

HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter

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Tom Thelander (second left), Mathew Hall and Juliette Barber received their conversion certificates on Erev Shavuot from Rabbi Holtz (far left), who pointed out how appropriate it was to welcome converts at the season when we read the book of Ruth.

BR5 & 6 and Friends - A time for celebration

To celebrate their 25th anniversary BR5 & 6 and Friends will be leading the Shabbat morning service on **Saturday, 13 August**.

Please come and celebrate with them.



BR5&6 founders Zena and Nadia

A musical treat for you this summer!

Dr Rachel Franklin

concert pianist and music historian will present an illustrated talk entitled

“Magnificent Movie Music” Jewish Composers and the Golden Age of Film



This illustrated talk traces the immigration patterns of Jewish musicians from Central and Eastern Europe to Hollywood and looks at why so many Jewish composers became such an integral part of cinematic history.

Sunday, 7 August

Afternoon Tea from 3 pm. Talk starts at 4 pm.

Tickets £10 and further details from the shul office, 020 8460 5460 or **Barbara Kurtz** a.bkurtz@talktalk.net

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Tell the Community

This cut-out slip is a regular feature in Highlight to enable you to inform the community of any appropriate event - birth, marriage, engagement, illness, bereavement, birthday celebration, examination success etc. Please complete and return to the Editor c/o the Synagogue office.

We would like you to know that

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Name Tel. No.

We all have several identities - View from the Chair

On Shabbat recently, Rabbi Holtz made the point that none of us has a single identity; we all have several. A couple of identities that many of us share are that we are both Ashkenazi Jewish and British. I have never felt any serious conflict between these, but recently I had reason to reflect on how deep these feelings of identity go. Perhaps, like mine, part of your British identity includes the feeling that British history is part of you. I suppose it was because we learned it at school but, strictly speaking, anything that happened here before the 20th Century wasn't my history at all since, until just over a hundred years ago, all my family lived in Poland. So it was an enlightening experience to visit two Reform synagogues in the United States a few weeks ago because both of these communities had their roots in early 18th Century London.

The congregation of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim was founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1749. It is one of the oldest Jewish congregations in the USA and was perhaps the first to adopt principles of Reform Judaism. It was founded by Sephardi Jews of mainly Portuguese origin, who were previously members of Bevis Marks synagogue in the City of London.

On visiting the shul, my feelings were that this was home from home. It was founded by Londoners, later adopting Reform principles derived from Germany just like ours and although they can no longer be considered a Sephardi community, they use Sephardi Hebrew pronunciation and follow many Sephardi *minhagim* (customs) as we do. They also have a Czech scroll from the Westminster synagogue. Admittedly, their building is a little grander than ours, being of neoclassical design resembling a Greek temple, even to the extent of fluted Doric columns; not quite like 28 Highland Road.

The congregation of Mikva Israel synagogue in Savannah, Georgia was founded a couple of years earlier than that in Charleston. A group of 41 Sephardi Jews from Bevis Marks sailed from London aboard the *William and Sarah* and had arrived in Savannah on July 11, 1733, just 5 months after the colony's founding by the British General James Oglethorpe. Most of

the group had fled to England a decade earlier to escape the Spanish Inquisition. The Jewish community in London had provided financial assistance to the emigrés, who took with them a sefer Torah, which is still used on special occasions at the synagogue.

Their first synagogue building, erected in 1820, was destroyed by fire nine years later but they rescued the sefer Torah, which is several hundred years old, written on deerskin and still beautifully legible. The current building, dating from 1876 looks and feels like a Gothic church with a tall bell tower above and an organ (not electric, with pipes) inside but there is a large Magen David over the entrance and stained glass windows very like ours. The shift to Reform occurred in the last decades of the 19th Century and the formal joining of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) was in 1904. Like us, they retain the Sephardi tradition of singing "*El Norah Alilah*" during the *Ne'ila* service of Yom Kippur.

So where does one's identity as a British Reform Jew belong? In my case, is it Poland of the early 20th Century or do I have more in common with the Sephardi Jews of London who upped and left for the New World almost 200 years before that. Actually, I feel I really identify most closely with today's Reform Jews in South Carolina and Georgia even though I am still trying to get the accent right for "Shabbat shalom t'y'all".

