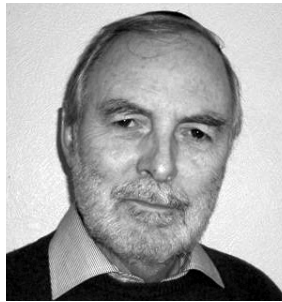
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rosh Hashanah 5772 – 2011



When we walk into Shul on Rosh Hashanah we are immediately struck by a change of colour. The Bimah, the Sifrei Torah and the Aron Kodesh are

bedecked in white. The prayers have changed; even the weekly prayers have insertions to remind us of the Days of Awe. Some of the food we eat changes and we have the symbolic apple and honey, the fish head, honey cake etc. Later on, during Succoth, we even change our abode and either eat or live in the Succah.

The other main Festivals throughout the year also bring about changes in food and davening. It seems that Judaism is partly a way of life that is about the acceptance of change, the adaptation to change and the recognition of impermanence. There are people who adapt to change easily, embrace it and constantly await opportunities to investigate new vistas and experience new events. There are others who love routine, thrive on regularity and find it difficult to adapt to change. As we all know, one of the two certainties in life is that change will happen.

As in life, changes also take place in Synagogue life. The relocation sub-committee still meets regularly, trying to find new purchasers for the Shul after the disappointment of our previous purchaser's withdrawal from negotiations. Under the present worldwide financial circumstances, I am sure you agree that this is not an easy task. Our own financial situation has not yet been resolved but be assured that the Executive along with the Trustees have been discussing, debating and exploring various proposals to combat our precarious fiscal situation.

In July we celebrated one hundred years since our present building was erected and officially opened, with a Centenary Black and White Ball. This event turned out to be an extremely enjoyable event with excellent food, good listenable entertainment and a sizeable fundraising amount to be added to the Shul's funds.

Thanks are due to the organisers of the Ball for their hard work in making this an attractive event which hopefully will be repeated on an annual basis. You may have seen the organisers photograph which appeared in the Jewish Chronicle.

The Ladies Guild and the Coffee and Kichels group still ably provide us with weekly Kiddushim and thank you to them for their constant reliable efforts. There are many other groups which support our community in many different ways and I would like to thank you all for the numerous voluntary activities you organise which make our Shul a vibrant and interesting place to come to.

With your loyal support, the commitment of our volunteers and under the leadership of Jane Victor with Jackie Gray, acting as a very able and reliable Deputy for Jane since the sad loss of her husband David z"l and during Jane's illness, the Shop at the Shul has continued to provide an excellent range of Kosher provisions to satisfy the needs of the community. Much time and effort is put into the running of the shop and thanks are due to all involved. Of course the success of the shop depends on the support of the community to enable it to thrive and I thank all of you who do your weekly Kosher shopping at our premises.

During the Summer months many visitors come to Bournemouth and we have always warmly welcomed them to our Shul. Some of them have been asked to participate in our Shabbat services. Among those who have willingly taken part of the services have been the world renowned Chazan Avromi Freilich, a former Minister of the congregation Rabbi Geoffrey Shisler, Michael Blau and Aryei Dworkin a former pupil of the Bournemouth Jewish Day School. The choir along with Rabbi Jesner has also enhanced our services throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mazel Tov to our Chatan Torah, Chatan Beresheit, Neshei Chayil, Junior Chatan and Junior Eshet Chayil.

At the start of this article I wrote about the inevitability of change. One way we can effect positive change in other people's lives is by contributing generously to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal. Again the appeal is being shared with UJIA which supports Jewish educational projects for young people in this country and in Israel.

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 5772.

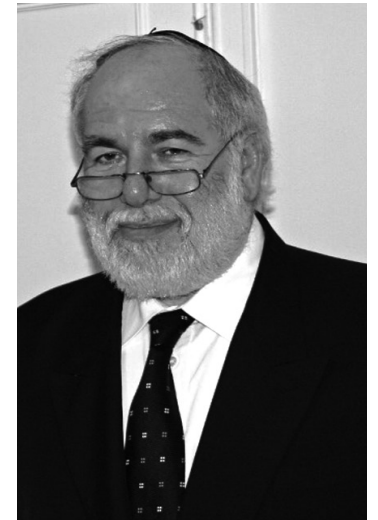
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BRIAN BRADLEY

Rabbi Jesner's Rosh Hashana Message - 5772

From

Rabbi Adrian Jesner



"The Jewish people should be bound together to do the will of G-d"

This expression appears in every Amidah which we recite on Rosh Hashana, eight times in all, and encapsulates the message of this festival. In our own community, there have been several examples during the past year when this theme has been particularly relevant. Bournemouth was privileged to host the Anne Frank exhibition for four weeks this year in St. Peter's Church, with the opening and closing ceremonies attended by leading clergy of all faiths. As

the Rabbi of the community, I was proud to participate in these events, and Pamela was even more actively involved as a trainer and guide. It was encouraging to see that some 2000 people passed through the exhibition to receive this poignant message of the Holocaust. One of our youngest regular synagogue attendees, Melody Arden, spoke movingly at both ceremonies, ensuring that the memories of the Holocaust will not be lost on the younger generation.

Following on from the Congregation's centenary celebrations of a few years ago, this year marked another important centenary in the history of our community – that of the laying of the foundation stone of the building which we still use with much pleasure today. This event was commemorated by a dinner and ball which took place in the Menorah Suite, and which was attended by almost one hundred members and guests, including at least one member whose family was represented at the laying of the foundation stone. As well as being an outstanding social and financial success, the evening was special for one particularly important reason – it was organised entirely by the younger members of our community, demonstrating that, for another generation at least, our future is in safe hands. This function was bound to

Rosh Hashana in an important way – many of our members commented that the evening left them wanting more, surely the sign of a successful event, and echoing the spiritual uplift which we obtain from Rosh Hashana, leaving us wanting more inspiration from the Yomim Noraim.

A further example of binding the Jewish people together took place in our shul recently when a young couple from Southampton chose to celebrate their marriage in Bournemouth, as their parents had done a generation ago: we are fortunate that we have here in Bournemouth the only fully-functioning shul on the south coast other than in Brighton.

It is also incumbent upon us at Rosh Hashana to remember the sacrifices and good deeds of our fathers and to pass

them onto our children: in this context, I must acknowledge with great sadness the passing of my dear friend David Victor who, with his wife Jane, Lihavdil, gave so much time to the community, and without whom there would be no "Shop at the Shul".

I would also like to thank my colleague, Reverend Barry Sklan for his unstinting efforts, as well as all of the staff in the office and behind the scenes, and look forward to enjoying their continuing support in the year ahead.

It only remains for me, on behalf of Pamela and myself, to quote the words from Birchot Hamazon "May the compassionate one inaugurate this year upon us for goodness and for blessing".

RABBI ADRIAN JESNER

office of the
CHIEF RABBI

CHIEF RABBI'S ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE 5772

"Penitence, prayer and charity avert the evil decree." We say those words at one of the climaxes of our worship on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For centuries our ancestors said those words, knowing what each of them means.

Penitence defines our relationship with ourselves. Prayer is part of our relationship with God. Charity is about our relationship with other people. We still know what it is to be penitent. We fall short, make mistakes, and seek forgiveness. And we know what it is to be charitable. We remain a generous community, giving out of all proportion to our numbers.

But for many, prayer has become difficult. They find it hard to connect to the synagogue service or to the prayers themselves. Too few people nowadays find prayer meaningful, especially on the High Holy Days when the prayers are long and complicated.

That is why, together with a wonderful team, I've undertaken a new project that I hope will make a difference. We've created a new Rosh Hashana machzor. Of course, in Judaism, the word "new" is relative. The Hebrew stays the same. But everything else is different: the translation, the introduction, the commentary, and the actual physical appearance of the machzor.

We think this is a first in Anglo-Jewish history. The siddur – familiarly known as "the Singer's" – has always been produced by Chief Rabbis, but not the machzor, "the Routledge". We felt the time had come for this to change. Prayer has to speak to us if it is to speak to God. We have to be able to understand it if we are to put into it our heart and soul.

In the translation, we've tried to bring out the poetry and power of the prayers. In the introduction, we explain the meaning and history of Rosh Hashanah. In the commentary, we've provided not just explanation but also reflection on what these holy days mean for our lives. Eventually we hope to bring out machzorim for the other festivals as well.

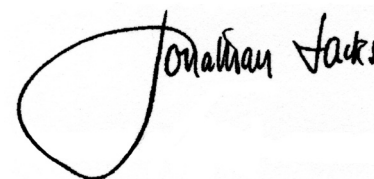
Prayer matters. It's our conversation with God. Imagine having a relationship with your spouse, your child or your parent, in which you never speak to them. It can't be done. A relationship without words is almost a contradiction in terms. So it is with God.

When we converse with God – when we pray – we enter into a relationship with the Force that moves the universe, the Voice that spoke to our ancestors, the Power that shaped our history as a people, the Presence that still listens to our hopes and fears, giving us the courage to aspire and the strength to carry on.

Prayer makes a difference. It's our way of giving thanks for the good in our lives and of enlisting God's help as we wrestle with the bad. It's our regular reminder of the world beyond the self, of the ideals and aspirations of our people. When we pray we speak with the words of our ancestors, joining the great choral symphony of the Jewish people throughout the ages and the continents. True prayer, said from the heart, has the undiminished power to make us feel that "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for You are with me." May we, this year, pray from the heart. May our prayers be answered, and may it be for you, your families, and the Jewish people, a good and sweet New Year.

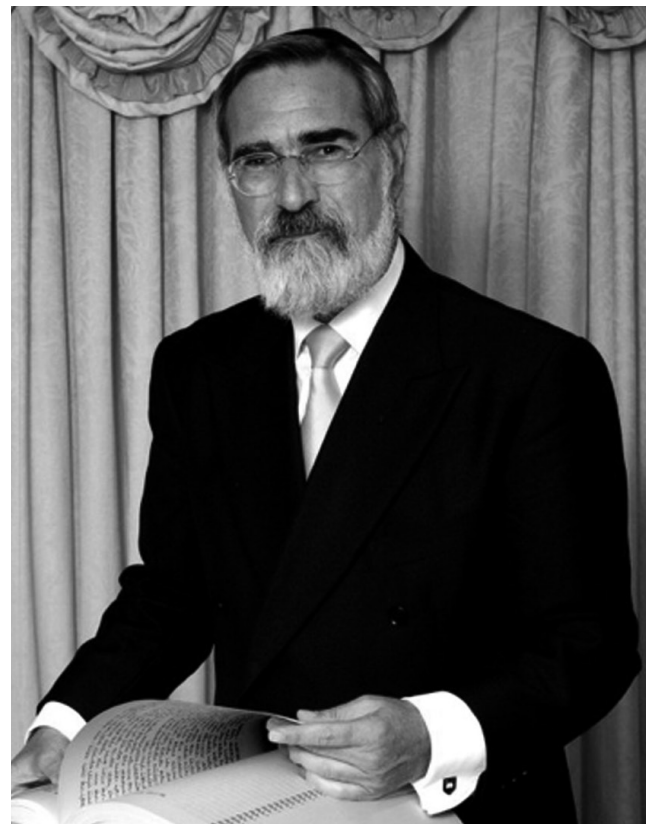
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CHIEF RABBI LORD SACKS



Rosh Hashana 5772

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES – VIVIAN WINEMAN

Dear Friends,

Rosh Hashanah is the time of year when according to tradition the whole world is arraigned before God in judgement. It is an appropriate time therefore for introspection and for reviewing the past year. Even by recent standards for the Board of Deputies the past year has been an eventful and challenging one. There has been unprecedented activity both in terms of the activities carried out by the Board and in terms of the issues faced by it.

On the positive side we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the Board in 1760. The celebrations comprised some interesting and some very moving events with record attendances and interest shown in the work of the Board. It culminated in the Summer Banquet at the Guildhall where our guest was HRH The Prince of Wales. The fact that Prince Charles attended the dinner accompanied by the Duchess of Cornwall and the fact that his moving address to us was so personal illustrates the regard which he has for the Board and by extension for the community.

