

HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter



Education Chairman Barbara Kurtz presented sister and brother Sophia and Zach with their Jack Petchey awards after the Cheder end-of-term concert on Sunday, 10 July

Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Friday, 30 September
from 10.00 am to noon
at the Synagogue

*Lots of chances to win prizes!
Fun and games for all the family*

Entrance £5 for unlimited coffee, tea, soft drinks and cakes

All Proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support



No one should face cancer alone

Jubilee Lecture 2016

Sunday, 18 September at 5 pm

Light refreshments from 4.15 pm

Rabbi Dr. Deborah Kahn-Harris
Director of the
Leo Baeck College
will speak to us on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary



Leo Baeck College is a privately funded rabbinical seminary and centre for the training of teachers in Jewish education, based at the Sternberg Centre in Finchley. It was founded by **Rabbi Dr Werner van der Zyl** in 1956, its first two rabbinic students being **Lionel Blue** and **Michael Leigh**.

Rabbinic ordinations from the college are recognised worldwide by the Liberal, Reform and Masorti movements, with its alumni serving Jewish communities in the UK and across the world. It also trains teachers, provides help for religion schools and Jewish day schools, giving access to Jewish learning for all, and promoting interfaith dialogue.

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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.

A Little Time to Reflect - View from the Chair

Over the summer, I have had a little time to reflect on our community and on synagogue life in general. Many years ago, a non-Jewish friend said to me 'You're so fortunate, you are part of a community; most of us don't have that as part of our lives'. I must say I hadn't really thought of it before; I had taken it for granted. And what sort of community are we? Our founder and past President, the late **Mervin Elliott** always said that the BRS must never become an institution. He was a wise man and was right of course. I have known our shul for over 30 years and can honestly say that during that time it has not become an institution.

The founding generation were so active and creative but they weren't possessive, wanting to retain control; they were only too happy to welcome new participants and so it is today. BRS has retained its essence as dynamic, undergoing continuous change, an active community of volunteers, looking positively on anyone who wants to get involved. Of course we have our much valued Rabbi, part time Administrator and Head of Cheder but, apart from these indispensable roles, almost everything else is done on a voluntary basis. Indeed, the community is dependent on its members giving their time and effort in myriad ways. Teaching and provision of educational activities for all ages, wardening, singing and lay-reading in Shabbat and festival services, participation in the caring community and running the social centre, maintenance of the building and garden, preparing kiddushim, baking cakes, catering for countless events, organisation and conduct of security, management of the finances, handling bereavements, producing Highlight and e-light, arranging intercommunal events, hosting and educating visiting school children about Judaism – these are just some of the activities undertaken by our members.

We should also recognise that there are many things going on quietly in the background about which very little is said, like bringing a disabled person to a shul event, phoning someone who

is lonely, visiting someone in hospital or in a care home and so much more. Such is our community – long may it continue to thrive, with new leadership and participation.

Well, the summer is more or less over and the High Holydays are approaching. The **Selichot** service in the shul will be on Saturday, 24 September at 7.00 pm. If you haven't been to a Selichot service before, I can strongly recommend it. It is not long but is a really meaningful way to get into the mood and meaning of the High Holydays with singing of some of our beautiful music familiar to us all.

Before that we have our **Jubilee Lecture**, starting at 5.00 pm on Sunday, 18 September (preceded by tea at 4.15). This year we are very fortunate to have the lecture given by **Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris**, Principal of the Leo Baeck College (LBC) and Lecturer in Biblical Studies. The LBC was created 60 years ago and is responsible for the training of rabbis for the Reform and Liberal movements in this country and for many other progressive communities in Europe, Russia and elsewhere on this side of the Atlantic. It promises to be most interesting.

I look forward to seeing you at these and other forthcoming events.

John Posner, Chairman
john.posner@talk21.com

Visit to Western Cemetery, Cheshunt

- **Wednesday, 5 October**
- Leaving the Synagogue at no later than 9.30 am,
- arriving at Cheshunt at approximately 11.00 am
- Lunch at nearby pub from midday
- We aim to leave Cheshunt at 2.00 pm to return to Bromley Reform Synagogue
- **Rabbi Jason Holtz** will lead a service at the grounds
- Croydon Transport for the Disabled will be providing transport.