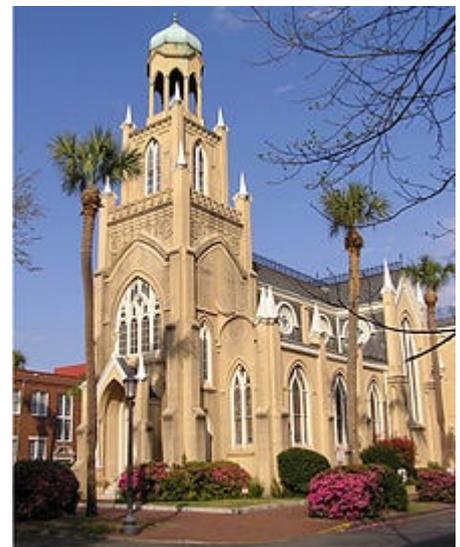
John Posner, Chairman
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JJBS Update

A note from our JJBS representative

Dear Member,
Within your *Highlight* this month you will find an updated information leaflet outlining the benefits of the Jewish Joint Burial Society (JJBS). This copy replaces the information sheet distributed in August 2013. Every Bromley Reform Shul member belongs to the JJBS so the information is important for you. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Janet Posner,
020 8650 7521



The American synagogues described by John in his article. From top to bottom: Charleston - exterior and ark; Savannah - exterior and ark.

Menachem Av, by Rabbi Jason Holtz



The Hebrew month of Av, a time of many of the worst tragedies in Jewish history, begins this year on 14

August. Tradition teaches that on the first day of Av, Aaron, the first Israelite High Priest and brother of Moses, died. Aaron is remembered as being a beloved figure and leader, much more so, in fact, than Moses, his more well known brother. Whereas Moses was often stern and uncompromising, Aaron was gentle and kind. He was known as a peacemaker. When quarrels arose or tensions brewed and brought out the worst in people, Aaron gently sought to resolve the situation by bringing out the best in people, reminding everyone of how they were needed and loved, and were loved by one another.

The sadness of Av that begins with Aaron's *yahrzeit* continues through until Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of Av. On that day, Jews recall many calamities, but one in particular is the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The early rabbis blame baseless hatred and needless infighting amongst Jews for the destruction of the Temple.

Following the destruction of the Temple and the second war with the Romans afterwards, a lament was composed about the death of many rabbis, saying:

When Rabbi Meir died, there were no more storytellers.

When Ben Azzai died, there were no more true students of Torah.

When Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa died, there were no more men of action.

When Rabbi Jose Ketanta died, there were no more pious people.

When Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai died, there was no more wisdom.

When Rebbe died, Rabbi Judah the Prince, it was the end of humility and fear of sin.

One by one, all the important qualities of the world seemed to pass away.

One could feasibly add Aaron's name to that list and keep with the theme. When Aaron died, there were no more peacemakers and, without Aaron over a long period of time, we were doomed to descend into baseless hatred and self-destruction. If the story ended there it would be a great tragedy. It doesn't end there, however.

The text continues with an objection from Rabbi Joshua. He stands up and says, "Do not say that humility is gone, for I am here." Although it is an interesting virtue to claim, it does say something. While we naturally lament, grieve, and mourn after a loss, we cannot allow all of the best qualities in the world to belong solely to the past or to other people. Even though Rabbi Joshua's claim of being humble does not sound humble at all, he is actually teaching something very important: humility can only go so far. Humility should not be understood as claiming inability, especially when it comes to moral virtue. While it may be natural to say, "If only Aaron were around, this never would have happened," we are all empowered to be good people, to be peacemakers. What we mourn on Tisha B'Av isn't necessarily what happened, but what did not have to happen. As such, Av is as much about hope as it is destruction because we can be like Aaron.

Some have the custom of calling the remainder of the month after Tisha B'Av, *Menachem Av*, "Av of Comfort," because it asserts that the past does not have to repeat itself. Rather, the message is that salvation will come through learning the most basic lesson of all, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Rabbi Jason Holtz

Torah Text Study Group

This very popular Monday evening study group, led by John Posner, will meet again on 11 and 25 July.

It runs from 7.30 to 9.30 pm and there is no obligation to attend every session - just drop in when you can.