Yet though we live in an extremely benign and tolerant society where our religion is protected by law, we face continual challenges in the practice of it. A most obvious example is Shechita which is under constant threat. This year threats came not merely from this country but also from the European Parliament. The Board played a vital role in countering that threat both by as a constituent member of Shechita UK and also as a link between them and the European Jewish Congress. In the end the community's efforts were successful but we should not be under any illusions. The danger to Shechita has not gone away. It will return both because of the misplaced concerns of the animal welfare lobby but also in the form of requests for greater consumer information which could make the economics of Shechita prohibitive.

In numerous other areas the Board has been at the forefront of efforts to protect the community's position, advising communal groups where appropriate and lobbying where necessary. In all these activities the Board shows two of its most important characteristics. First we are resolutely cross-communal, representing all strands of the community. Even those groups in the community which withhold formal support from the Board and are not represented on it come to us for help and political support when they need it. We never reject them.

Secondly the Board achieves its success by cooperating with dedicated groups in the community working on the principle that there is no limit to what one can achieve as long as you do not care who takes the credit. To list but some of the examples; in countering the institutional antisemitism of the UCU we have worked alongside the JLC, in campaigning against hate speech on campus we have worked alongside UJS and CST, in countering antisemitism generally we have worked with the CST, in educational matters with the synagogal bodies and with the UJIA, on behalf of Israel with BICOM the UJIA and the Zionist Federation, on Brit Milah with the Initiation Society. One could go on - the list is almost endless.

In all these matters the Board's democratic mandate and cross-communal character gives it a unique authority. For example when the Advertising Standards Authority ruled that a poster prepared by the Israeli Government Tourist Office showing the Western Wall was misleading they defiantly told the community they would not listen to any complaints. At the same time they themselves phoned the Board asking for a meeting on the basis that a complaint from ourselves could not be ignored. Government and NGOs know when they deal with us that we speak for the community as a whole and that our voice is persuasive and rational.

The year that has passed has seen many challenges to the community and we must expect that the new year will do likewise. You can rest assured that the Board meet those challenges with all its force and with the backing of the community. At this sacred time of the year let us hope and pray that in the new year we have the same success that we have enjoyed in the one that has passed.

Warm wishes

VIVIAN WINEMAN



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Chatan Torah – Richard Saunders

Ruth and I moved down to Bournemouth from Birmingham last October.

Although we had always planned to live by the coast at some stage in our lives, the move came sooner than expected. Following the sad loss of my mother in 2008 and of Ruth's father the following year, coupled with the fact that our son and daughter were (and still are) living respectively in Los Angeles and in Tel Aviv, we decided to make the move south. In a way I was returning to my grass roots, as I was born in Southampton.

Having retired from my job as a solicitor, I have been able to devote more time to my leisure interests including hiking/high level trekking, opera and allotment gardening and I enjoy participating in some of the

U3A classes.

Whilst we obviously miss our friends in Birmingham, we really enjoy life here in Bournemouth and we have been truly overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome and the kindness and the hospitality shown to us by the Community.

I feel immensely privileged to have been given the honour of Chatan Torah by the Honorary Officers of the Shul; in the short time that we have been here we have seen how much time and commitment is devoted by so many in supporting the Shul and the Community and we are delighted to have met so many new people and some very special new friends. Ruth and I send our warm wishes to the whole Community for a very happy and healthy New Year.



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RICHARD SAUNDERS

Chatan Beresheit – Alan Argeband

I am truly honoured to have been made Chatan Beresheit this year.

I was born in London in 1931 to Mark and Pearl Argeband. My father was in the dress business and my mother was a professional violinist in a ladies Jazz band. During the Second World War my family and I were evacuated to Aberystwyth in Wales and I believe that I was the only boy to have had a Bar Mitzvah there during the war.

Aged 14, I left school to start work as a trainee at Denham Film Studios. I then moved to Pinewood Studios where I became a third assistant director and worked on many well-known films. In those days it was compulsory to serve for our country and at the age of 20, I was duly called up to serve in the army thus leaving a career that I would have loved to have stayed in.

Nevertheless, I made the most of my new life in the army and enjoyed playing cricket for my battalion. In 1952 I was put on embarkation leave to serve in Korea but sadly my beloved father passed away and I was released from service on compassionate grounds to be with my mother and younger sister who had already moved to Bournemouth with my

late father.

Shortly afterwards, my mother and I formed a textile business and managed to secure stalls in various local markets. Trade was good and things were looking up!

In 1956, I met my wife Cynthia whilst she was holidaying at the Cumberland Hotel, one of Bournemouth's Jewish hotels at the time. We married the following year at The Bayswater Road Synagogue in London. We expanded our business, Alan's Fabrics, and went on to open several fabric shops in Bournemouth and Poole where we successfully traded for many years. Cynthia and I had three children, Mark, Gary and Julia who in turn have blessed us with six wonderful grandchildren, Daniel, Adam, Ben, Bianca, Melody and Chiara.

My hobbies have always revolved around sports. I played for the 5705 table tennis team and Captained the 5705 cricket team with whom we toured Israel twice. I am an avid Arsenal supporter and have also been known to play a 'mean' hand at poker and have a wager or two on the horses! More recently, dear friends and other members of this Shul have formed The Wessex Jewish Golf Society where we enjoy many



hours of fun on the golf course. I have been a member of Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation since 1952 and have proudly witnessed my two sons Bar Mitzvah, my daughter's marriage, and four of my Grandchildren's Bar and Bat Mitzvah here. I can honestly say that being a member of this community has brought a great deal of happiness and joy to me and my family.

ALAN I ARGEBAND

Eshet Chayil – Jackie Gray

I was born in the East End of London, went to school in Whitechapel and am an 'Old Bradian'. (Brady Club, London) I was offered a place at Camberwell Art School but, following in my mother's footsteps, went with my first choice of career – nursing (although I do still paint when I get the time). I trained at Mile End Hospital and achieved my S.R.N. qualification and then at The Royal London Hospital, where I did an Operating Theatre course.

Whilst a member of a charity group, the Carmel Committee, which raised funds for Ravenswood, I met Geoffrey. We married in 1972 and settled in Clayhall. In 1974 our son Joel was born, and I am extremely proud of him. He is also a Registered Nurse and is now a Paramedic, studying for a degree in Paramedic Studies. He lives in Dunfermline with his wife, Natalie, and their five children.

In January 1980 we moved to Bournemouth and, by chance, met up with Celia Bradley, who incidentally was in Geoffrey's class at Stepney Jewish School. I have been great friends with the Bradleys since then.

For those of you who remember and still call me 'Brown Owl', in the 80s I ran the only Jewish Brownie pack in the area. After moving to Bournemouth and before returning to nursing, I had various jobs, including Underwriter for B.U.P.A. and Bus Record Maintenance Clerk at Yellow Buses.

On my return to nursing, I initially worked at Poole Hospital. I then moved on to Bournemouth Hospital, where I worked as Operating Theatre Staff Nurse. During this time I studied and gained certificates in several specialities, including, amongst others, anaesthetics and vascular surgery. My first Sister's

post was in theatres at the Royal South Hampshire Hospital. As Geoffrey was not in the best of health, I took up another Sister's post at the then newly built Derwent Hospital, where I helped set up the operating theatres.

In my 'spare' time, I was a Commissioned Officer with St. John Ambulance. Apart from Brigade duties, I taught first aid to the public, including members of the Jewish community. I also was a member of the Bournemouth JNF Committee.

Sadly, in 1997, Geoffrey died – just three months before our Silver Wedding.

I retired from work and, in 2004, moved to Spain. However, I missed too many things and, in 2010, came back to Bournemouth. I am very glad to be back and part of the community again.

These past 18 months I have become very involved with helping Jane Victor with the Shul Shop (more volunteers required!!).

Finally, I must say that I feel deeply honoured to be chosen as an Eshet Chayil this year, and I take the opportunity to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah.



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Eshet Chayil – Josie Lipsith

Born in 1951 four years after my sister Henriette, I had apparently sat on a “cushion” throughout my mother’s pregnancy; following several miscarriages this innovative treatment enabled my mother to deliver her second healthy child.

My parents had met in Leeds at the Jubilee Hall shortly after the end of World War 2, my mother, a Holocaust survivor, and my father, fighting his own demons, married at the old New Shul in Chapeltown in 1946 and set up home in Hyde Terrace.

At the age of five I followed my sister to school and although terrified of the fearsome headmistress at the infants’ school, I have fond memories of Chapeltown County Primary School, of a kindly head teacher and supportive staff, and of being bussed to Cowper Street for kosher dinners! Apparently Harvey was there too but I didn’t know him then.

Allerton High School proved more of a challenge: energetic and good at sport I found it hard to conform to school discipline! They were difficult years ... strange that I went on to become a teacher! After completing my training at Neville’s Cross College, Durham I taught for many years in Leeds, London and Dorset, later specialising in children with learning difficulties.

Harvey and I grew up, met and established our first home in Leeds, and moved to Bournemouth following 12 years in Edgware. Our Jewish identity was profoundly affected by Dayan Lopian our then Rabbi at the Yeshurun shul in Edgware, and we were reluctant to move away, fully intending to return to London once Harvey’s work allowed.

We have been active members of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation since we moved here with our two young sons Gavin and Colum twenty-five years ago, and despite subsequently working in London for many years brought our family up here.

Shortly after we arrived I called in to the local kosher butchers run by Kenny Arfin (those were the days!); I left not only with my meat order but newly found relatives, Henry and Verity Olswang. Harvey’s second cousin Verity, recently arrived from Sunderland, just happened to be shopping at the same time!

Fortunately for us a BHC New Members evening on our second night here made us feel so welcome that we soon realised we had found our home. The boys attended a thriving cheder together with 80 other Bournemouth youngsters, and I became involved as joint chairman of the PTA, maker of cheder breakfasts, and organiser of cheder outings with busloads of excited parents and well behaved children descending on local attractions.

I don’t think we have stopped since; Harvey becoming



involved with the Board of Management, and me helping out wherever and whenever I could.

Both our boys were Barmitzvah at Wootton Gardens, Gavin was taught by the charismatic Reverend Cohen, and Colum by the dedicated and delightful John Weiner. Harvey and I will be eternally grateful to them both, we learnt together with our boys.

Colum now lives and works in London, whilst Gavin has returned to Bournemouth and can on occasion be seen doing security, or schlepping boxes in the shop! We are going to enjoy having him here for the next year before he returns to London.

We have been lucky enough to be served by some amazing rabbis from Rabbi Benarroch who was in office when we arrived in Bournemouth to Rabbis Lewis, Harris, Shisler, Rosenfeld, and now by our much loved Rabbi Adrian and Rebbetzen Pamela whose first day in the job coincided with Harvey’s first day as President and who became not just our Rabbi and Rebbetzen but dear friends too.

Once the boys went to university I joined Harvey, who had returned to work in London, continuing my work as a psychosexual therapist at St Mary’s Hospital and undertaking further study there. I so appreciated the support of friends in Bournemouth who willed me on while I completed my PhD. I am now based in Bournemouth and although Harvey has retired we are as busy as ever.

We have so many good friends here, the Bournemouth community has become our family and there is no place we would rather be. Thank you to our President and Vice President, Brian and David, I am thrilled to receive this honour.

Harvey, Gavin and Colum join me in wishing everyone a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

JOSIE LIPSITH

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Junior Chatan – Samuel Mendel Igla

Bonjour, I am Samuel, I am 5 years old, I have two sisters, Eden who is 12 and Golda who is 7 years old.

I really like building with my Lego, doing cheeky things and laughing with my sisters, helping my Mum in the kitchen in cutting vegetables but the best thing is playing with my cars.