A contribution of £10 towards the cost of the journey would be appreciated.

Please ensure you take with you water to drink, warm and protective clothing, and comfortable, strong shoes or boots.

We need to know how many will be travelling in order to arrange appropriate transport. In addition please let us know any supportive aids you will be taking with you.

Please let Pauline know if you will be going by:

Wednesday 7 September.

Please contact her at pauline.jeffree@btinternet.com or telephone 020 8650 4860 and leave a message, if necessary.

JEWISH HERITAGE DAYS 2016

Discover and Enjoy

B'nai B'rith UK

Jewish Identity Through Language and Culture

Sunday 4 to Sunday 18 September

B'nai B'rith European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage at

The Wiener Library, 29 Russell Square, London WC1

Thursday 8 September, 6:30-8 pm

Talk: The Wiener Library will hold a lecture by eminent composer and scholar **Professor Adam Gorb** of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on the subject of the music at Theresienstadt concentration camp.

The work of composers such as Viktor Ullmann, Hans Krása, Gideon Klein and Pavel Haas will be considered.

An original copy of the libretto (by Peter Kien) of Viktor Ullmann's opera composed in Theresienstadt, *'The Emperor of Atlantis'*, is held in the library's collections.

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Return and Rebuilding from the Rabbi

A central theme of the High Holy Days is *teshuvah*, often translated as “repentance”, but literally it is closer to “return.”

Why use the word “return” to signify “repent?” Part of the reason is because repentance has a real purpose. It is not just about some abstract concept, but focusing on returning and rebuilding. We rebuild ourselves and we rebuild our relationships with others. Two people, each with different ideas, feelings, experiences and personalities are bound to clash if they spend enough time together. There is no such thing as a conflict-free relationship. The brilliance of the Jewish tradition is in understanding that truth and then searching for a way to encourage peace and reconciliation. *Teshuvah*, at its core, is about rebuilding and strengthening damaged relationships. Our sages taught that one should constantly be engaged in *teshuvah*, but there is also the realisation that this is sometimes difficult to do. The High Holy Days are designed to encourage us to focus on *teshuvah* and to give us the communal and emotional support to do so.

May this coming year be one where we build and rebuild. May this be a year of reconciliation, growth and strength for us all.

Rabbi Jason Holtz

Volunteer Drivers wanted for South London Community Support Service

We would like to build up a list of volunteer drivers ideally to cover South London, North Kent and North Surrey.

This is for occasional need. It might be to drive and accompany a client to a GP or hospital or perhaps to a friendship club or other resource. There is a possibility of a regular situation (e.g. once a month to a group) but it is mainly ad hoc. This could make an enormous difference to a client who may be isolated and not have family or friends to help. For the volunteer, this should provide a worthwhile experience with the knowledge of the help you are giving (all subject to insurance, references and DBS checks).

Please contact me (**Stephen Ison**) for a chat if you are interested:
sison@jcare.org or 07881 863237.

Social Centre News

The Social Centre met on Wednesday, 13 July after a couple of weeks break and there was much talk and discussion. One member regaled us with the saga of her stay in hospital which, thankfully, was quite short, but full of detail!

We played games, one of which involved putting numbers together of different colours which made it difficult for one member who had forgotten her glasses and lost every game. But nobody worried, we still enjoyed playing.

Lunch was good and we appreciated all the hard work the ladies had put into it.

Andreas came to do the usual exercises and afterwards we carried on with our number game.

The Social Centre met with a “full house” on 27 July. Lionel and Valerie were welcomed after being away for some time and Lionel started the discussion by asking how we thought it possible that an individual would deliberately plan to blow up a group of people and then himself. What motivated a person to do such a callous act and how could it be stopped? Many opinions were expressed but, of course, no solution to the problem.

After a delicious lunch **Carol Harris** gave a talk on the Suffragette Movement (as it was called by the Daily Mail), which was very informative and interesting. The first country to give the women the vote was Australia in 1895, then came New Zealand and then the U.S.A., where white women got the vote in 1920.