Social Centre News

June has been a rather depressing month for us, as a few of our members have been unable to come for various reasons. We were sad to hear that **Zelda** has had a spell in hospital, but pleased to hear she is home now. We all send you our best wishes, Zelda, and hope that you and everyone who has been unwell will be back on form soon. We miss you.

On 22 June we were treated, as always, with our morning tea, coffee and biscuits. Then, to liven us up, Andreas was there with the exercises and relaxation. The ladies prepared a lunch of pasta Primavera, home-made chocolate chip cookies, cream and ice cream, tea or coffee. Plus some lovely mini cupcakes. The cakes were from Ruth to celebrate her 95th birthday on Monday, 27 June. Thank you Ruth.

Songs with 'Take the Mike' were next: parodies of famous show songs. This was in the vein of Victoria Wood. Very clever and extremely entertaining. I'm glad I went and hope you come soon.

On July 13 we'll be having a talk on the **Suffragettes** by the popular speakers **Mike** and **Carol Brown**. Mike has spoken to us on several occasions and is always very knowledgeable and entertaining. Everyone is welcome to come all day or for the talk only, which will start at around 1.30 pm.

Dianne Mathews and Brenda Houlden

Future programme:

Wednesday, 13 July: Talk on Suffragettes

Wednesday, 27 July: Exercises, lunch socialising

Wednesday, 10 August: Summer party

Wednesday, 24 August: Exercises, lunch socialising

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Cheder News

Can you believe it? Summer is nearly upon us, and this is probably the last you'll hear from me until our next academic year! But before I go, I'd like to answer a question that one of our younger students asked me earlier this month: What is Cheder for?

It's an interesting question really. Why are we going to school every weekend when we've spent five days at our other schools already? Why do we *schlep* all the way to Bromley, sacrificing every Sunday morning lie-in during term time? Why are we putting up with the protests of our teenage children, who would rather do anything other than wake up for *anything*? What is Cheder for?

Well, I can't speak for anyone else but, for me, Cheder is all about creating positive Jewish memories for my children. Not just to learn about our relationship with God, our history and our traditions (which of course are all important), but to want to be a part of them. I think most of us want our children to **want** to celebrate the Jewish holidays. We want them to miss the smell of latkes and make sure they learn to cook them for their own Chanukahs. We want them to learn to lead their own *sedarim* on Passover because it wouldn't feel like Passover without one. We want them to look at Hebrew letters and to think, "These letters are **my** letters. This language is **my** language". So, as far as I'm concerned, that is what Cheder is for.

And now, for our last items of news for this school year:



All eyes were on Dani as she served the ice cream at the dairy kiddush after the Shavuot service led by the Cheder children on Sunday, 12 June

- 1) Our final **Shavuot Children's Service** took place on Sunday, 12 June and was a terrific success. Special thanks to **Dani** and **Michelle**, who coordinated the most amazing dairy Kiddush ever, and also to **Joseph Parks** whose fantastic *darbuka* playing (it's a kind of bongo drum) kept us on our toes! And to all of you who stayed for the service and brought food for the Kiddush, thank you for helping us create a great day at Cheder!
- 2) Will your child start **Year 1** this September? That means your child is ready to leave the Gan and register with **Kittah Aleph!** Please let me know if you want to register your child **asap** as I need to get ready for next year.
- 3) Our last **Youth Club** event will be a party at Pizza Express on **Sunday, 3 July!** Anyone over the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah and up to age 19 can come. Just let me know with a quick RSVP email.
- 4) We are hoping that our final day- **Sunday, 10 July-** will conclude with our annual **Cheder's Got Talent!** Parents are invited, as always, to come join us, watch and *shep nachas*. We'll also be having a **Prize Giving Assembly** before wishing Cheder a fond farewell until the autumn.

And, finally, I'd like to personally thank all of the staff and helpers who made sure that Cheder has continued to thrive. I feel privileged to have worked with such a lovely bunch of people, who have committed their time and energy to

our children's Jewish education. Thank you all so very, very much.

See you all on our first day of the Autumn Term, **Sunday, 11 September 2016 at 10 am.**

With warm wishes for a wonderful summer holiday,

Vicki, Cheder Head Teacher

BR5 & 6 and Friends - A time for celebration

25 years ago, a visitor from the Reform movement suggested that the way ahead for communities such as ours would be to create local social groups. So shul members in the BR5 and BR6 areas were contacted and we held a series of meetings to get to know each other and to discuss interests and possibilities.