I also like soldiers and I know all about

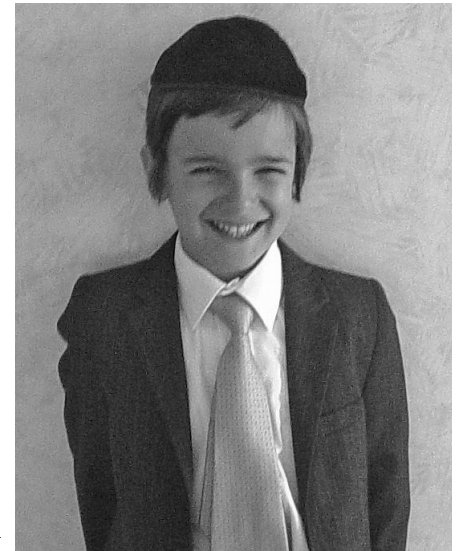
the Israeli army.

I love riding my bike, going really fast and make my parents scared.

I am in Year One at Winton Primary School and I am very good in numeracy.

I am really happy and proud to be a junior Chatan with my sister Golda this year. Thank you so much for choosing me.

SAMUEL IGLA



Junior Eshet Chayil – Golda Igla

Bonjour, I am Golda and I am 7 years old, I have one brother Samuel and one sister Eden and I love them very much. I had also a big brother called Meir and this year a little sister called Pearl but they are not with us anymore.

I was named after Golda Meir who knew my great- grandmother, she was very important for my family and because my Mum was always fond of her.

I like going on my rollers with Eden and enjoy making biscuits with my Mummy.

I really love also going to Israel to see my

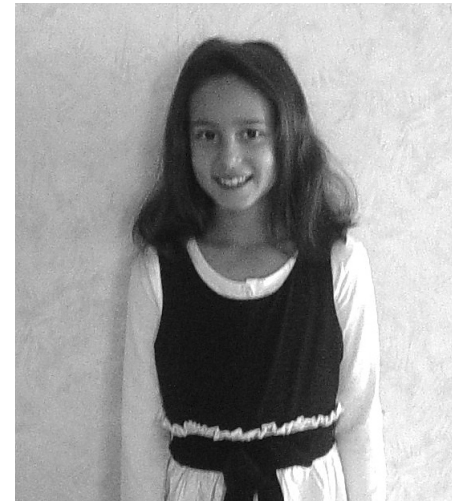
grandparents and my cousins.

My biggest dream is to go to Hogwarts with Harry Potter and become the first religious Jewish witch but if I can’t, I would like to be an astronaut when I grow up.

I am in Year 3 at Winton Primary School and this September, I started to swim at Bournemouth Swim Club. My Mummy says I am amazing at swimming.

I am so happy you’ve chosen me, Thank you very much for this honour.

GOLDA IGLA



Modern Hebrew Classes Monday in the Classrooms

With Ori (Dora) Glaser

Learn Hebrew in a pleasant, friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Studying can be easy and enjoyable.

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The class is suitable for people who have some knowledge of Hebrew print and script letters, and can say a few basic sentences in Modern Hebrew. The course will help you to participate in simple transactions and conversations on everyday topics. You will be able to ‘get by’ in everyday situations, like travelling, asking directions, shopping, ordering meals, talking about yourself, your family and your interests at a basic level.

There is a fee payable.

For more details telephone Ori on 023 8061 5652 or email her on ori@glasers.org

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Cheder News

Prize giving was held on Sunday 17th July in the Gertrude Preston Hall and parents and grandparents joined their children for the presentation.

As the Rabbi was away, Reverend Sklan our assistant minister spoke, followed by Thierry Igla, the Executive Committee member responsible for Education, both of them outlining the plans for the future of our Cheder.

Mandy Glazer is leaving the Cheder after 15 years as a teacher, and David Morris, a graduate of our Cheder who has acted as a classroom assistant/ teacher, is also leaving to further his education at University.

Thierry Igla is to be the new teacher for the junior class.

The ages range of children at Cheder is from 4 – 12 years.

Prizes were presented to the children by our Shul president Brian Bradley.

The cup winners were:-

Junior class - Achievement **Ariella Gerson** – Reading - Golda Igla

Senior Class - Achievement **Elana Almagor** – Reading - Eden Igla



Adult Education – A session with Michael Brodsky

Adult Education has continued to offer a varied programme on Monday evenings. A particularly stimulating session, held on July 4th focused on how minority groups lived within Israeli society.

There were two parts to the session:

First we watched the DVD of 'Against all odds', a fascinating televised interview with Suad, an Israeli Bedouin woman, which gave us some insights into how the Bedouins live in Israel. The programme focused on her personal story and how she persevered and managed to overcome the great difficulties in her life.

Following tribal custom Suad and her brother were married at a very young age to relations, who were also a brother and sister. Two of Suad's children were born with severe disabilities; then, when her brother took a second wife, her own husband followed suit. In spite of these problems, she managed to support her children and to take up a scholarship to university where she gained a higher education qualification, which she has used in her work helping other Bedouin women and the fact that she now holds a respected position in her community and that her son was able to study to become a doctor reflects her achievement.

Then we heard from the visiting speaker, Michael Brodsky from the Israeli Embassy, who gave us an overview of the numbers and variety of the minority groups in living in Israel. In his capacity as Director of Public Affairs, Michael spends much of his time visiting different parts of the country and engaging with groups of different faiths and political persuasions on a range of issues including how minority

groups fare in Israel. Fluent in Hebrew, Russian, English and German, Michael was born in Russia, gained an MA in Diplomacy and National Security from Tel Aviv university and served as Press Attachee at the Israeli embassy in Moscow and then at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign affairs before taking up his current post. He told us that there are 1.85 million non-Jewish people out of 7 million living in Israel with 15 religious groupings: 1.2 million Muslim Arabs, 0.25 million Bedouin Arabs, 0.123 million Christian Arabs of mainly Greek Orthodox following, 0.15 million Christians and 0.122 million Druze.

There is also the Bahai Community originally from Persia. Arabic is the official second language. He described it as a mosaic of different groups in a democratic state and talked about some of the achievements. For example, there are 10% Arab MK's in the Knesset. The first Arab Ambassador was appointed in 1995 to Finland and the first Druze Ambassador in 1999. 20% of Arabs are currently unemployed but they receive 70% Social Security payments. Although Arabs are exempt from military service, he pointed out that there is an alternative option of voluntary service that they can take. During question time, members of the audience expressed the view that it was a pity that so much attention is focused on events in Gaza, while information about what Israel did for its minorities within its boundaries receives so little publicity.

MARILYN NATHAN

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CELEBRATE WITH LIFE-SAVING GIFTS



Whatever you are celebrating, why not ask your friends to make a donation to Magen David Adom in your honour rather than buying presents.

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Adult Education Autumn Term - September to December 2011 Mondays at 8.00 p.m.

In the Murray Muscat Centre, Glen Fern Road, Bournemouth

Admission free – all welcome

September 19 Rabbi Adrian Jesner
- The return of the annual marathon

September 26 No session. Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday night

October 3 No session. Yom Kippur
Friday night and Shabbat

October 10 No session. Sukkot
Wednesday night

October 17 No session. Yom Tov
Wednesday night

October 24 Ron Shelley O.B.E
- AJEX, remembrance and the Jewish
Military Museum

October 31 Gerald Normie
- Bad Jew/Good Jew. The depiction
of Jews in nineteenth and twentieth
century English literature

November 7 Dr Howard Rein
- Blood libels and the Beilis Case

November 14 Irvin Shindler
- 'The David Victor Memorial Lecture'
- The Jews of Morocco

(Please note that the Bournemouth Friends
of Israel Sports Centre for the
Disabled is planning an evening event on
Sunday November 20 'Carry on at the

Casbah' a Moroccan experience in an event
that will pay tribute to David
Victor and all proceeds will be used to
perpetuate David's name at the
Centre.)

November 21 Celia Dworkin
- The Jewish Community of Singapore

November 28 Mahir Ozdamar
- 'Arab Spring' - what it means for the
region and for Israel

December 5 Peter Nichols
- A military analyst at the American
Embassy in Tel Aviv

December 12 Max Lopes Dias
- The Old Jewish East End

December 19 No session Chanukah
following day

December 26 Bank Holiday

January 2 Bank Holiday

Suggestions for topics and offers of papers for the spring
term which commences on Monday 9th January 2012, will
be most welcome.

I can be contacted at spencer.nathan@lineone.net or contact the
Synagogue Office.

SPENCER NATHAN
(Adult Education organiser)

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Friends of Israel Sport Centre for the Disabled

As a tribute to the late David Victor, z"l,

FISCD presents a Moroccan evening -

"Carry on at the Casbah"

Sunday evening, November 20th

Be sure to reserve this date in your diary – now!

All proceeds will be used to perpetuate David's name at the Centre

New for Autumn term: - October to December 2011 in the Beth Hamedrash

Please contact the synagogue office (01202 557433) to register your interest in any of these
free courses.

1 Sundays at 11am (*commencing 23rd October*)

Haftarah class

Rabbi Adrian Jesner will lead a series of classes instructing you how to prepare a Haftarah for
Shabbat or Yom-tov.

2 Sundays at 10am (*commencing 23rd October*)

Understanding and participating in the weekday and Sabbath synagogue services

Spencer Nathan will lead a series of classes for those unfamiliar with the synagogue services
and wish to follow the person leading the recitation of the prayers in the siddur. The classes
will also be suitable for those who wish to lead weekday services when they are mourners or
have a yahrzeit.

3 By arrangement

Tefillin

Rev Barry Sklan will give one-to-one tuition on how to put on the phylacteries and remind you
of the blessing for putting on a tallit. Contact the synagogue office to make an appointment
with Barry.

Please feel free to come to any or all of the sessions. If the times are inconvenient for you, let us
know and we'll try to reschedule them to suit your requirements.

The minimum number needed for a session is one.

SPENCER NATHAN

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An Update on his Yeshiva Progress from Richard Specterman

who has been keeping us up to date throughout his time in Israel

Once again time has flown by since I last sent a report to you.

Times have been busy in and outside of learning especially with a number of festivals and celebrations. In the last report I mentioned Purim was to come. What a fun packed and inspirational experience that was. On the 14th Adar a group of the Yeshiva students, including myself, were asked by one of the Mashgichim (Yeshiva supervisors) to celebrate the Purim Seuda with him. Although we were not celebrating Purim that day we all had a fantastic time eating at a meal which was full of Divrei Torah about Purim. Then that night we rushed back to hear the Megilla reading at the Yeshiva lead by the Rosh Yeshiva. We then had the 'Purim Shtick' which was hilarious. A couple of the students created movies including a musical song and a documentary about the Yeshiva Gabbi using different techniques to get the men up in the morning. There were also stage acts impersonating the Rabbis. The following day groups got dressed up, myself in a pirate outfit, gave Mishloach Manot and visited different Rabbonim to share the Simcha. I finished the day at a seuda with the Rosh Yeshiva which was also a learning experience with constant Divrei Torah.

Then a few weeks later came along Pesach. We had a 4 week break from Yeshiva at this time and it was a period which allowed me to experience the beauty of Eretz Yisroel and better realise its significance. This was the first Pesach I had to manage on my own and looking back I am glad I had the opportunity. I have never learnt the Halachot of Pesach and although there are many, I made sure to learn the most important such as searching and burning chametz. I also attended a crash course of the Seder night held by the Rosh Yeshiva who went into depth going through the debates between early commentators on the customs of the Seder and what we rule today. Pesach in Israel is like no other. You really make it a part of your life for the week as shops which sell pure Chametz are shut and supermarkets only sell Kosher or Pesach products. Even more than this, walking around the streets seeing policemen eating matza for lunch shows the extent of the festivals integration. The festival had a large spiritual effect on me when I was at Seder night with a large family, reading the Hagaddah and contemplating on being in G-d's Land.