In England the vote for women was given in 1918 when women aged 30 and over were allowed to vote as long as

they had property, and then in 1928 there were votes for all women aged 21 and over.

Although the Pankhursts were involved in getting the votes for women it was mostly thanks to World War 1 that women got the vote because as so many men were killed their jobs had to be taken over by women and this led to universal suffrage.

It was an interesting talk and I am sure we all went home much more knowledgeable than when we arrived thanks to Carol Harris.

It was nice to see so many people at the Social Centre’s annual garden party on 10 August - a testimony to the wonderful lunch provided.

We had a short discussion beforehand and a piano recital by shul member **Sam Broadhurst** to end a very pleasant afternoon. During the discussion Rabbi Jason explained the intricacies of the American elections, which we found enlightening.

On the previous Sunday many of us from the Social Centre came to hear **Dr. Rachel Franklin** demonstrate how composers, mainly from Austria and Germany, went to America to work in Hollywood composing background music for some of the greatest films. It was a very interesting talk and we learned a lot from this delightful speaker.

The talk was preceded by a tea with an abundance of food, including amazing cakes, and was enjoyed by everybody.

Zelda Stone

Wednesday, 14 September
Exercises, lunch and socialising

Wednesday, 28 September
Musical Entertainment by Linda Richards

Knit and Natter

with tea, coffee, cake on **Thursday 22 September, from 10.30 am - 12 midday at Pauline’s home.**

A message from King’s College Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: “.... the work that the knit and natter group is doing is invaluable. We love all that the group does for us. The families are so appreciative and so is the Unit”

So please come, learn to knit and enjoy the nattering!

All are welcome, we have wool, needles and patterns.

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Cheder News

HOORAY, IT'S CHEDER TIME!

Welcome back, parents and friends of Cheder! I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and are ready to dive back into Sunday School, all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Here are a few things you need to know for our first day of school:

- 1) **Classes will start on 11 September at 10 am in the Sanctuary**, where the children will meet their new teachers and helpers and find their new classrooms. **Helpers will begin the week before at 10 am on 4 September for a Helper Training Session.** Please make sure your children are in the building at 9.45 am so that we can start on time.
- 2) Cheder runs from 10 am to 12.15 pm, with a shul-wide assembly for children and parents from 12.15-12.30 pm. Please come and join the assembly before you pick up the kids. You'll have a chance to learn some of the music we sing and hear about all of the events at the shul.
- 3) We'd like to use your children's Hebrew names in their Hebrew classes, so do make sure they know their names, or give them to them, written down on paper for their first days at school.
- 4) Please do not let your children bring their phones or iPods to Cheder - they are very disruptive! If they **must** bring them, please tell your children that they are to be switched **off** when they arrive, and on again when Cheder is over.
- 5) Please remember that it is the Shul's policy that all food brought into the synagogue **must** be vegetarian. This includes any jelly sweets (Haribos) that may contain gelatine. Neither pork nor beef gelatine is allowed in Cheder, so please do not send these foods in with your children.
- 6) Break time is usually outside, so please send your child with a jumper in case it's chilly.

And now some other holiday events for children:

- 1) **YOUTH CLUB** will start again for children in their Bar Mitzvah year

(Kittah Chet) and over on **Sunday, 25 September.** Pizza will be served, with table tennis, snooker tables and much, much



more! The club is free for shul members, and will run for 2 hours from the time Cheder ends at 12.30 pm until 2.30 pm.

- 2) There will be a **Rosh Hashanah Service for the under 12s** on Rosh Hashanah, **Monday, 3 October.** This will take place during the adult service, in a separate room at the Crofton Halls from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. There will be a short prayer and story followed by crafts and games, all on the theme of the Jewish New Year.
- 3) A **Yom Kippur Service for under 12s** will take place on **Wednesday, 12 October** from 10.30 am-12.30 pm, again during the adult services at the same venue.
- 4) Our first **Children's Service** led by the Cheder children will be on **Saturday, 22 October**, to celebrate Simchat Torah. **Cheder will be cancelled the following morning, Sunday, 23 October** to allow all families to come to the Erev Simchat Torah service. More information regarding times will appear in the next issue of Cheder News.
- 5) **Save the dates:** the **Chanukah Fair** will take place on **Sunday, 4 December**, while our **Chanukah Party** will be on **Sunday, 18 December.** Again, more info regarding times to be confirmed.
- 6) And lastly, by sending in your children with their tzedakah pennies, you enabled us to donate £170 to the International Animal Rescue, a charity chosen by your children. Well done!