A variety of activities were suggested and arranged and many of them, with others, have continued throughout the years to the present day, with members new and original. Many of us can look back with joy at the friendship and support we have given each other on life's journey and say "Ah yes, I remember it well" To celebrate, BR5 & 6 and Friends will be leading the service on Saturday, 13 August. Please come and celebrate with us.

Nadia Gilman/Zena Goodman
Founder Members

Catford Maccabi Summer Project

The Catford Maccabi Summer Project will run **from Monday, 25 to Thursday, 28 July** for children aged 5-12.

We run programmes and games, culminating in a bouncy castle on the last day and there's a kosher cooked lunch every day.

It takes place in the clubhouse and grounds at **Catford Synagogue**, Crantock Road, SE6.

Children can come for the full four days or just single days if they prefer. The day starts at 9.30 am for those who want to join us for breakfast and from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm for the rest of the activities, including lunch.

Apart from a bit of money for tuck, the children don't need to bring anything else with them.

The cost is £10 per day, £30 for the full four days, with sibling discounts of £8/£25. It's easiest if people can pay cash and it's fine to pay at the door.

Contact Joe Kat,
catfordandbromleymaccabi@hotmail.co.uk or 07735 226250.

Taking our leave of Sister Jo



Sister Jo Harvey, a good friend of the synagogue from St Edmunds RC Church in Beckenham, is moving to North London.

She has been a frequent visitor at our Shabbat services and has made a valuable contribution at many Adult Education classes and talks.

On Saturday, 18 June we held a festive kiddush after the service to wish her well and to hear of her busy life as a member of the religious congregation “Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus”.

After the kiddush, which was attended by several members of Sister Jo’s Beckenham R.C. church, she was interviewed by our Chairman, Dr John Posner. In the photograph John is listening intently as Sister Jo responds to one of his questions.

The Foodie Club

Brian Freeman reports



The first outing of the Bromley Shul Foodie Club, with a small but very enjoyable party, was held at Q-Bar in Beckenham at the end of March.

We are now arranging the next outing and this will be on **Thursday, 28 July at Lugana in Elmers End**. If you like Italian food, you will love this place.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Brian on 07970 068749 or at b_freeman1@sky.com

“How are the mighty fallen”

King Saul: the first king of Israel and the nature of his insanity

A talk by Dr George Stein

Dr. Stein’s talks have led us across the psychological landscape of prophets, Job and, most recently, King Saul.

An enthusiastic audience listened and commented as Dr. Stein told the story of Saul’s descent into mental illness – from the all-conquering soldier king to a troubled man, plagued by depressive episodes, of increasing severity. Saul’s mental instability seems to have been triggered by David’s anointment – Saul felt that the spirit of God had deserted him and he plunged into depression. The most effective method of calming him was through music – a method that is still used in modern treatment of patients experiencing mental distress.

Dr. Stein described different types of mental distress – from jealousy to paranoia to bipolar disorder. Interspersed with these episodes were visits to a necromancer and deliberate disobedience of God’s instructions. Saul’s life ended in defeat in battle with the Philistines and suicide.

One of the most interesting and challenging aspects of all Dr. Stein’s



Dr George Stein giving his talk

talks is reconciling modern psychiatric theory and practice with behaviours presented by people whose experiences pre-date modern theories. This talk was particularly enjoyable because the BRS audience embraced Saul’s dilemma wholeheartedly, sharing opinions from looking for clues to greater understanding from the Hebrew text, to comparing Saul’s behaviour to examples in other parts of *Tanakh*.

Many thanks to the Education Committee for arranging this talk.

Thanks also to Dr. George and Suzanna Stein for their generosity in donating the splendid refreshments.

from our Roving Reporter

Join us for the
**Oneg Shabbat on
Friday, 22 July**
when **Prof. Bernie Cohen**
will speak on
“The Origin of the Alphabet”



How a bunch of illiterate, goddess-worshipping Canaanite miners in the Sinai Desert 4000 years ago invented a system that liberated the power of the written word from the hands of a priestly elite and the questions this raises about Moses’s tablets.

The service will begin at 7.45 pm to enable you to have your evening meal with your family and the talk will follow after Kiddush at 8.30 p.m.