Towards the end of the 4 week break, a fellow student and I took a 3 day hiking trip to the Golan. We followed the 'Israel National Trail' walking around 30Km seeing all types of terrain and camping outdoors. It was such a positive experience scaling the land and getting outside. I also visited Hebron to visit the graves of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs and take a historical tour of the area.

A couple of weeks ago was Yom Haatzmaut in which there was a festive morning service and breakfast. Then a few days later followed Yom Yerushalayim in which a few of us went on a march in the early hours of the morning to the Kotel to pray at sunrise. There were hundreds of people and it one really felt united, proud to be Jewish. Then most recently has been Shavuot. Apart from consuming the large volume of cheesecake, the entire Yeshiva including Alumni and the

Rabbonim spent the whole evening learning. There were multiple shiurim including a group one from the Rosh Yeshiva then everyone prayed at sunrise. This was one of the highlights of the year so far with the Yeshiva pushing to learn G-d's Torah on the day we were honoured to receive it. For me it was special as it typified my reason or being at Yeshiva, to learn G-d's ways!

Unfortunately just before Purim my grandmother, Freida Bat Chaynuch z"l (Francis Pindus) passed away and so I flew back the UK for a few days to attend the funeral and comfort my Mother and Uncle. One of the founders of Darche Noam Yeshiva Rabbi Yellin z"l also passed away recently and we all attended the funeral and learnt in both their memories. They were both giving individuals in their own right and I wish only health for all of us in the future.

On the flip side there have been many simchas at the Yeshiva with 3 Engagements, 3 Weddings and 2 Brit Milahs. I have 2 weddings this week even! Baruch Hashem, I have never attended so many simchas in one year!

Since the spring term started, my classes have once again changed. We had another Gemara test and I have been moved up to the third level Shiur. The Rabbi is fantastic and I am feeling much more of an improvement in my skills to read a Gemara. Although there is a way to go for me, the Rabbi has a unique methodology to reading the Gemara showing us structures to see in the text to help us to understand the back and forth of the discussions. I have also been introduced to the beginners Bekiut Shiur which is a more fast pace reading of the Gemara. This has been good to start seeing more breadth and learn more vocabulary. I have moved up Hebrew Grammar Shiur to the final set and have started a new Mussar shiur. All other classes have remained the same.

I have begun to see improvements in my Hebrew translation skills. I can usually get my way through a Halacha book with a dictionary however I need to work on understanding more of the flow of Hebrew. I have also made a new schedule and have new learning partners, some on the same or a higher level to help me progress. I have been learning how to Layen from a fellow English student and after a couple of months practice layened this Shabbat Mincha and will continue in the weekday Layening. I am also leading some weekday Morning, Afternoon and Evening prayer services.

I am having a very jam packed experience at Yeshiva not just on a skills based but also Haskafic level. I am continuing to grow technically and emotionally not only in skills but in world view. The environment in Yeshiva is instilling more of a passion to focus on learning and building my roots in Judaism. I am also making a good Religious Jewish friend base. It is a big shame for me to think I only have 6 weeks left as this experience has been like no other, a real personal journey which has allowed me to set right my priorities and set a foundation in learning Torah. I will keep pushing to learn all I can whilst I am here.

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Ki Anu Ammecha – For We are Your People

(Yom Kippur Machzor)

Five times during Yom Kippur, we chant this simply structured, easily understandable piyut to a jaunty tune that allows worshippers to join in and thus to bind to each other. I have found it in the Lublin Machzor, the earliest 16th century printed Machzor following the Ashkenazi nussach in the Bodleian Library (1). But in all probability this axiomatic piyut is much older; for it is based on a midrashic allegorical expansion of 'dodi li, ve'ani lo', the pivotal aphorism in Shir Ha'shirim that expresses the reciprocal loving relationship between God and the Jewish people. Indeed, 'Ki Anu Ammecha' might well be regarded as our ancient National Anthem.

Even though no attribution tells by whom and precisely when this anthem was composed, we can be sure that its central theme of Jewish peoplehood was universally accepted at the time. For were we not freed from Egypt as a nation, and did we not receive the Torah as a people? Even after we had been expelled from our land for the second time, throughout the long dark night of the Middle Ages, Jews continued to regard themselves, and were regarded by the rest of the world, as a nation in exile. Am Yisrael endured and faith in national restoration remained an unquestioned tenet of Judaism.

With the advent of the Enlightenment, however, the claim that Jews constituted a people was put under interrogation. Emancipation was offered in return for surrender of national distinctiveness: "Il faut refuser aux Juifs comme nation et tout accorder aux Juifs comme individus" (2) was the bargain held out. During the 19th century, much of western Jewry hastened to accept that treacherous deal. For instance, in the "Pittsburgh Platform" of 1885CE the leaders of Reform Judaism in America adopted: "We consider ourselves no longer a nation, but a religious community...". Whether or not such reformist groups then actually expurgated our ancient national anthem from their revised prayer books, I have yet to discover. Anyhow, today we can take comfort in that Ki Anu Ammecha has been retained in the High Holiday prayer books of both the Reform and Liberal Jewish communities. So at least in this respect, we still stand together on Yom Kippur as one united people.

Not that all is well. As Moshe Rabenu soon learned, the tribes of Israel were a querulous, stiff-necked people –am k'she oref. So they remain today, with new detractors voicing from the left flank. Standing in the forefront of present-day Israeli revisionists historians, is Professor Shlomo Sands of Tel-Aviv

University, author of "The Invention of the Jewish People" published in 2009 by Verso, the left-wing publishing house. The main thesis of this polemic is that Ashkenazi Jews, the majority of Jews nowadays, are the descendants not so much of Jews driven east from the Rhineland and neighbouring regions, as of the Khazars, a Turkic people who converted to Judaism in the 9th century CE and were later driven west from Asia into European Russia and Poland.

In reviving this contentious theory, Shlomo Sands is following in the footsteps of Arthur Koestler, who in later life morphed from renowned novelist into a discredited historian by writing "The Thirteenth Tribe" (1977, Pan Books). Only, whereas Koestler sought to disarm anti-Semitism by arguing that European Jews were not really Semites, Sands wrote his book with an outright malicious intent. Namely, "to erode the essential identity that permeates the thoughts and actions of almost all Jewish Israelis (p20)" by denying any ethnic continuity of the Jewish people and thus their claim to their ancient homeland.

As it happens, a recent major study, by an international team from eight countries, to identify the origins of Jews through a comparison of genome data has revealed "a close relationship between most of today's Jews and non-Jewish populations from the Levant. This fits in with the idea that most contemporary Jews are descendants from ancient Hebrew and Israelite residents from the Levant (Nature, July 2010)". Clearly then, the Khazar contribution to the Jewish people has been greatly exaggerated by Koestler and by Sands to serve their various twisted agendas.

However, Shlomo Sands objectionable views are, I think, best defeated on still stronger grounds: ethnic purity is not an axiomatic premise of Judaism. Already at the exodus from Egypt, the children of Israel were joined by a motley crowd –v'gam erev rav alah itam (Ex. XII, 38). And in close conjunction with that record, we are told how strangers living among us, who wish to offer the passover to the Lord, may be admitted to the Jewish people and thus to its patrimony (Ex. XII, 48). And was not Rabbi Akiva, whose martyrdom we recall on Yom Kippur, the son of a proselyte?

To the delight of our foes, Professor Sands further argues - in the view of other historians on the basis of most esoteric and controversial interpretations- that most of the Jews were not exiled by the Romans. Rather, that they remained in the country, converted to Islam following the Arab conquest, thus becoming the progenitors of present-day Palestinian Arabs. How appropriate then, that Ki Anu Ammecha leads on to Viddui, the communal confession of our sins, not excluding those committed by the likes of Shlomo Sands under the rubric taphalnu sheker.

OTTO HUTTER

(1) By courtesy of Dr Piet van Boxel, the Curator. (2) The double-tongued proposal by Stanislas comte de Clermont-Tonnerre to the French National Assembly, 4th April, 1789.

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“Women of Substance”

(A Narrative)

A woman of worth who can find? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband trusteth in her and he shall have no lack of gain. She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. She girdeth her loins with strength and maketh strong her arms. She perceiveth that her earnings are good. Her lamp not goeth out.” These words are from ‘Proverbs – Chapter 31’.

Our Rabbis suggest that the author of this book was King Solomon and that the Israelite king wrote ‘Song of Songs’ in his youth, ‘Proverbs’ in his middle age and ‘Ecclesiastes’ (Koheles) towards the end of his life. Others say that ‘The Book of Proverbs’ is not the work of one author but a collection of ethical writings originating from those times, then compiled by King Solomon into book form. They take man through his life forever urging him to know wisdom and understanding and comprehend words of instruction thereby enjoying its fruits, and warning him to beware of the folly that results from ignoring the teachings of the wise and the sayings of our sages. Then in Chapter 31 we come to “The Woman of Valour”, ‘the ideal wife’, the crowning glory of man. This creature, who is a blessing to her family, who is not self-centred but kindly to all. Nothing in literature equals these words that point to the individuality of woman, who nevertheless is a part of man and could be a fitting helpmate to him. This then is the true essence of woman. But who can find her? Can she be spotted going about her daily tasks with devotion and pride?

I searched to come across such a character whom I would recognise as having the attributes of my own dear wife, comparable with the ideal person, who shows all of the beauty that woman possesses. Then one day I found her!! There she sat working willingly with her hands dressed in a dignified manner, loving kindness written on her face. I could picture her household clothed with scarlet, whilst her husband is known at ‘the gates of the labour exchange’. And she is now the breadwinner. This angel whom he takes for granted not recognising her worth. How many of us truly appreciate our spouses? I sat watching her enjoying the fruits of her labour, a G-d fearing woman if ever there was one. I realise that there are countless others out there in this wide, wide world with the same attributes who go about their daily lives without complaint, just giving of themselves with love, drawing their essence from our gracious mother, ‘the Matriach Sarah’ who truly epitomised ‘The Woman of Valour’ during her wonderful lifetime! Who then is this woman of worth whom I have found who deserves to be praised working so ardently with her hands? I know not her name nor from whence she hails, for you see she only exists in my imagination! But she is alive! She is a woman! A woman of worth – who can afford her? Her price is far above rubies! She is a gift from G-d. Those few words of appreciation are addressed to every woman. But there is one in particular whom I hold dear.

Wishing all readers a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

DERRICK COHEN

CST and the Jewish Community: Proud and Responsible

CST is the Community Security Trust, a charity that provides security for many hundreds of Jewish community events and locations every year. We have over 60 staff and approximately 3,000 trained volunteers, all working throughout the UK and for every part of our community. In the last two years we have installed security upgrades at hundreds of communal buildings, including shatter-proofing for windows.

CST is also available, 24 hours a day, for those of us who are unfortunate enough to suffer, or witness, anti semitism. Our purpose is to protect the well-being of our community, ensuring that we are all able to lead the Jewish life of our choice.

This challenging work needs the help and co-operation of our community, its leaders and institutions. We need to share responsibility, together, and stand firm against the physical and political threats that we face.

Sharing responsibility means many things, including contacting your local CST and volunteering. It means understanding why we do security and co-operating with our personnel. It means contacting CST if you happen to have information that you think may be of use to us, or to the Police.

Sharing responsibility also means keeping a sense of perspective. Today, our community is largely able to express its Jewishness however it wishes. That can be religious, cultural, political, charitable, sporting or whatever sort of Jewish life you do, or do not, wish to have.

Our community is, on the whole, successful and well integrated into the rest of society. We have come a very long way indeed since the newly arrived immigrant generations of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Antisemitism should not define our Jewish lives, but it has been of increasing concern in recent years. It is, perhaps, not so much that people fear for themselves today, but rather they worry how things will be for our children and grandchildren. This is entirely natural. The Police are keenly aware that the fear of crime can be every bit as important as actual crime itself: this

also seems to apply with antisemitism and the fear of it.

CST hopes that it helps our community to feel confident that someone is standing up for its rights. We take responsibility for the physical security of the community; and provide a confidential reporting service for those who experience antisemitism, be it physical, verbal, or in whatever form.

