

# HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter



*Benji de Lange with his parents Linda and Matthew after his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, 10 September, Shabbat Shofetim*

## Forgiveness is a Creative Act

The two High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, are linked. On Rosh Hashanah, we celebrate Creation and on Yom Kippur, we forgive and ask for forgiveness. These seemingly different themes are actually very well matched because forgiveness is a creative act.

The pain of wrongdoing can last a while. People can remember the hurt they experienced for years. Forgiveness is not about changing the past, which cannot be changed. Nor is it about simply forgetting or ignoring what happened. It doesn't mean asking for forgiveness or making amends is unimportant. Rather, forgiveness is a deliberate choice on what sort of future one wants to create. It is a decision not to invest emotional energy into nursing old wounds or bearing resentment. It means that one can say even though something wrong was done, and even though pain and hurt were caused, the future will not be based solely on that.

We often think of forgiveness as something that is offered between two different people. Sometimes, though, we need to forgive ourselves of our own shortcomings. Regret and guilt can occasionally be a useful, important catalyst for self-improvement. But when the lessons are learnt, the focus can be on who we are now and who we want to be, not solely past deficits. That is a form of forgiveness.

Our High Holy Day prayers say, "On Rosh Hashanah it is written." I like how the medieval sage Bachya ibn Pakuda understands what it means to "write" something. He said, "Days are like scrolls, write on them what you wish." On Rosh Hashanah, the day celebrating Creation, we are asked to think about what sort of future we want to write. Let us use forgiveness when writing about our days.

*Shanah Tovah u'metukah*, a sweet and good New Year to everyone,

**Rabbi Jason Holtz**

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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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## A Challenging Approach - View from the Chair

I recently attended a meeting of synagogue chairmen at which the first session was about making new leaders in the community. It was led by **Charlotte Fischer**, whom most of you will know as the daughter of our former Rabbi, Sylvia Rothschild. Charlotte's approach was really helpful and positive but, most importantly, it was challenging. She got us to question ourselves and think how much more effectively we could nurture our future leaders. I am absolutely committed to this goal, so if you consider you could play a bigger role in our shul in the future, please do get in touch and let's talk about it.

At the meeting there was also some discussion about equilineality – the principle that the decision about 'who is a Jew' is equally valid for patrilineality as for matrilineality. In other words, the child of a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother can be recognised as Jewish in exactly the same manner as the child of a Jewish mother and non-Jewish father. You may know that the principle was recently adopted by the Assembly of Rabbis of the Movement for Reform Judaism (MRJ) and our shul was and is in complete agreement with this decision. Our Board recently had an in-depth discussion about its implementation, which is not entirely as straightforward as you might think. However, I won't trouble you with the details of that right now. Far more problematic is the fact that some large communities within the Reform movement do not agree with the principle. Does this mean that a child who grows up in our shul, going through cheder and bar mitzvah, whom we consider Jewish without reservation, may not be recognised as such if they want to join another Reform shul as an adult? The answer is not entirely clear and I, for one, feel this is a highly unsatisfactory state of affairs. While synagogues belonging to the MRJ rightly enjoy a considerable degree of autonomy, it seems to me that such a dichotomy is stretching the bounds of what should be a single movement. I understand the whole issue is due to be reviewed by the Assembly of Rabbis within the next few months and I think it is important that there is a consultation process with the communities in which we can provide

feedback. Therefore, I would welcome your views either privately or in future pages of Highlight.

Our Jubilee Lecture this year was given by **Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn-Harris**, principal of the Leo Baeck College. I won't say much about it as this is the subject of a separate article, but suffice it to say, the lecture was truly inspirational as evidenced by the large number of questions from members present following the formal lecture. Rabbinical training at the LBC is of a high standard and, under Rabbi Kahn Harris' leadership, it continues to rise.

As Rabbi Jason pointed out at a Shabbat service in September, in little more than a couple of weeks, our community experienced the full spectrum of life as we know it. There were babies having brit milah; b'nei mitzvah in the shul followed by celebratory parties, weddings under the chuppah with joy and happiness and, sadly, there were also a number of deaths of members and relatives of members. One of our losses is that of dear **Norman Goldberg**, a vice-president of our community. He was a gentle and kind man who, as Mark said of his father at the shiva, never spoke unkindly about anyone and about whom nobody ever had a bad word to say. On behalf of all of us, I would like to express how fortunate we have been and how grateful we should be to have benefited from Norman's participation in the life of our community for so many years. Whether it was teaching adults or children, serving as senior warden, reading from Torah, leading services or simply participating in discussion in which he expressed his love of Judaism, Norman contributed so much to shul life. Our sympathy and condolences go to Joy and all the family – he will be greatly missed by us all.