Further details from **Barbara Kurtz** on a.bkurtz@talktalk.net

Social and Personal

BEREAVEMENTS - Sincere condolences to **Graham Harris**, his brother Clifford and their families on the sad loss of their mother, Stella Harris, who died in Eastbourne on 12 June.

Sincere condolences also to **Ronnie Goldberg** and his family on the sad loss of his brother, Allan Henry Gilbert, who died in the United States last month.

Ronnie wishes to express his gratitude for the support that he has received on the loss of his brother, all the emails, notes, cards, phone calls and private conversations. Thanks to all of you.

We are also very sad to report the death on 9 March of **Vikki Askew** after a short illness at the age of 59. Vikki was not a member of our synagogue, but she regularly attended Shabbat morning services and sat quietly at the back of the sanctuary. Vikki made a career in education: her last position was as Head of Sixth Form and Community Action at James Allen Girls School, where she had previously been Deputy Head from 1999 to 2004.

Reflecting her father's Romanian origins, Vikki's involvement in Community Action was particularly directed towards the International Romania Project with its work for orphans and handicapped children.

We offer our condolences to her husband Tim and her sons Edward and Daniel.

B'NEI MITZVAH - A hearty mazal tov to **Zachary Hall** and **Shoshana Dahdi** and their families. Zach will be celebrating his bar mitzvah on 9 July and Shoshana her bat mitzvah on 23 July.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS - A hearty mazal tov to **Theo Pigott**, grandson of Bernard and Brenda Victor, who has been awarded a First in Maths at Queens' College, Cambridge. Needless to say Theo's grandparents are very proud of him.

GET WELL SOON - to Corinne Alexander, Renee Gertski, Bob Harmes and Zelda Stone. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

CONSECRATION OF TOMBSTONE - The stone setting for **Ruth Franklin** ז'ל will be at the Western Cemetery, Bulls Cross Ride, Cheshunt at **11.15 am on Sunday, 31 July**. Anyone wishing to attend will be warmly welcome. There will be light refreshments afterwards at the Pied Bull, 5 Bulls Cross, Enfield. *Please notify David Franklin on 020 7737 4361 by 28 July if you will be coming.*



Zach Hall and Shoshana Dahdi will celebrate their b'nei mitzvah at the Synagogue on 9 and 23 July, respectively



Ronnie Goldberg and Judi Sheffrin celebrated their respective "big birthdays" by conducting the Shabbat morning service on 4 June (please see the next column).

SE10 and Beyond

Michelle Brooks Evans writes

We are planning a picnic in Greenwich Park on Saturday, 16 July from 2 pm. So come and enjoy the afternoon with us in beautiful surroundings. You can pop in or make a day of it and bring the family. It will be a bring and share picnic and a picnic rug will be handy too.

We will be in the area located directly to the right of the entrance of the park from the Greenwich gates by the Maritime Museum. There is a café here and toilets, so it should be easy to spot us. If you have problems on the day just call me on 07956 234309. For a map of Greenwich Park go to:

<https://www.royalpark.org.uk/parks/greenwich-park/map-of-greenwich-park>

This is a picnic for everyone, all ages and individual or families.

Michelle

Our Big Birthdays

Judi Sheffrin writes:

Dear All

I have done nothing but spout, gush and babble for about a week now (as at 10 June), so perhaps you should rename me after some sort of fountain or waterway. And I would be honoured at such a label, having seen Muhammad Ali (who, sadly, died the day before my birthday) quoted as having said that "Rivers, lakes, ponds, streams and oceans all have different names but they all contain water. So do religions have different names and they all contain truth."

What have I been gushing about? The fantastic weekend of June 4 and 5, when so many of you turned out to help **Ronnie Goldberg** and me celebrate our birthdays – and so many of you in shades of mauve. Thank you for adhering to the unofficial colour code! The singing raised the roof. All of you contributed love and enthusiasm, some of you hard work and support, and yet others donations to the defibrillator fund. I have passed £590 to the Treasurer on your behalves, but it could be that some people have donated direct, so I don't know the true total. Thank you to everybody, known and unknown, and I hope we can reach £1,000 very soon. Several of you asked about the fantastic cake. On the day I just said "Leone's". I then discovered that **Janine Campling** had made it with her own fair hands, so now you know. Thank you Janine, and delivery crew Len and Jacqui (of whom more in the September *Highlight*).