Because CST works with the victims of antisemitism, we know the importance of people’s physical and emotional well-being. This is not about statistics. It is the human aspect that makes us all the more determined to work against antisemitism; and against the fear it causes.

We want to deter those who wish us harm, and we work with politicians, police and others so that our community’s concerns are understood, heard and acted upon.

CST, however, can only be as strong as the community that we serve. We rely upon the community to be strong-minded, to provide our motivated volunteer personnel and to work with them as necessary: whether that is in schools, synagogues, community events and rallies, or wherever. We do not charge the community for our services and rely upon charitable donations for our running costs.

All of this relies upon partnership between CST and our Jewish community.

We welcome you to join us in that partnership, in whatever way you can.

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Update Jewish Assisted Living Scheme, Knole Road, Bournemouth

Many of our readers will remember the February appeal to support the planning application for the scheme to Bournemouth Council concerning the former David Lloyd Leisure site.

Well, planning permission has been granted and, all being well, lovely, warden-assisted apartments with communal dining and other facilities will be ready for occupation towards the end of 2013. Some apartments will be for sale

with others available to rent, including to those receiving housing benefit.

If you are interested, or know of anyone in any of the local or distant Jewish communities who would be interested in finding out more, please send a note “Please keep me informed about the Knole Road project” to Pat Cravitz: pcravitz@hotmail.com

Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation Synagogue



is available for all your simchas.
Hear the Choir every Shabbat Mevarachim in Shul

For more information contact the Shul Office

The Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation’s Guide to Amazing Food Call For Recipes

Bournemouth is renowned for its hospitality. Over the years Harvey and I have enjoyed so many wonderful meals with friends ... some share their recipes willingly, others are more mysterious about their origins, fearing perhaps their simplicity may detract from their deliciousness.

I would like to compile a cookbook containing at least one recipe from each of our members.

Please e-mail your favourite recipes together with a brief account of who or where the recipe came from, and any significance it may have to you or your family to josie.lipsith@virgin.net or pop a copy into the shul office. Alternatively I can arrange to call and chat through your recipes with you.

Looking forward hearing from you,

Josie Lipsith.

josie@lipsith.com

BHC Community Trust

BHC recently celebrated the centenary of our synagogue at Wooton Gardens. This anniversary has also given us time to reflect and to look forward at the means to build a sustainable and thriving BHC community over the next century.

As a result of consultation within the Executive Committee it has been agreed that a new BHC Community Trust will be set up in 2011 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Whilst it was fully agreed that the new Community Trust shall be closely associated with the main Shul, the final consensus was that a separate Trust seen as independent but supportive of the main Shul but with no ongoing day to day income commitments would be in a better position to appeal to prospective benefactors over the long term.

The formal aims of the this Trust over the medium to long term will be to raise funds via legacies, generous benefactors and large annual social events for capital projects that improve and benefit the BHC community and its facilities into the future.

As a result, the new Trust as set up will be specifically a separate entity from the main Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation to make it transparent to any benefactor of the new Trust that any

donation or legacy will be utilised for specific projects that will enhance the Shul and the wider BHC Community. The funds will not simply be utilised towards the ongoing day to day running of the Shul.

With the inception of the BHC Community Trust, the Executive Committee are particularly keen to encourage members and supporters of the BHC to consider making legacies in their Wills to the new BHC Community Trust as this is an area that has not been promoted in the past and is seen as key to the long term success of the BHC Community.

Any legacy made, be it large or small will, of course, be of great benefit to BHC and if the donor's estate is subject to inheritance tax, any legacy to the BHC Community Trust will reduce the IHT bill payable by a total equivalent to 40% of the legacy given.

Thus, for instance, a legacy of £10,000.00 out of a taxable estate will reduce the IHT payable on the estate by £4000.00.

It is anticipated that a new Wills scheme for BHC members will be set up in conjunction with the new BHC Community Trust.

Please contact me via the Shul office for any further information.

PAUL SOLOMONS

Launch of the Bournemouth and District Jewish Social Services

The changing age profile of the local Jewish community and the associated problems of ageing, incapacity, and the diminishing funds of the long-time retired have placed an increasingly heavy burden on the local voluntary welfare groups, whose own members are not getting any younger!

This situation has highlighted the need for a service which understands the particular needs of the Jewish community. The Bournemouth and District Social Services (BDJSS) is in the process of being set up, and has the mandate "to co-ordinate the care and support of the Bournemouth and District Jewish elderly, and anyone, irrespective of age, who finds themselves in difficulty".

A member organisation of the Bournemouth Jewish Representative Council, and operating under the auspices of Jewish Care, London, BDJSS will liaise with local agencies. The service is absolutely confidential, and welcomes self referrals, together with those from all other welfare organisations within the Jewish community, Social Services, GP practices and members of the public.

Although now in operation, BDJSS will be officially launched on 25th September at a fundraising Coffee Morning (see details below); you are invited to attend and support this new and challenging initiative.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer will be invited to register their interest. All volunteers will be offered an induction which will include on-going training supervised by Jewish Care.

For further information please contact BDJSS: Tel: 079001 42941, e-mail: bdjss1@gmail.com

*You are Invited to
the launch of the
Bournemouth and
District Jewish
Social Services*

*at a Coffee Morning from
11 am on Sunday 25th
September 2011*

**At the home of Josie and Harvey Lipsith,
Penthouse-Corfu, 14 Chaddesley Glen,
Canford Cliffs.**

Donation: £5

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Black and White Ball Centenary Celebration

A hundred people enjoyed a dinner and ball at the synagogue in celebration of the opening of our premises in Wooton Gardens, which took place in July 1911. The foundation stones had been laid in January that year by the Chief Rabbi Dr Adler and Mr Albert Samuel, and the formal opening was by Mr Arthur Franklin JP with Reverend A.A.Green of Hampstead Synagogue consecrating the newly constructed premises.

One of those organising the event was Sally Cass, whose great grandparents, Lazarus and Fanny Taylor had been present at the opening, and her father, their grandson, Leon Taylor, was as a guest at the event with his wife Rhona, who is a Trustee

of the Ladies Guild. Others on the Ball committee were her husband Elliot Cass, Elissa and Greg Rubins and Jo and Paul Solomons. Brian Bradley, our President said, "We appreciate the effort of the committee who have taken the time to organise and cater this magnificent event."

In the Ball brochure he spoke of those many volunteers over the years who had worked tirelessly for the synagogue without "their vision, their aspirations and achievements, Bournemouth would not have become the attraction for thousands of Jews who have visited on holiday and davened here over the last one hundred years."



Back l to r: Brian Bradley, Greg Rubins, Paul Solomons and Elliot Cass.
Front l to r: Celia Bradley, Jo Solomons, Elissa Rubins and Sally Cass.

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Desert Song



My husband Simon and I, together with our group of 7 friends, left our comfortable beach hotel which formed part of a package arrangement, and headed towards the bus stop where a coach took us and other visitors to the Opera. At the entrance foyer an enormous amount of effort had gone into creating an Egyptian atmosphere. Even to the extent of serving Egyptian style food and drink. At 10.00p.m. promptly we took our seats along with 7,000 other enthusiasts and waited for Aida to commence. We were not disappointed, the singing was excellent, the costumes unrivalled and the scenic effects were amazing. Translations flashed up in English for those whose Italian is a bit rusty!!!

At 2.30am we watched sadly the final act, and felt truly part of the lovers' anguish, we clapped and clapped and then we quietly exited, row by row and took the coach back to the hotel and flopped into bed!!!

All very well, you may say, what is so special about this opera apart from the late hour?? Well, it was Aida, but it was executed at the foot of Masada, every single piece of equipment had to be carefully taken down to the Dead Sea from the portable looms to the costumes, to the amazing lighting effects, the list was never ending. All of us have at some time been to an Opera House, but here in Israel there was an "Opera House" literally created in the middle of the desert, out of dust. It was a most memorable experience and one to be truly proud to have been part of. When it is considered that Masada was once the scene of a tragic part of Jewish history, it was wonderful to return in triumph, to hear the trumpets and see the splendour of the choruses

A great deal of effort had been gone into to involve not only to absorb the desert atmosphere into the Opera, but to involve the "locals", so much so that a group of girls from disadvantaged backgrounds took part.

On a lighter note there was a request in no less than four languages, for no cameras and for mobile phones to be switched off, but the mostly Israeli audience turned a deaf ear to this request and every few minutes another mobile phone

was snapping the opera, creating little flashes of light around the assembly!!!!

Next year it is planned to have Carmen at Masada and I would strongly urge everyone if possible, to go. It was a most uplifting experience, and you don't necessarily have to be an opera buff to enjoy the night!!!

ANNA WISEMAN

Bournemouth Friends and Ramblers

Why not join our group on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am outside 70 Dulsie Road, Talbot Woods and come for an enjoyable walk either in the countryside or in the Purbecks.

Bring walking boots, a packed lunch and water or a hot drink.

For further details ring Alf Sylvester on

01202 526463.

We know that quite a number of our congregants travel to international destinations and felt this might be of interest to them on their travels.

Art & Magic At The Skirball Cultural Centre And Museum Los Angeles, California.

April 28th 2011 - January 8th 2012

Celebrating Houdini and spotlighting other magicians and entertainers who were once celebrated innovators but whose stories have largely been forgotten - Masters of Illusion: The Jewish Magicians of the Golden Age examines the significant contributions of Jewish magicians in modern magic and their impact on the history of entertainment and on the American and European culture at large.

Featuring in his centenary year Maurice Fogel (1911 -1981) and also his mentor Albert Marchinski (1876 - 1930) whose nom de théâtre was 'Rameses - The Egyptian Wonderworker,' they were two of only three UK born entertainers highlighted in the whole exhibition. The third being Cecil Lyle nee Cecil Cohen. However I do feel this is a great testament to their abilities as entertainers over the years.

Although highly acclaimed in the UK both artists successfully appeared around the world and toured in the USA in particular during important times in their career. Maurice Fogel often facing a volley of shots when he successfully caught up to six bullets in his teeth, and later predicting which was the empty gun in his famous 'Russian Roulette' rifle routine.



Rameses the necromancer and whirlwind illusionist had a lavish Egyptian stage setting and highly acclaimed elaborate costume themed fast moving presentation. He too travelled the world and had a fascinating life making a lot of money only to lose it all in a theatre project in Southend on Sea and then proceeded to start all over again. (Ed's note:

His autobiography written by Chris Woodward was published in July 2011 by Squash Publishing of Chicago.)

Anyone who happens to be in the Los Angeles area will be entertained and astounded, and most welcome to attend this rare once in a lifetime exhibition that due to its success has been extended from the original date.

CHRIS WOODWARD



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A Challenge for Bournemouth!

We have been set a challenge by Clive Lawton , Executive Director of Limmud as well as a good friend to us here in Bournemouth

What is it?

To find someone - or sometwo - to co-ordinate and lead the next Bournemouth Limmud.

There are many people willing to help in the multitude of various specific areas that need attention if a Limmud is to happen. But as yet, no-one is putting their head above the parapet to take on this particular role

Please think through your range of acquaintances and perhaps propose people that we might approach to take this (or indeed

another) role. Do feel free to be as eclectic as you like. They do not need to be on the list of usual suspects, though of course they do need to be vaguely competent!

As Clive says " I'm sure you all feel as I do that all the great achievements and skilled routines that have built up over the years through the work of the Bournemouth Limmud team and its various leaders should not go to waste or be lost."

We look forward to hearing from you. Offers to janet@geemail.ads124.co.uk or jonathan.guykay@o2.co.uk

HEATHER, JANET AND JONATHAN
co-Chairmen Limmud 2010

An Open Letter from Melvyn Harris

The sentiments of which were echoed by a number of others at the time

Dear Editor,

I would like to express firstly my dismay and secondly my disgust at the actions of the Charedi visitors to our Shul for Mincha and Maariv on the evening of Yom Hashoah this year.