That's all for now! Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all on **Sunday, 11 September.**

L'Shalom,

Vicki, Head Teacher
vickiashmore@icloud.com

Care for the Carer?

According to Carers UK, 1 in 8 of the UK population is a carer and there are hundreds more young carers supporting parents or siblings who are hidden from that statistic. The number of carers is growing daily by an estimated 6,000 people. Over 1 million people care for more than one person, often juggling their caring responsibilities with work and other commitments. Without these carers our local health and social care system would fall apart. The vital role that carers play is often taken for granted, even at times by those closest to them.

On top of their day-to-day lives, carers devote most of their time and energy to their caring role, leaving little time for themselves. Many carers struggle on with the stress of caring without asking for help, feeling isolated and on their own. Whilst there is support available for carers from organisations like ourselves, we realise it has its limits. That's why an offer of a little help from a friend, shul member or neighbour can make a huge difference.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah 5777, new year resolutions or not, why not take a few minutes to stop and think about those neighbours or friends around you who could do with a little more help to make their day a bit brighter. Every bit of support helps when you are caring – the small things that other people do help to make the role of being a carer a bit more manageable.

It doesn't take huge amounts of time to make a real difference, just doing one thing to allow a carer to take a break from caring can make the day so much brighter. Offering to visit or have a cup of tea with a person cared for so that carers can have some time to themselves. Lending a hand with the shopping, going out for a coffee and just listening to a carer talk can help to lighten the load so they know they are not on their own and there are others in their community who care about them too.

If you are a carer and would like to know about support available or simply to talk to someone in confidence call Jewish Care's helpline JC Direct on 020 8922 2222 or email helpline@jcare.org.

Jewish Care, together with Nightingale Hammerson, also run a local Community Support Service based in South London. This can be reached by the above number or by phoning Stephen Ison on 07881 863237 or email ison@jcare.org

Lesley Wines, Social Work & Family Carers Team Manager, Jewish Care

The 999 Centre: an update and request

The 999 drop-in centre for rough sleepers has spent the past year reorganising and re-evaluating its basic ethos to allow it to help its service users more deeply. Now it endeavours to offer a more comprehensive service to those who are in the greatest need. Also the club must find ways to attract financial donors, as all the charities are going after the same pot of money because aid from government bodies has increasingly diminished over the years.

Currently the 999 Club is run as a gateway centre for rough sleepers offering a place to shower, wash their clothes, see a professional about medical problems or advice to help find them the essential basics of a safe home and employment. It also offers them a hot drink and a simple breakfast.

At 10.30 it is open to other members of the public who have used the centre over the years for social purposes or because they may have their own problems.

Later in the day it often offers some other activities to allow the service users a chance to engage in a range of activities which they find enjoyable and can be helpful too, such as a joint cooking enterprise, which results in a 2-course meal with a vegetarian option, which the service users can later enjoy. The club also offers an art session, a fitness, some computer literacy and a creative writing class. These sessions are mainly dependant on volunteers, which the 999 club are reliant upon on a daily basis, to offer their time and expertise. Please do feel free to offer your services if you feel you can help in a specific or more general way. There are details of the 999 Club on the web.

The club has asked for a few specific things for now to ensure it doesn't end up stock piling a lot of other goods it cannot pass on. There is a small, dedicated staff who can only do so much and don't have the time to sort through donations, which is partly why I asked for a halt to all your lovely offerings from shul. Also the alterations in the club's ethos has meant it doesn't need to hold such a large amount of varied items in its premises.

So, apart from needing financial donations and volunteers (please do speak to me about both of the above)

it has requested a few specific things which are in constant demand. They are:

- Men's new boxer shorts in a range of sizes - mostly medium and large.
- Also new women's underwear (but less is needed).
- Mugs (not chipped or cracked, as they will need to be thrown out for health reasons). These constantly go missing in the centre.
- New sleeping bags

If you can donate any of the above there is a box in the hallway in the shul. Also please feel free to email me at shanelask@gmail.com to let me know that there are things to pick up.