Well, the yomtovim are upon us and it only remains for me to say that I look forward to seeing you and your children at services and, on behalf of Janet and myself, to wish you L'Shanah Tovah. May the year 5777 be one of less strife, more peace and much happiness to us all.

**John Posner**, Chairman,  
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## Remembering Jose Jacobs

*Jose bat Avraham v'Sarah 05  
February 1935 to 26 August 2016*

Jose lived in Orpington her entire life. Her dad was Irish and used to play Irish tunes on the accordion.

When Jose was 18, she trained as a nurse and worked at St Mary's Hospital in Sidcup and for St John's Ambulance. Eventually she became a wellness coach for Herbalife, where she also sold vitamins. She even had her own website and went to meetings, attending them up until she was 80 years old.

Jose also liked to garden, but had a particular philosophy on it. Her back garden was pretty wild, by intention. She said that was so it would attract butterflies, birds and other wild life.

Jose was very independent and had a hard time accepting help from anyone. At age 50, she got her licence to drive, giving her even more freedom.

Jose is remembered as a kind, gentle and forgiving person. In fact, she was such a forgiving person that, at the trial of a person who stole from her, she testified in court that she did not want him to go to prison and preferred that he be given a second opportunity on the outside. She certainly only had nice things to say about anyone else. She had a good sense of humour. She was blessed with good friends, including Dawn Harber and Jeffrey Hammond, and she is also remembered as a blessing to Dawn. When Dawn's mother died, Jose made sure to call her every single day to check in.

Jose discovered late in life that she had a Jewish heritage, which she then confirmed through the synagogue. She and Bill spent much of their married life together affiliated to either Bromley Reform or Streatham Liberal Synagogue.

The love of Jose's life was Bill. Tomorrow (9 September) would have been their 44th wedding anniversary. The two of them together were into DIY. Bill handmade many of the doors in their home. They made their own four poster bed, and he painted several things that hung up in their home together. Jose made their lampshades.

Today, we recall Jose as a kind, gentle and independent person and ask for God's remembrance and care.

*Hesped delivered by Rabbi Jason Holtz at Jose's funeral on 8 September.*

## Remembering Norman Goldberg, 6 March 1934 - 12 September 2016

**Norman Goldberg** was born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1934, the first child of Bella and Maurice. Like many South African Jews of their generation his parents had emigrated to South Africa from Lithuania. They were poor and ran a small shop, but they saved a small sum to enable Norman to attend university. However, the university (Wits -University of the Witwatersrand) waived the fees and Norman was happy to return the money to his father. Norman studied dentistry and that became his profession, in which he greatly distinguished himself.

Joy was also a student at Wits although not at the same time as Norman. She came to Europe on the customary students' tour and was invited to come and visit by a cousin who was living in London. At this time Norman was already practising dentistry in Battersea and it was the cousin (another Norman) who introduced them. It was love at first sight and Joy and Norman were happily married for 57 years and were blessed with three children (Michelle, Mark and Anthea), who now have families of their own.

Norman had many interests and loved sport, both as a practitioner and a spectator. In his younger days he played a mean game of tennis. He also took a great interest in cricket, was a Crystal Palace supporter and enjoyed watching horse racing on TV.

Norman and Joy had a wide circle of friends and enjoyed entertaining or going out with their friends. They also had many cultural interests and particularly enjoyed visiting art galleries. They were great travellers. They maintained a flat in Cape Town to which they travelled in most years to escape the English winter and, as Zionists, they made frequent trips to Israel. This was in addition to trips to Australia to visit their daughter Michelle and her family.

Norman was an active member of BRS, particularly in the field of Jewish learning. He coached children – including his own grandchildren – for their *b'nei mitzvah* and also taught the conversion class. He served for some



time as Senior Warden. In recognition of this work he was made an honorary vice president of the synagogue.

In the latter part of his life Norman was dogged by ill health. He had his first heart attack at 45, which necessitated major heart surgery, and he also survived more than one bout of cancer, but he never felt self pity. He just carried on.

Norman had a knack for making people feel comfortable and good about themselves. He was a charmer. He cared about people's feelings and wanted them to feel good about themselves. When he retired as a dentist, he received many wonderful letters from former patients saying how they missed him and how good he had been to them.

*May Norman be at peace in his place of rest.*



*Andreas leading the exercises at the Social Centre*

## Social Centre News

The Social Centre met as usual on Wednesday, 24 August and although we did not have a speaker, there was still plenty of talk and discussion.