Not one of them stayed behind after Maariv for the Yom Hashoah service which was only approximately 15 minutes. It would have been better if they had not attended Mincha and Maariv rather than leave in a blatantly obvious manner which not only was a direct insult to the memory of our poor brethren who were slaughtered by the Nazis (Yemach Shemom) but cruelly insensitive to the feelings of those survivors and family

members of victims, who were in Shul to light candles for and remember our 6 million.

I'm afraid I have to single out the Charedi members of the congregation on that evening ,and I'm sure it would be wrong of me to generalise, but perhaps their fellow Charedim who would not have been party to these actions could remind them of Torah Im Derech Eretz. Not one of the other visitors to Shul that evening left before the end of the service.

Yours sincerely

MELVYN J.HARRIS

PERSONAL

CITRON – Allan (Bunty) together with Andrea, Marsha and Marc would like to express their appreciation and thanks to Rabbi Jesner and Pamela, officials of BHC and the whole community for their messages of sympathy and support when our darling Sara passed away.

FREEMAN – Hetty and Murray Freeman would like to thank Rabbi Jesner and Rebbetzen Pamela, the honorary officers of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation and our good friends for their support, messages, cards and letters on the passing of David. And also thanks to the Hannah Levy staff for the care and devotion shown to David.

JESNER – Rabbi Jesner would like to thank all members of the Congregation for their cards, greetings and gifts on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

LESSER – Ruth would like to thank Rabbi Jesner and her family and friends, for all the good wishes and support given to her following her car accident.

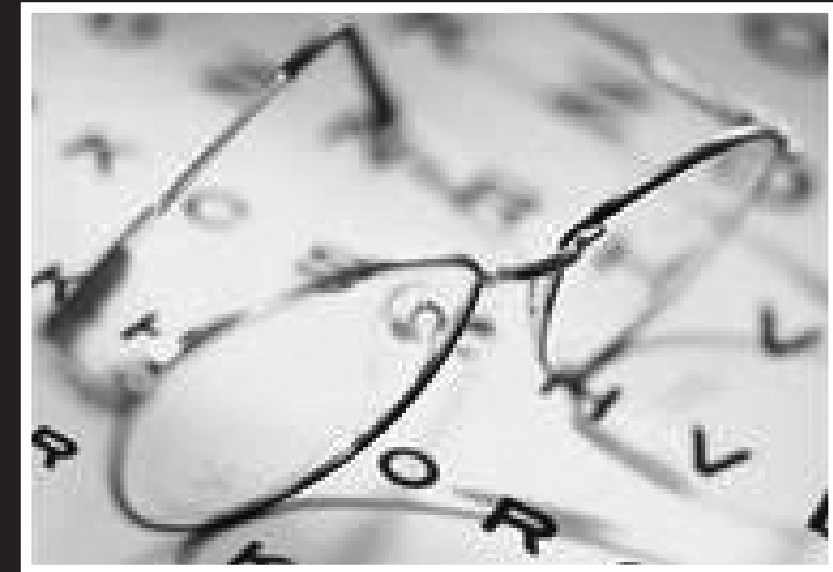
MARKS – Sam and Hilda thank everyone for their cards, flowers, and good wishes received on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, Hilda's birthday, and the birth of their great-grandson Mark Gavriel Marantz, first grandson for Ann and David Marks.

PERRY – Michele Perry together with her brothers and family would like to express their appreciation and thanks to Rabbi Jesner, Pamela, Officials of BHC, the Ladies Guild, Rabbi Alperowitz and Channi and friends for their messages of sympathy on the loss of their younger brother, Simon Pearl, who will be sorely missed.

RADLEY – Fay Radley would like to thank Rabbi and Pamela Jesner and her so many dear friends in The Bournemouth Community for their visits, kind messages of sympathy, telephone calls and support following the recent passing of her dear husband Ben.

REIN – Corinne and Howard Rein thank all those who sent warm messages of congratulations on the Barmitzvah of their grandson Alexander in Great Neck USA and on Corinne's " special " birthday.

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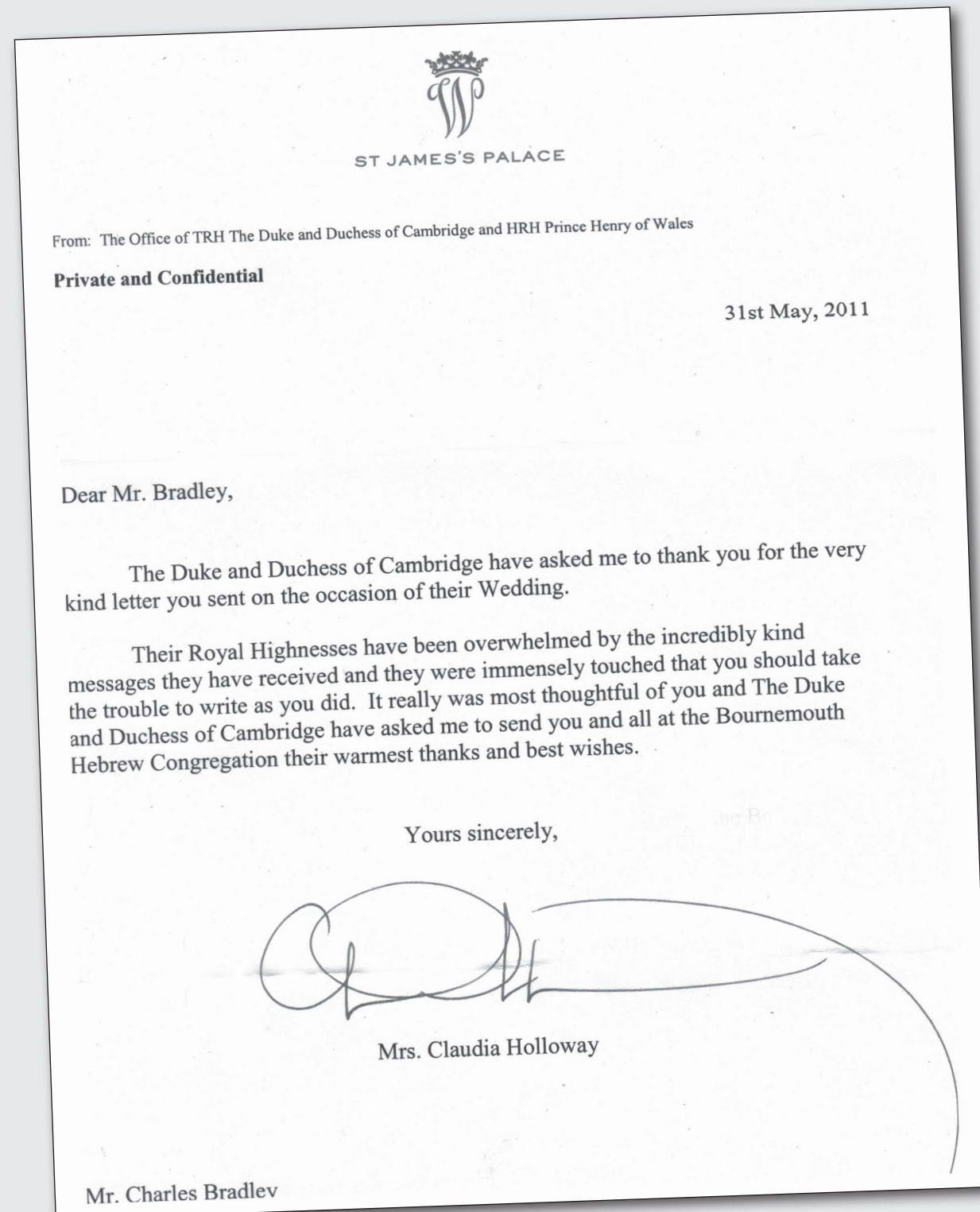


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Mazaltov

Royal Wedding

The letter below was received in response to the loyal greetings sent by the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation.



Mazaltov

The wedding of **Liza Ozdamar**, daughter of Anne and Mahir Ozdamar of Bournemouth and **Gavin Sinai**, son of Elaine and Les Sinai of Johannesburg took place on 3rd July (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 5771) at Tewin Bury Farm, Hertfordshire. Reflecting the international gathering the officiants at the outdoor ceremony were Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld, Rabbi Adrian Jesner and Chazan Alan Miller from South Africa (Gavin's friend).



Gabi Taylor, daughter of Berry and Irving Taylor and **Alex Woolf**, son of Susan and Danny Woolf were married at Kinloss Synagogue, Finchley London.

Three grandmas were delighted to be there to enjoy the simcha, Irving's mum, Fay Taylor age 96 (who is a Bournemouth resident), Berry's mum Jeanette Mitchell age 92 and Susan's mum Dorothea Jacobs age 89.



A Very Scottish Romance

The wedding took place in the garden of the Highcliffe Marriott Hotel on Sunday August 14th of two Scottish young people, **Madeleine Ackerman**, daughter of Andrea and Arnold Leckerman, who moved here from Glasgow 3 years ago, and **Giles Bendell**, son of Louise and Adrian Bendell, of Glasgow. The families were delighted the officiants at the wedding were their "very dear Scottish Rabbi, Adrian Jesner" with Andrea's brother in law Cantor Eddie Binnie from Glasgow,

Madeleine and Giles, went to same Jewish nursery and school, Calderwood Lodge, in Glasgow, where he was a year ahead of Madeleine. Then they both went to the same senior school. During her teacher training Madeleine did a placement at Calderwood Lodge and then went on to teach there.

They met up in again in London, where Madeleine works for North-West Jewish Day School and Giles is a surveyor, and a romance started and flourished.



Swimmer's Success

Helene and Brian Samuels were delighted that their eldest granddaughter, Libby Walker, was honoured through her efforts to raise funds for the Maccabi Challenge Tour (she ran 5km at the end of May) by carrying the Great Britain flag at the opening ceremony of the JCC (Jewish Community Centre) Maccabi games in Philadelphia on 14th August 2011. The JCC games are held every year in the USA as an Olympic style event for over 1200 teenagers from America, UK, Mexico, Israel and Canada.

Libby who is a member of the swimming team is following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Brian, who until recently

was the standard bearer for Bournemouth AJEX. When visiting her grandparents as a toddler, Libby would go swimming with her grandmother who would swim by her side, first across the pool and then after gaining more confidence each time to swim, swam a length. Libby practised hard for her event in Philadelphia, either getting up at 6 a.m. to swim before school or after school 5 days a week. Her hard work was rewarded when she won a silver medal in the 13-16 years Girls Free Style Relay.



'Singin' In The Rein'

The Barmitzvah celebrations of Alexander Williams Louis Rein – June 11th 2011

The delta winged 'bird' safely brought us to New York to enjoy the Barmitzvah of Alexander Rein and the warmth of welcome we received was far greater than the 100 degree heat wave encountered.

A 'goodie bag complete with 'spiritual' refreshment was waiting for us when we checked into our great hotel. So much attention and planning had gone into this event by his parents, Diane and David. They thought of everything down to the minutest detail even a rain poncho to keep us dry in the event of rain. It turned out to be needed on this occasion!

Although Nadine and I were total strangers to the Great Neck community within minutes we were made to feel like family. It was amazing! We were proud to represent the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation but also there was former Bournemouthian now Philadelphia resident Mark Levy (son of Adele and Barry), and his wife Mara.

Corinne and Howard and their lovely family had arrived several days earlier to witness the completion of a Sefer commissioned from Israel by David and Diane in honour of their respective and respected parents. This was almost completed in the time honoured way at their lovely home in Great Neck, bar the final two letters. The following morning the sefer was taken to the children's school in Manhattan. Before Shachrit in the school synagogue, the final two letters were written in, one for Alexander, the other for school's principal, Rabbi Lookstein.. The ink just dry, the Barmitzvah, Alexander, became the first person to leyen from that Sefer, that morning and then again on the Shabbos morning.