Many thanks for any past donations and any volunteering you have managed. I look forward to Bromley Synagogue's continued and greatly appreciated interaction with a very worthy local charity.

Shane Lask

Happy Times, All the Time



The world is wide and sunny.
The wind is cool.
The trees give air to us all and we help them to have life.
Birthdays are nice.
Flowers are pretty.
Ballet is nice and rainbows are pretty.
But what I really think is that ...
Cheder is the best of all
The End.

Willow Abrahams,
Kittah Aleph

In the Beginning

The Origins of the Alphabet

When is the story of an alphabet as absorbing as a mystery novel or television programme? Perhaps one answer is when the topic is presented by a speaker who is as knowledgeable and entertaining as **Professor Bernie Cohen**.

Professor Cohen whetted our appetites with a talk which made us think about the purpose of our own Hebrew alphabet as well as answers to other questions – where did the Hebrew alphabet come from and when did it emerge?

Economics, history and geography were contributory factors – the Canaanites fled famine in their own country to become the migrant workers of ancient Egypt.

The Canaanites needed to express themselves, but Egyptian hieroglyphics were used by scribes, not migrant workers. Necessity gave birth to invention and the Canaanites used the Egyptian glyph as the basis of the 22 symbols of the Hebrew alphabet – an alphabet is used to express language.

Modern archaeology has given us the basis for a timeline, which supports much of the Biblical account of events, including Moses receiving the tablets at Sinai.

This oneg ended with many questions and demonstrated that scholarship can be very enjoyable.

From our Roving Reporter

The Foodie Club

Brian Freeman reports:

The second outing of the Bromley Shul Foodie Club was at Lugana Italian Restaurant in Elmers End last month. The club is growing nicely. This time ten of us had a really good evening. Great company and excellent Italian fayre!

The third event will be on **Wednesday, 3 November** and will take place at **Katmandu Masala**, which is at 263 Croydon Road, Beckenham. It comes highly recommended, so all who enjoy a curry can contact us on b_freeman1@sky.com or 07970 068749 to come along.

Social and Personal

BEREAVEMENT - Sincere condolences to **Dianne Mathews** on the sad loss of her son, Malcolm. We also extend condolences to Malcolm's children, Lucy, Ryan and Scott and to his brother David on their sad loss.

THANKS FOR CONDOLENCES

Dianne Mathews would like to say thanks on behalf of Malcolm's partner Jackie, children Lucy, Ryan and Scott, brother David and herself for all the cards and messages of support they have received following their sad loss.

BIRTH - **Benjamin Stein** and **Jessie Lockwood** are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Sebastian Joshua Stein, born on 29 June - a grandson to **George** and **Suzanna Stein**.

BAR MITZVAH - A hearty mazal tov to **Benji de Lange** and his family on the occasion of his bar mitzvah, which he will celebrate on 10 September, Shabbat Shofetim.

MARRIAGE - A hearty mazal tov to **Jackie Hoskins** and **Sue Williams**, who were joined under the chuppah on Sunday, 31 July. We wish them every future happiness.

GET WELL SOON - Pauline Jeffree writes: We are thinking of those members of our community who are unwell at this time. May they be renewed with comfort and courage.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS - **Dr Mathew Hall** of South Norwood (husband of Kim Adler), **Mrs Farideh Brooks** of Bexley and **Ms Juliette Barber** of Bromley.

Afternoon Tea

Sunday 11 September

3 pm in the Garden Room (or outside if the weather is good)

£5 per ticket

Meet up with your friends for a delicious afternoon tea.

Please let us know for catering purposes if you would like to come.

Lesley Freeman,
b_freeman1@sky.com

N.B. The **Fashion Show** planned for this afternoon has been deferred to a later date.



Benji de Lange will celebrate his bar mitzvah on 10 September, Shabbat Shofetim

High Holyday Greetings

Why not save time and money and benefit the Synagogue by placing your High Holyday greetings in the October issue of Highlight?