Judi Sheffrin

The EU Referendum – Rabbi Laura's Statement

The EU referendum campaign has reached its conclusion with a vote from the British people to leave the European Union.

The campaign has been an emotional one that has at times divided our society in ways we might never have imagined.

We will now move forward into a period of negotiations and redefining our relationship with the rest of Europe and the wider world. During this time of uncertainty I hope that our national conversation will be one of dignified dialogue, respecting difference and our fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law and respect and tolerance.

This respect must be extended not only to those who do not share our political views but to those with different faiths and beliefs and those without faith; and those from all over the world who have enriched British society with their outstanding contributions to the life of our country. The United Kingdom must continue to be an outward facing society, confident of its place in the world.

In a world of fast changing challenges we must reject isolation and continue to engage with the world, working in constructive partnership with our European neighbours on the many issues that unite us.

May God's Divine presence, light and love shine down upon us, enabling us to raise our spirits of hope and understanding; and may we remember how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together.

Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner

"Sholem Aleichem; Laughing in the Darkness"

A riveting portrait of the great writer whose stories became the basis of the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Laughing in the Darkness tells the tale of the rebellious genius who created an entirely new literature.

The film will be preceded by a concert of Yiddish music from the Golden Peacock Song School Faculty.

Sunday, 7 August from 3.00 to 7.30 pm.
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University of London - Penton Rise,
London, WC1.

Sunday
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@ 7:30pm

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He wrote hundreds of songs, many becoming major hits, which made him "a legend" before he turned thirty. During his 60-year career he wrote an estimated 1,500 songs, including the scores for 19 Broadway shows and 18 Hollywood films, with his songs nominated eight times for Academy Awards. Many songs became popular themes and anthems, including "Easter Parade", "White Christmas", "Happy Holiday", "This Is the Army, Mr. Jones", and "There's No Business Like Show Business".

David Rome tenor
Sharona Joshua piano

Tickets at the door: £10 (Children £5)

For further details/reservations please email:
catfordmusicclub@gmail.com

Music for Rosh Hashanah

Calling all music lovers, choir leaders, singers and musicians.

There will be a music workshop focusing on music for the Rosh Hashanah morning services on **Sunday 10 July** from **3.00 to 5.00 pm** at the **Sternberg Centre**.

Following the format of the workshop to launch the Erev Rosh Hashanah draft Machzor (High Holy Days prayer book), this will be an opportunity to share music and to find new pieces to accompany the newly introduced liturgy in the draft Machzor for the Shacharit and Mussaf services.

A booklet of music suggestions will be made available on the day.

For more information, please contact
Rabbi Sybil Sheridan: sybil.sheridan@virgin.net

Run for Nightingale Hammerson

Vitality British 10K London Run

Date: Sunday 10 July 2016

Location: Central London

The Vitality British 10K London Run runs through the heart of central London, passing many of the capital's truly world class historic landmarks. Starting on Piccadilly outside The Guards & Cavalry Club, runners will pass the new WW2 Bomber Command memorial, with Wellington Arch at Hyde Park Corner forming the backdrop to the start.

For details on how to enter, contact Atarhe Ejaife: 020 8772 2333 (<http://www.nightingalehammerson.org>)

Limmud in the Woods

Limmud in the Woods is a Jewish festival of creativity, learning and camping, with a strong emphasis on building a community spirit in the great outdoors.

Over the span of five days, we bring Limmud to the Oxfordshire countryside, creating an intimate and relaxed event; perfect for savouring the dying light of the summer months - a final curtain call before the chills of winter set in.

If you'd like to come to Woods, apply at: <https://events.limmud.org/limmud-in-the-woods-2016/apply/>

Feel free to ask any questions on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/limmudinthewoods](https://www.facebook.com/limmudinthewoods)), or on our Twitter (twitter.com/limmudwoods).

When: **Thursday, 25 August** at 12:00 noon to Monday, 29 August at 4:00 pm.

Where: **Horley Scout Camp** near Banbury (OX15 6AU)

Knit and Natter

Thursday, 14 July and
Tuesday,
16 August

from 10.00 am

at Pauline's home.