By the time we had arrived, part two of the most enjoyable simcha we can remember in a very long time was Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat at the Great Neck Shul on Old Mill Road. A large turnout enjoyed the service conducted by the close harmony acapella singing of the Shul octet. Dinner followed in the adjoining Banqueting Hall that would not have been out of place in a five star hotel with its massive crystal chandeliers and grand decor. 'Food glorious food' comes to mind as a sumptuous banquet ensued.

Up early again next morning for participation in the Shabbat service, not to mention the professional Barmitzvah himself who layened so ably. Following the service and a superb kiddush back into shul for the formal presentation and speeches by David, Diane, the Barmitzvah, his brother Oliver, sister Sophia, and cousin Mia Singer, (Daughter of Sarah ex BHC cheder) all the way from Australia.

We all then were seated in the Ballroom for a sumptuous lunch, the highlight for those who indulged, being a kilned Scotsman complete with tam-o-shanter serving aged malt whiskies. He was a busy man that day! The acapella octet

once again were very much in evidence during the meal. Beautiful benschers were on all the tables for all to enjoy whilst listening to their final rendition. The final gift to each family was a specially bound edition of the Koren Siddur. The dedication read: 'As we celebrate with joy and happiness Alexander's Bar Mitzvah we also remember with love Alexander's grandmother Helene M Fink z"l. Her love of Torah and unwavering commitment to her children and grandchildren receiving the best possible Jewish education continue to inspire our family'.

Then, with rain ponchos at the ready we returned to Cove Road to enjoy even more good company and food to match. At the appropriate time David made Havdalah after we which we returned back home to the hotel.

Sunday morning and yet another food gathering this time a BBQ with swimming for those who wished and more good company. This time the weather was kinder. Final goodbyes and sad farewells to newly made friends.

After everyone had departed there was an 'invasion' by a party of wild racoons in search of any leftover titbits. No chance!

It is impossible to fully detail the finer points and amazing planning that must have gone into the logistics and precision that we all enjoyed. It will immediately become a once in lifetime happy memory and I am so glad we made the effort to attend.

CHRIS WOODWARD



Bournemouth Hebrew Ladies Guild

It has once again been very nice over the past year to have catered so many Kiddushim celebrating simchas, including chagim, special birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, weddings and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and welcoming visiting Rabbis and Chazanim, as well as Communal Lunches and Dinners with guest speakers.

On the first night of Succot, 40 people sat down to a delicious meal in the Succah catered by the Guild, and on Simchat Torah, we catered a lunch attended by 140 to honour the Chatanim and Neshei Chayil. It is always a very enjoyable simcha for everyone, particularly members of the families who travel great distances to be there on this special occasion.

In December, we held a Chanukah Tea for the senior members of the Community. This event was once again sponsored by the very kind generosity of Vivienne

and Mostyn Levein, and was very well attended.

In March, a Purim Tea for the elderly, was also sponsored by Vivienne and Mostyn Levein, and attended by 90 people. Also we catered a Fish and Chip Supper for the Purim Seudah, which was a sell-out and enjoyed by everyone.

In May, we held a Hat Show and Lunch, which was a great success (see below).

On 7th June, Erev Shavuot, we catered a salmon meal for the Tikkun Leil.

We look forward to continuing with our welfare work and serving the Community in 5772 and wish you all Shana Tova.

AUDREY KNELLER

A Date for your Diary:

BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW LADIES GUILD
invites you and your friends to a Guild Lunch on
WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER at 12.30pm in
the Menorah Suite, Glen Fern Road, with guest
speaker/entertainer Trisha Lewis presenting
"A TOUCH OF THE JOYCE GRENFELL". For
tickets contact Thelma Cowan.

Ladies Guild Hat Show

A hundred people attended a hat show and lunch held in the Menorah Suite organised and catered by the Ladies Guild.

The hats, which were presented by Barbara Kaye of Bushey were modelled by Guild members Rosamunde Bloom, Sue Grossman, Elaine Goldman, Marilyn Keen, Doreen Lee and Hazel Woolfstein.

The event was to raise funds for Macmillan Caring Locally, whose Trust Secretary, Neal Williams was at the lunch and spoke of the work of the organisation, which is based at Christchurch Hospital. The Trust provides funds to enhance the care at the Macmillan Palliative Care Unit there for patients in South East Dorset and West Hampshire and also for those being cared for in their homes.

Additionally it also runs a not profit hotel for those with cancer, their families and carers, which this summer after 25 years in Southbourne moves to the refurbished Grove Hotel on the East Cliff.

Mr Williams was delighted to be presented with a cheque for £2,000 by the Guild to aid the work of the Trust. Following his talk a number of the audience expressed



their appreciation for the facilities provided locally having had need of them either for themselves or members of their family, and several others came to him to quietly tell him of their gratitude.

Barbara Kaye adjusts the hat of Thelma Cowan, whilst co chair Evelyn Grant, Neal Williams and the volunteer models look on. Right to left: Trustee Evelyn Grant, Barbara Kaye and Thelma Cowan

SHOP & SWAP FOR EMUNAH

Here are some easy ways that you can support Emunah's work in Israel:-

- **Shopping on line** – If you already shop on line with Amazon, M&S and many more, you can help Emunah at no extra cost. Simply register at Easyfundraising.org.uk as a supporter of Emunah, then every time you shop use the links from the Easyfundraising site to your regular retailers. Donations (typically 2.5%) from your purchases will then be credited to Emunah automatically.
- **Ebay Vintage to Mintage** – Emunah has opened a new on line shop with the help of Geoff Munitz (brother of Elissa Rubins). See what is in store at <http://stores.ebay.co.uk/Emunah-Charity-Shop>
- **Donate your unwanted goods** – Phone Anne Özdamar on 697375 (or contact any other committee member) and we will do the rest! Pearl Dale has kindly offered the use of her garage for storing items awaiting collection to London, for sale either on Ebay or in Emunah's charity shop. Jan Keyne continues raise money for Emunah by selling items at Antiques Fairs and local Car Boot Sales.
- **Thank your hosts** – If you are invited out for a meal, why not show your appreciation by sending an Emunah Food Fund card. Available from Anne or Thelma, from £5. All money raised helps feed children in Emunah's care.

Thank you for thinking of Emunah; your support will make a difference to the lives of less fortunate children in Israel, and is greatly appreciated.

HANNAH LEVY HOUSE

The place where nobody wants to be, but a haven for those who can no longer care for themselves or do not have anybody left to care for them.

When you are very old sometimes even your children are too old to help or they may be fully occupied with a disabled spouse or child of their own.

Paid care costs a lot of money. In spite of the extra expense of providing a kosher home our charges are extremely competitive in fact too competitive, and our income barely covers the cost of food and wages let alone heating and lighting

and health and safety and maintenance requirements.

Residents who are unable to provide for themselves are supported by local authority grants which only covers 60% of the cost. So how do we survive?

Thankfully due to the gifts of generous past legacies which have been shrewdly invested we get some additional income, and we have had the benefit of gifts sent to us in lieu of presents in recognition of people's simchas, plus monies from small fund raising events, and personal donations, for all of which the trustees and

the residents are truly grateful. However we cannot cover the total cost, but we will carry on and keep going to the best of our ability for as long as possible.

On behalf of the trustees, and the residents (Including our five centenarians) we take this opportunity to wish the whole Bournemouth community A Happy and Healthy New Year

IRVIN SHINDLER
(Trustee)

HANNAH LEVY HOUSE GARDEN PARTY

The sun shone on the one hundred and forty people attending a garden party held in the grounds of Hannah Levy House.

Guests enjoyed a cream tea and could browse the various stalls included Jewish art and cards, toys, cakes and jewellery plus a bottle tombola. The event raised £1,600 for the home.

Photo immediate left shows L to R: Joyce Cobain, Katrina Webb and Rosalind Herman working at the Bournemouth Hebrew Ladies Guild Cake Stall. Far right: Debbie Cowan at the Jewish Art Stall



Bournemouth WIZO

We have had another busy and successful year with our fundraising programme, which has ranged from coffee mornings, afternoon teas with interesting speakers, musical and bridge afternoons and a lunch with an up and coming author.

In August 2010, Frances and Brian Levy kindly lent their home for an afternoon tea with a talk given by two very well-known ladies, Rhona Taylor and Hilary Myers who spoke about growing up in Bournemouth.

In October, June Cutner presented a musical afternoon in the home of Katarina and Brian Webb, which was enjoyed by all.

During the week of 21st to 28th November, bridge and games afternoons and evenings were held throughout the country, and Jeanette Goodman hosted one of these in her home.

In February, several teams participated in the annual WIZO At Home Quiz held in various members' homes. Altogether three hosts lent their homes for the event.

In March, Jeanette held a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy in her home.

In April, a Spring Lunch was held in the lovely home of Anne and Michael Filer, with guest speaker, Natasha Solomons, author of *Mr Rosenblum's List*.

It was such a glorious day that as well

as lunch being set up in the dining room, tables and chairs were set out in the Filers' lovely garden, where many of those present, Natasha included, enjoyed an *al fresco lunch*. Natasha then read excerpts from her latest book *The Novel in the Viola*. The whole event was very successful, and raised £867.



Women's Week Afternoon Tea

speaker, Roz Rose, a Bournemouth jeweller, who gave a very interesting and informative talk. On the spot valuations of some of our gold and silver jewellery were carried out by Dan, Roz's assistant.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to an Afternoon Tea with a talk by a Panel of 3 Speakers to be held on Sunday, 31st July at the home of Marilyn and Spencer Nathan. It promises to be a very interesting afternoon.

In conclusion, we are extremely grateful for the hospitality of all the hosts who enabled us to hold our various fundraising events this past year, and to all our members and their friends for their continued support.

AUDREY KNELLER
Secretary & Publicity Officer

League Of Jewish Women Outing to Plymouth

Bournemouth League of Jewish Women held an outing to Plymouth, the highlight of which was a visit to Plymouth Synagogue. Built in 1762, it is the oldest Ashkenazi synagogue still in regular use in the English speaking world.

During their visit there Hilda Marks addressed the group from the Bimah on her life growing up in the city, with her late parents and brother

Bertie (Black).

As well as visiting the historic and very beautiful synagogue the group had time to become acquainted with Plymouth, wandering around the Hoe and the city, which was badly damaged during World War Two, although remarkably the synagogue remained unharmed.



Hilda Marks speaking at Plymouth Synagogue

NEW YEAR GREETINGS 5772

ARGEBAND Cynthia and Alan wish their family and friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

BAKER Jayne, Tali and Scott, Benjamin, Yasmine and Laya, wish the community a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

BARZILAY Diana and Richard wish their family, friends, Rabbi Adrian and Mrs Pamela Jesner and all members of the Congregation a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

BERKLEY Ruth and Eddie wish all their family and friends a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

BERLYN Barry and Loraine and family would like to wish all the community a happy, healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

BLUMENTHAL/CASSELS Nigel and Donna wish all their friends in Bournemouth a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to being back in Bournemouth early in 2012.

BOURNEMOUTH AJEX The Chairman, Honorary Officers and the Committee of Ajex Bournemouth, send all our members and the Jewish community our best wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

BOURNEMOUTH EMUNAH The Chairman, Executive and Committee wish all their members and supporters a healthy and happy New Year.

BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW LADIES GUILD wish the entire Congregation a happy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

BOURNEMOUTH JEWISH COMMUNITY SOCIAL CENTRE wishes all members, volunteers, helpers and the Community a very happy, healthy New Year and peace in Israel.

BOURNEMOUTH JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL The Executive and Committee of the Bournemouth Jewish Representative Council wish L'Shana Tova and 'Well Over the Fast' to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner along with all members of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation.

BOURNEMOUTH LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN wish all their members and friends, a happy and contented New Year and well over the Fast.

BOURNEMOUTH SEPHARDI ASSOCIATION wish all the Congregation a Shana Tova and well over the Fast.