Please send your greetings - and donation - to the Editor c/o the Synagogue, or by e-mail (bobsymonds@mac.com) by not later than Friday, 16 September.

Please enclose a cheque or postal order for £5 (or more), made payable to "Bromley Reform Synagogue".

SE10 and Beyond

Michelle Brooks Evans writes

The SE10 and beyond group celebrated summer by having a picnic in Greenwich Park. Around 25 of us gathered to enjoy the sun and company of each other. The children played, the adults chatted and laughed. There were a couple of new faces and a lot of regulars. To top it off there was food galore. So a perfect day, thank you everyone.

Our next get-together will be on **Thursday, 6 October** - "Jewish Education". Who has had any, how has education for girls and boys changed? What do we wish we had learnt? What would we like to learn now? michellebrooksevans@gmail or 07956 234309 for more details.

Michelle

Composing Hollywood

Magnificent Movie Music - Dr. Rachel Franklin



Education Chairman Barbara Kurtz thanks Rachel Franklin (right) for her talk

A large audience was entertained by **Dr. Rachel Franklin's** talk about Jewish composers and their contribution to Hollywood.

We heard how many of the most memorable films of the 20th century, were enhanced by the scores of their composers.

It is hard to imagine the Oscar-winning *Gone with the Wind* (1939) without **Max Steiner's** lush, sweeping music. Three years later, Steiner composed the score for *Casablanca* (1942), the wartime romance with the unforgettable *leitmotif*, "As Time Goes By".

Rachel showed us the infamous 'shower scene' from *Psycho* (1960) with **Bernard Herrmann's** frightening score, which, unusually, uses only the string section of the orchestra. She also showed us the same scene without the score. The sound of the shrieking strings is as frightening as the scene unfolding in front of us. Ironically, strings are often musical shorthand for romance.

Most of us know about the Jewish influence on other aspects of Hollywood - film production, script writing and actors. Rachel's talk reminded us of the power of music as part of the overall film experience - what we hear is as important as the story on the screen.

Many thanks to the Education Committee and everyone who helped to make this such an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

From our Roving Reporter

High Holyday arrangements, 2016-5777

The High Holyday arrangements are similar to previous years, but please remember that the service on Erev Rosh Hashanah (Sunday, 2 October) will be held in the synagogue.

Selichot service:

Saturday, 24 September
7.00 pm in the synagogue

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday, 2 October
(service at 7.30 pm in the Synagogue)

Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, 3 October
(Service at 10.30 am at Orpington)

Shabbat Shuvah:

(Services at the Synagogue)
Friday, 7 October
Saturday, 8 October

Yom Kippur:

(Services at Orpington)
Tuesday, 11 October
Wednesday, 12 October

Decorating the Sukkah:

Sunday, 16 October, during Cheder

Sukkot:

(Services at the Synagogue)
Sunday, 16 October
Monday, 17 October

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:

(Services at the Synagogue).
Sunday, 23 October
Monday, 24 October

The **venue** for the Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur services is the Crofton Halls, York Rise, off Crofton Road (A232), Orpington, adjacent to Orpington station. Evening services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur begin at 7.30 pm.

The Erev Rosh Hashanah service at the Shul on Sunday, 2 October starts at 7.30 pm. Evening services at the shul on Sukkot and Simchat Torah start at 6.30 pm. All morning services start at 10.30 am.

Entry and Exit - Crofton Halls:

Adult admission is by individual ticket only. Members are respectfully reminded that tickets will be issued only to fully paid up members. If you require extra tickets, please contact the Synagogue office (020 8460 5460).

Children's Services: will be held on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the small hall, for children aged five to eleven. The children's service begins after the commencement of the main service, so please keep your children with you in the main hall until the children's service is announced. Children will be returned to their parents during the latter part of the morning service.

Parking at Orpington:

Orpington station car park: (immediately below the halls) available after 9.30 am.

At the halls: limited space available and also reserved for other users of the halls. We try to reserve places for the disabled in this car park near the main hall, but please arrive early; places cannot be held beyond the commencement of services.