All are welcome

Pauline Jeffree, 020 8650 4860

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SERVICES

July/August 2016 – Sivan/Tammuz/Av 5776

Fridays at 7.00 pm, unless otherwise stated.

Saturdays at 10.30 am, unless otherwise stated

Friday 1 July

Saturday 2 July

Korach (26 Sivan)

Friday 8 July

Saturday 9 July

Bring-and-Share Family Service, 6.30 pm
Chukat (3 Tammuz)
Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Hall

Friday 15 July

Saturday 16 July

Balak (10 Tammuz)
Shabbat morning service conducted by Kittah Chet

Friday 22 July

Saturday 23 July

Shabbat evening service at 7.45 pm
followed by **Oneg** - talk by **Prof. Bernie Cohen** on the *Origins of the Alphabet*
Pinchas (17 Tammuz)
Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Dahdi

Friday 29 July

Saturday 30 July

Mattot (24 Tammuz)

Friday 5 August

Saturday 6 August

Rosh Chodesh Av
Masei (2 Av)

Friday 12 August

Saturday 13 August

Chazon (Devarim - 9 Av)
Shabbat morning service led by members of BR5 & 6 and friends
Erev Tisha B'Av - Service and Study Session, 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Sunday 14 August

TISHA B'AV

Friday 19 August

Saturday 20 August

Nachamu (Va'etchanan - 16 Av)

Friday 26 August

Saturday 27 August

Ekev (23 Av)

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Dates for Your Diary

July

F	1	
S	2	Korach
S	3	The Half Used Life - Words and Music - 6.00 pm at West London Synagogue
M	4	
T	5	
W	6	
Th	7	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
F	8	
S	9	Chukat - Bar Mitzvah of Zach Hall
S	10	Cheder term ends Music for Rosh Hashanah , 3-5 pm at the Sternberg Centre Music of Irving Berlin , 7.30 pm at Catford Shul
M	11	Torah Text Study Group , 7.30-9.30 at the Shul
T	12	
W	13	Social Centre , 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. Talk by Mike Brown on the <i>Suffragettes</i> British Museum tour , 10.30 am -1.30 pm
Th	14	Knit and Natter , from 10 am at Pauline's Talmud Study , 10.30-11.45 am
F	15	
S	16	Balak - Shabbat morning service conducted by Kittah Chet SE10 and Beyond - Picnic in Greenwich Park from 2 pm
S	17	British Museum tour , 10.30 am -1.30 pm
M	18	
T	19	
W	20	
Th	21	
F	22	Shabbat evening service at 7.45 pm followed by Oneg: Prof. Bernie Cohen on the <i>Origin of the Alphabet</i>
S	23	Pinchas - Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Dahdi
S	24	
M	25	Maccabi Summer Project at Catford shul Torah Text Study Group , 7.30-9.30 at the Shul
T	26	
W	27	Social Centre , 10.30 am to 2.30 pm
Th	28	Foodie Club at Lugana, Elmers End Talmud Study , 10.30-11.45 am
F	29	
S	30	Mattot
S	31	Stonesetting for the late Ruth Franklin, 11.15 am at Cheshunt

August

M	1	
T	2	
W	3	
Th	4	
F	5	Rosh Chodesh Av
S	6	Masei
S	7	Dr Rachel Franklin on Magnificent Movie Music , tea at 3 pm, talk at 4 pm Sholem Aleichem Yiddish event, 3-7.30 pm at SOAS, Vernon Square, WC1
M	8	
T	9	
W	10	Social Centre , Summer Party
Th	11	
F	12	
S	13	Chazon - Morning service led by BR5&6 Erev Tisha b'Av : Service and study session, 7.30-9.30 pm
S	14	TISHA B'AV
M	15	
T	16	Knit and Natter , from 10 am at Pauline's
W	17	
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S	20	Nachamu
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W	24	Social Centre , 10.30 am to 2.30 pm
Th	25	Start of Limmud in the Woods , 12 noon at Horley Scout Camp, Oxon
F	26	
S	27	Ekev
S	28	
M	29	Limmud in the Woods ends at 4 pm
T	30	
W	31	

Talmud Study Course

The July dates for the Talmud Study course are **Thursdays, 14 and 28 July, from 10.30-11.45 am.**
There will be no classes in August.

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