As it was a sunny day, we sat in the garden, but came in after a while because it was too hot. We played our usual games and did our exercises with Andreas. The usual discussion about world events was started by Lionel, the favourite topic being Donald Trump, as none of us could understand how he had got to the position he has. Apparently he has never even held political office.

Before lunch, which was excellent as usual, one of our members asked if anybody would make a contribution to the Royal London Hospital. Her granddaughter, who is a paediatric nurse in the A&E Department there, was abseiling down the building to get money to pay for their helicopter. Most members agreed that it was a worthwhile charity and gave generously.

The Social Centre met again on 14 September and, as usual, there was much talk, with some of us also deciding to play the numbers game.

Andreas came to lead the exercises, which most people find beneficial, although there are still a few of the faint hearted who opt out.

Ruth (Young) brought her diary of her trip back to Germany, which was fascinating to read. She also brought a photo album that her family had made for her. There were photos of Ruth from the age of 17 right up to the present day and many photos of her family. We all enjoyed seeing them. However, it was pointed out to Ruth that nothing had been written underneath the photos to say who they all were but, as she replied, in a hundred years' time who will care? She had a point!

We had a good lunch, which everybody enjoyed and we also had the pleasure of wishing Trudie (Amiel-Fry) a very happy birthday and telling her she does not look a day over 30.

**Zelda Stone**

### Social Centre Date for your Diary

*Wednesday, 26 October*

**Musical Entertainment** by the Shortlands Singers

## Cheder News

Hello, Parents and Friends of Cheder, here's our Cheder's News!

- 1) Our fantastic Ritual and Religion committee will be organising this year's **High Holyday Kids' Services** for the under 12s on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: **Monday 3 October and Wednesday, 12 October.** Your children's schools will agree to allow your children to miss school for these holidays if you ask them and letters from the Rabbi are available for you if you wish. These kid-friendly, fun services will run alongside the adult services from 10.30-12.30 pm. Expect prayers and short stories, crafts and games, all on the theme of the Jewish New Year. Send your children to gobble up challah, apples, and honey while you enjoy the shul's adult services in peace.
- 2) There will be a special **Simchat Torah "Later Cheder"** on **Sunday, 23 October at 5 pm.** On this day, Cheder in the morning will be **cancelled** to allow you to come for a bring-your-own picnic in our Shul's sukkah, followed by a **Children's Service at 6 pm.** Please keep an eye open for any 'practice parts' we may send home with your child, so that they are well prepared for this special day/evening of Cheder.
- 3) This term, your children's **Tzedakah** pennies will go to support the charity **The Chartwell Cancer Trust Tiger Ward**, which supports children undergoing cancer treatment at the PRU and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich. Please send in your spare change to support this very worthy cause
- 4) **Youth Club** is up and running again but this time it's under new management! **Hayley Preston** will now be running the Youth Club, once a month after Cheder. If you have a child aged 12 and over who'd like some free pizza and to play a few games with his/her Cheder friends, please contact her at [hayley.preston8@gmail.com](mailto:hayley.preston8@gmail.com). A list of Youth Club dates is available, so please do get in touch.

And some dates for your diaries:

- 1) **Sunday, 27 November** will be **Mitzvah Day.** The Religion and Ritual Committee will be running activities for adults who'd like to know more about how to participate in a shul service, while **Benjie Butler** will run a Book Swap to benefit **Demelza Children's Hospice.** More details to follow!
- 2) **Sunday, 4 December** will be our **Chanukah Fair** from 12.30-3 pm after Cheder. Why not shop for your Chanukah presents and raise some money for the shul at the same time? We need help with running this event, so please contact our Hooray Cheder Parents Association if you can help on the day. [hooraycheder@gmail.com](mailto:hooraycheder@gmail.com).
- 3) Our Shul's **Chanukah Party** will take place on **Sunday, 18 December** from 3-6.30 pm. **Gilbert Giggles** will be there again to entertain us with his quirky sense of humour, along with doughnuts and latkes galore. Again, we need your help with the simple things, schlepping and washing, so if you can help **please** let us know?
- 4) Last but not least, do check that you have the most up-to-date version of the Cheder term dates, at the bottom of this page.