D. Baxter and Co. car park: (corner of Crofton Road and York Rise); for evening services only. Baxter & Co. kindly allow us this favour on the understanding that their car park is not available during business hours and their staff do use their car park after hours.

Please park with consideration and do not block egress. All cars are parked at the owner's risk.

Yom Kippur Meditation:

Please feel free to use the lounge off the main hall for private meditation and rest.

Health and Fasting:

If you are taking medication or if you are unable to fast on Yom Kippur, please feel free to attend to your needs.

Security and Welcomers:

As usual, volunteers are required for this important function. Please contact **Graham Harris** on 020 8656 7611. To allow the security volunteers to concentrate on their duties, volunteers are also needed at the doors before the services to welcome visitors. Please contact **Daniel Posner** on 020 8291 9775.

Movers and shleppers:

Your New Year Mitzvah! We need volunteers to help to set up and dismantle our furnishings and equipment before and after the services at the Crofton Halls. If you are able to help please contact **Graham Harris** on 020 8656 7611.

Mitzvot:

If you have received a mitzvah invitation and have not yet replied, please do so immediately, so that the wardens know whom to look out for on the day. Thank you.

Daniel Posner, Senior Warden
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Reform Judaism welcomes launch of Full Community Sponsorship of refugees

On 19 July the Home Office launched Full Community Sponsorship for refugees. With the launch of the brand new scheme (modelled on a similar, hugely successful, programme in Canada) community groups will be given the opportunity to personally welcome and support refugees arriving in the UK.

Last year, religious leaders, including Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, Senior Rabbi to Reform Judaism, called on the Government to revive the great British tradition of offering hope and sanctuary to refugees, asking that they re-establish a private sponsorship of refugees programme to help Syrian refugees reach safety in the UK.

Source: MRJ website



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Schlepping to Orpington for High Holy Days

For those of us who don't live in Orpington, the annual trek to the Crofton Halls for our High Holy Day Services can seem like a bit of schlep. Many people find the the Halls soulless and setting up a temporary shul requires volunteers to take time off work to transport the ark, organ, reading desk and all the bits and pieces we need for our services. One of the sessions at the highly successful *Our Shul Your Shul* event asked a group to look at whether an alternative solution could be found.

This is not a new issue. Over the years the Ritual Committee has looked at different ways of accommodating the services closer to home, either in our own Shul or at an alternative venue in Bromley. These searches have always drawn a blank – there are simply no venues that appear to be suitable. There was the year that the Crofton Halls were being refurbished and we found a function room in a hotel in Crystal Palace. The mic kept picking up Radio1 and the hotel kitchens were roasting meat while the Yom Kippur services were taking place. It was not a success.

A few years ago, we were able to switch the Rosh Hashanah evening service to the shul but the numbers of attendees for the other services has meant that we could not host any of the other High Holiday Services at the shul.

This time, rather than looking for a new venue, we considered whether we might take the approach of West London Synagogue and look to have two sittings for the two key morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The idea was to have the first sitting starting at 9.00 and finishing at 11.00, and the second sitting running from 11.30 through to 13.30. The obvious benefit would have been holding the Services at the shul but there were a number of drawbacks:

Two sittings would mean that the Rabbi, choir and lay readers would have to do a 'repeat' of the whole service. That's fine for West London,

SERVICES

September 2016 – Av/Elul 5776

Fridays at 7.00 pm, unless otherwise stated.

Saturdays at 10.30 am, unless otherwise stated

Friday 2 September

Saturday 3 September **Re'eh** (30 Av)

Sunday 4 September

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday 9 September

Saturday 10 September **Shofetim** (7 Elul)
Bar Mitzvah of Benji de Lange

Friday 16 September

Saturday 17 September **Ki Tetze** (14 Elul)

Friday 23 September

Saturday 24 September **Ki Tavo** (21 Elul)

Saturday 24 September

Selichot service at 7.00 pm

Friday 30 September

Saturday 1 October **Nitzavim** (28 Elul)

who have a paid professional choir and several Rabbis but it would turn what is for many of the lay readers and choir a meaningful service, into more of a 'performance' for different audiences. It is also very hard work.