BOURNEMOUTH WIZO would like to wish all its members and the wider Bournemouth Community good health and

happiness and a peaceful New Year.

BRADLEY Celia and Brian wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, the Executive Committee, all the staff of BHC, family, relatives, friends and all the Congregation, L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu and well over the Fast.

BRAMAN Muriel and Jack wish their relatives and friends good health and a Happy New Year.

BRITISH FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY "Our future is here" – a peaceful New Year to our Bournemouth friends from Israel's leading and world class centre of learning and research.

BROCKINER Jack wishes the Rabbi, the Rebbetzen and all the community a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

BRYSH Isa wishes Rabbi and Mrs Adrian Jesner, Reverend and Mrs Barry Sklan, the President, Executive of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation and all members and their families good health and happiness in 5772 and well over the Fast. Leshanah Tovah Tikateivu.

CAPLIN Elaine, Gerry and family wish the Executive, Committee, Rabbi and Mrs Jesner, and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year, and a good Fast.

COHEN Anita and Derrick wish Rabbi Adrian and Mrs Pamela Jesner, the President, Honorary Officers and all friends sincere good wishes for a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

COHEN Vicky and Jeffrey wish their children, grandchildren, Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner, relatives and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

COLE Barry and Bonny wish all their family and friends a very healthy and happy New Year and lots of love.

COOPER Angela and Jack wish all their dear friends in Bournemouth and their families a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

DEXTER Marilyn and Bernie wish all family and friends a Shanah Tovah.

DWORKIN Carole and Paul wish family, friends and the Congregation a happy, healthy New Year.

DWORKIN Celia and Gerald wish family and friends a year of contentment, peace and good health.

ELLIS Amy and Harry wish the entire community a happy and healthy New Year.

FELD Susan and Geoffrey would like to wish all their dear children, grandchildren, family, together with our friends, fellow Trustees, Executive and members of the Congregation a very happy and peaceful New Year.

FIELDGRASS Rosaline wishes her children, grandchildren, mechuten, relatives and friends a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

FILER Anne and Michael together with our children, Lucy and Ran, Katy and Dan, Sam, Sadie and grandchildren Guy, Jed, Jack, Ellie and Mattan wish all our family and friends a very happy, healthy and successful New Year.

FRANKLIN Irvin wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

FRANSES Beverley and Jeff, wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

GALKOFF June and Ivor wish their families and friends a healthy and happy New Year.

GLAZER Mandy, Mark, Leonie, Talia and Eliana together with Lilah Glazer, wish their family and friends a healthy and peaceful year ahead.

GOODMAN Jeanette wishes the Bournemouth community and particularly all WIZO members a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

GRANT Evelyn and Michael together with all their family wish the entire Community a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

HANNAH LEVY HOUSE The residents, staff and trustees gratefully thank all members of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation for their generous help and support in 5771 and sincerely wish them a happy, healthy and peaceful 5772.

HANOVER Stella and family wish friends and all the Community a happy and peaceful New Year.

HARRIS Andrea, Mark, Carly, Mike and Sophie, and Samantha and Richard wish all their family and friends a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

HARRIS Liz and Mel wish their family and friends, Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner, Barry and Angela, a very happy and healthy New Year.

HARRIS Valerie and Frank wish their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

HARTH Syd and Hillary wish their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and an easy Fast.

INVERNE Zena wishes her family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

JACKSON Josephine and Gerald wish all the community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and an easy Fast.

JESNER Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner wish everyone at the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

KASMIR John wishes all his family & friends, Rabbi Jesner and Pamela, fellow Life Presidents and the entire community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

KAUFMAN Tonia and Leon Kaufman wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and an easy Fast.

KAYE Evelyn and Arnold convey to their friends in the Community greetings for a healthy New Year. Leshana Tovah Tikatevu.

KAYE Helen and Maurice extend greetings and good wishes to their family and friends for the ensuing year.

KAYE Mandy and Larry, together with Eliot, Susie, Rina and Sara, Aaron, Debbie, Zach and Joshua, wish all their family, Rabbonim and friends, a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

KEEN Jeffrey & Marilyn wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, family and friends a happy and healthy year and well over the Fast.

KEENE Rita and Bernard wish all their dear family and friends, Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner and all the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation a happy and healthy New Year. We thank everyone for their help and kindness over the past year.

KROTOSKY Arnold and Freda extend good wishes to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, family and friends for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

KURT Rochelle, Eric, Leoni, Tanya, Andrew and Natasha wish all their family and friends a very happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

LASSMAN/COLE Judy and Brian, together with Jeremy, Lindsay and Naava, Timothy, Sarah, Jessica and Evie, Aytan, Philip, Michelle and Ella and Sophie and Shane wish family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

LAW Gillian and Arnold together with Lisa, Katie and Jonathan and their families wish all their friends in Bournemouth a very happy and prosperous New Year.

LEE Hilda and Jack wish all their family and friends a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

LEE Monty and Ann would like to wish all their family and friends a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEMEL Lucille and Nat wish all their friends in the Bournemouth Community a very happy and healthy New Year.

LESSER Ruth and Mervyn would like to wish all their family and friends a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEVEIN Vivienne and Mostyn wish all family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

LEVEY Claire wishes all her friends in Bournemouth a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

LEVEY Marcia and Adrian wish family, friends and the community a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEVY Frances and Brian with Sid Garson would like to wish all the community a happy and healthy New Year.

LIEBERMAN Marcus and Frances wish their family and friends a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

LIPSITH Josie, Harvey, Gavin and Colum wish family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

LITTMAN Joyce and Bertie wish their daughters, their family and friends, all the community and the members of Ajex a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LOW Enid and Herbert send sincere greetings for a year of peace, happiness and good health.

LUKOVER Rhoda wishes her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

LURIE Barbara and Simon wish family and friends and all members of the Congregation a happy and healthy New Year.

MARKS Hilda and Sam extend to family and all members of the Community their sincere good wishes for the coming year. We hope it will be for all a year of good health and happiness, joy and prosperity and peace to K'lal Yisroel. We thank the Congregation for all their kind enquiries and good wishes.

MARKSON Stella sends sincere greetings to all friends and Social Centre members for good health and well over the Fast.

MENTON Judith, Jonathan, Jessica and Joshua wish their family and friends and all the community a happy and healthy New Year.

MILLIN Valerie and Melvin, with Hayley, Lauren, Mark and Josh, wish everyone in the Congregation a healthy and very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

MORRIS Frank wishes the community a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

MORRIS Hilary, Simon, Aaron and David wish their family and friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

MYERS Hilary Myers and Jonathan Kay wish all their family and friends a healthy and happy New Year and an easy Fast.

NATHAN Marilyn and Spencer wish their friends and the Congregation a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

NEWMAN Wendy, Paul and Aaron wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

OLSWANG Verity and Henry, Richard and Lisa, Joanne and Jonathan, Natasha, Tabatha, James and Andrew wish all their family and friends a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

OZDAMAR Mahir and Anne together with Karen, Dan, Harry and Georgie, and Liza and Gavin wish their friends and the Community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

PINS Michael and Janet wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

REICHWALD Marion and Peter wish all their friends a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Shana Tovah.

REIN Corinne, Howard and family wish everyone good health, happiness and contentment in the New Year and peace to all Israel.

ROSE Coreen and Tony wish all their relatives and friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

ROSSANO/MAZIN Lise and Roger Rossano and family, together with Zena and Sam Mazin wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and an easy Fast.

ROYSTON Leila and Ronnie wish their children, grandchildren, family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

RUBENSTEIN Louisa and Harold wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner and all their dear friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

RUBINS Elissa, Greg, Alex and Natasha wish Rabbi & Rebbetzen Jesner, family and friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

SAKLOW Ura wishes her children, grandchildren, relatives and all her many friends, a very healthy and happy New Year.

SAUNDERS Richard and Ruth wish all their friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

SEGAL Lorraine and Len wish their family, relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

SHERWOOD Sylvia and Gerald wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

SHOP AT THE SHUL wishes to thank all its customers and volunteers for their support and hoping you all have a sweet and happy Shana Tova.

SHINDLER Muriel and Irvin send greetings to their children, grandchildren, mechtanim and friends, wishing them a happy, healthy and sweet New Year and well over the Fast.

SIBTHORPE Marguerite and Peter would like to wish their children, Marcel, Lyn, Alain and Nadia, and grandchildren Richard and Charlotte- Amelie and friends / customers a healthy and happy New Year.

SONDACK Jacqui and Barrie and family wish all their family and friends a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

STROM Elfrida and Len wish the entire community a happy and healthy New Year

TAYLOR Hannah would like to wish her dear family and friends a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

TAYLOR Leon and Rhona wish all their dear family and friends a very happy and peaceful New Year.

TOBIAS Barbara and Martin wish everyone at Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation a healthy and happy New Year.

WAINER Eta and Gerald wish their children, grandchildren, family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

WARTSKI John sends good wishes to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, Reverend and Mrs Sklan, Honorary Officers, and their families. A very happy and peaceful New Year to the whole Congregation.

WEINTROUB Irene, Ivor, Nicola, Daniel, Simon, Timna, Lilya and Diego, wish all the members of the Congregation, friends and family a happy and healthy New Year and a peaceful Fast.

WEITZMAN Avis and David wish their friends and the entire community a very happy and healthy New Year.

WHITE Linda and Stephen wish all their family and dear friends, Rabbonim and all members of the Congregation a happy and peaceful New Year.

WHITE Marilyn and Stephen would like to wish their dearest family and friends, Rabbonim and all members of the Community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

WISEMAN Anna and Simon extend every good wish for a very happy and healthy New Year to all the Congregation.

WOLFSON Rosalind and Bernard wish their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner and all members of Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation a happy and healthy New Year.

WOOLF Helen wishes the Rabbonim and all her friends in the community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

WOOLFSTEIN Hazel and Cyril wish their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

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Diary

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 28th	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thursday 29th	First Day Rosh Hashanah Sephardi Minyan
Friday 30th	Second Day Rosh Hashanah Sephardi Minyan

OCTOBER

Shabbat 1st	Shabbat Shuvah
Sunday 2nd	Fast of Gedaliah
Friday 7th	Kol Nidrei Sephardi Minyan
Shabbat 8th	Yom Kippur Sephardi Minyan
Wednesday 12th	Erev Succot Dinner in Succah
Thursday 13th	First Day Succot
Friday 14th	Second Day Succot
Wednesday 19th	Hoshanah Rabah
Thursday 20th	Shemini Atzeret
Friday 21st	Simchat Torah
Shabbat 22nd	Shabbat Bereisheit Benediction of Cheshvan Lunch to honour Chatanim & Neshei Chayil
Sunday 23rd	Wedding of Richard Spector to Claire Freedman in Manchester
Wednesday 26th	WIZO – Musical Afternoon at home of Jeannette Goodman – 2.30pm
Friday 28th	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Shabbat 29th	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Kiddush to celebrate Second Barmitzvah of Mr Joachim Oberlander

NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th	Stone Setting Throop – 1.30pm The late Mrs Paula Bright
Shabbat 12th	AJEX Shabbat

Sunday 13th	Stone Setting Kinson – 1.00pm The late Mrs Esther Ellman
	Stone Setting Throop – 2.00pm The late Mr Robert Zeidel
	Bournemouth Emunah Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment Menorah Suite – 2.30pm
Sunday 20th	FISCD – Dinner and Entertainment – Menorah Suite – 7.30pm
Shabbat 26th	Benediction of Kislev
Sunday 27th	Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Wednesday 30th	Ladies Guild Lunch with “A Touch of the Joyce Grenfell” Menorah Suite – 12.30pm

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th	WIZO AGM at the home of Barbara and Dr Martin Tobias – 2.30pm
Tuesday 20th	Chanukah Party sponsored by Vivienne and Mostyn Levein, Menorah Suite – 2.00pm First Chanukah Light
Wednesday 21st	First Day Chanukah
Shabbat 24th	Shabbat Chanukah Benediction of Teveth