Then there is shul capacity: it is difficult to get exact numbers but a rough calculation suggest that each service would see the Shul at or beyond maximum capacity with the potential of having insufficient seats for the numbers who wish to attend.

Parking would also be a problem, but we felt that this could be surmountable by running a shuttle service from the Hill Car Park to the shul.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we received feedback from a wide range of people that they would not be happy with services which would out of necessity have to be curtailed to fit in the two sittings.

It is clear that, while many people would very much like to avoid the annual schlep, the conclusion is that having back-to-back services is clearly not the answer. Services are likely to continue at the Crofton Halls until an alternative becomes available.

Daniel Posner, Senior Warden

**Council of Christians and Jews
South East London Branch**

**Tuesday 13 September
at 8.00 pm**

**Sam Wanamaker Playhouse,
Shakespeare's Globe**

"The Inn at Lydda"

The Roman Emperor, Tiberius Caesar, mortally ill, hears of the existence of a healer in Jerusalem. Tiberius sets sail for Judaea in order to be healed. Pausing at the city of Lydda he learns that the healer has been crucified three days earlier. Tiberius is devastated, -but his world is soon turned on its head by a most remarkable meeting.

The author, **John Wolfson**, is Honorary Curator of Rare Books for Shakespeare's Globe.

**For further details, please contact
Stephen Weil on 020 8693 2051
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We have tickets for sale on this date. We ask those intending to come please to let us know in advance. (N.B. The full run of the play is from 2 to 17 September)

The Globe Theatre is a short walking distance from the southern end of Blackfriars Railway Station

Dates for Your Diary

September

Th	1	
F	2	
S	3	Re'eh
S	4	Rosh Chodesh Elul Cheder Helpers training session, 10 am B'nai B'rith Jewish Heritage Days begin
M	5	
T	6	
W	7	
Th	8	Talk on Jewish Music at Theresienstadt , 6.30-8 pm at the Wiener Library, WC1
F	9	
S	10	Shofetim - Bar Mitzvah of Benji de Lange
S	11	New Cheder term begins, 10 am sharp Afternoon Tea , 3 pm in the Garden Room
M	12	
T	13	CCJ visit to "The Inn at Lydda" - 8 pm at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse
W	14	Social Centre , 10.30-2.30 at the Shul
Th	15	
F	16	
S	17	Ki Tetze
S	18	Jubilee Lecture - 4.15 for 5 pm B'nai B'rith Jewish Heritage Days end
M	19	
T	20	
W	21	
Th	22	Knit and Natter , 10.30 am -12 noon at Pauline's
F	23	
S	24	Ki Tavo Selichot service, 7 pm at the Shul
S	25	
M	26	
T	27	
W	28	Social Centre , 10.30-2.30 at the Shul - musical entertainment by Linda Richards
Th	29	
F	30	Macmillan Coffee Morning , 10 am to 12 noon at the Shul

October

S	1	Nitzavim
S	2	Erev Rosh Hashanah - service at 7.30 pm at the Synagogue
M	3	ROSH HASHANAH - service at 10.30 am at Orpington
T	4	
W	5	Visit to Western Cementery , Cheshunt, depart 9.30 am from the Shul
Th	6	SE10 and beyond ... Discussion on Jewish Education
F	7	
S	8	Shuvah (Vayelech)
S	9	
M	10	
T	11	Kol Nidre - service at 7.30 pm at Orpington
W	12	YOM KIPPUR - services from 10.30 am at Orpington
Th	13	
F	14	
S	15	Ha'azinu
S	16	Dressing the Sukkah - from 10 am at the Synagogue Erev Sukkot - service at 6.30 pm at the Synagogue
M	17	SUKKOT - service at 10.30 am at the Synagogue
T	18	
W	19	
Th	20	
F	21	
S	22	Chol Hamo'ed Sukkot Children's service at 10.30 am
S	23	Erev Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah "Later Cheder" - 5 pm at the Synagogue Service at 6.30 pm in the Synagogue
M	24	SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH - service at 10.30 am at the Synagogue
T	25	
W	26	Social Centre , 10.30-2.30 at the Shul
Th	27	
F	28	
S	29	Bereshit - Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Frankel Clocks go back one hour tonight
S	30	
M	31	

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