That's all for now! Until next month,  
*L'Shalom,*  
**Vicki**, Cheder Head Teacher  
[vickiashmore@icloud.com](mailto:vickiashmore@icloud.com)

### Cheder Term Dates 2016/17

**Chanukah Term 2016**  
Sundays, 11 September to 11 December  
Sunday, 23 October, Children's Service for Simchat Torah  
**Half Term:** Sunday, 30 October  
Sunday, 18 December, Chanukah Party  
**Purim Term 2017**  
Sundays, 8 January to 2 April  
**Half Term:** Sundays, 12 and 19 February  
Saturday, 25 March, Children's Service,  
**no** Cheder on Sunday, 26 March.  
**Shavuot Term, 2017**  
Sundays, 23 April to 16 July  
**Half Term:** Sunday, 28 May  
Saturday, 17 June, Children's Service.

## Kids' Rosh Hashanah Service for children up to age 11



Our Kids' Service will run alongside the adult service in the Crofton Halls and will feature a proper mini-service, arts and crafts, songs and stories, games and, of course, **apples and honey!**

### Shofar Blowing at 11 am!

For more information, email Vicki: [vickiashmore@icloud.com](mailto:vickiashmore@icloud.com)

**Hope to see you there!**

## London Jews in the First World War

### We Were There Too

Does your family have a First World War story to tell?

We Were There Too is a unique cross-community project that will create a permanent digital archive and interactive website to record the experiences and contribution of London's Jewish community during the First World War.

A century on, first-hand knowledge has disappeared and family stories are at risk of being lost forever. The website helps you to create personal records to preserve the stories of individual members of your family alongside scans of photographs, letters and even 3D artefacts. Please visit the website and look out for communal events across London.

<http://www.jewsfww.london>

### Mitzvah Day Sunday, 27 November

Activities will include a **Mitzvah Workshop** for the adults and a **Book Swap** for the younger people, with the proceeds going to the **Demelza Children's Hospice.**

More details in next month's *Highlight*.

## Highlight Profile: Meet the Camplings



I had just two questions for the **Camplings** when we met in June:

1) In the past 11 months you have celebrated a Chuppah, a bat mitzvah and a birth, started a business and moved home. Do you have time for any hobbies? *“Having fun together,”* and 2) You are probably best known at BRS as either the most uninhibited participants in our Purim spiels or the purveyors of delicious food, including the famous salt beef and the glorious “rainbow bagels”. Has life always been so colourful? *“Yes!”* So, nu...?

**Janine** was born and brought up in South Africa, but it was when she took a job in urban development in the Czech Republic that she had a Jewish boss, began to go to shul in Prague – which she enjoyed – and celebrated her first Pesach. Then a job managing a karaoke bar in Clerkenwell brought her to the UK.

**Len**, on the other hand, came from Canning Town in east London. Sadly, he lost his father at age five and began work at eight. He was quick and entrepreneurial and found opportunities in many sectors, including textiles and decorating, until a two-week contract brought him to HMS President and a new career in corporate catering and entertainment. He’d soon rented part of the boat himself and, for a time, hosted after-show parties for the casts of the likes of *Blood Brothers* and *Les Miserables*. No wonder he’s not fazed

by playing Haman once a year when he’s had the pleasure of 4 a.m. sing-songs with Topol and the distinction of having thrown Liam Gallagher off his boat.

Len was 13 when an uncle told him that his grandma had been Jewish. His response? “Thank God.” It came as a relief, he says, as he’d always identified with Jews. Much later on, in yet another incarnation, he was involved in an anti-Semitism action against such odds that it could have broken him but instead it reinforced his pride in his Judaism. So when he and Janine settled in SE9 they were ready to explore their Judaism and to find a welcoming shul, especially as they now had to consider the religious education of **Jacqui, Leo and Max**. Believing vehemently that one’s relationship with God is something internal and religion is the route through which it can be expressed – via questioning and debate, not prescription and dogma – the whole family is happy to have found Bromley, where one is “encouraged to think, not to be a passive audience.” Janine says, “It’s inspiring and invigorating to be in a place where you can have your own opinion. Judaism gives us religious freedom ... free to do things at our own pace, but together.”

In case you are in any doubt, the younger Camplings can also hold their own. Jacqui has already enjoyed a brief modelling career and we’ve all

been mesmerised by her singing as Esther, most recently in lurid pink. Leo, still in primary school, distinguished himself by defusing an anti-Semitic situation where others might have been intimidated by it, and picked up a girlfriend while he was at it, while Max and baby **Freya**, not to mention **Jake** (Jake? the dog) very clearly enjoy life, unperturbed by the precocity of the rest of the household.

I must reserve the final bouquet for Janine, because I know she will be able to discern its every component aroma. The success of Leone’s, the family catering business, is down not only to Len’s business experience and lovely way with customers, Janine’s talent with floristry and hair (and cakes, I think we can all agree), and Jacqui’s support, but possibly to Janine’s sensitive nose. Back in South Africa, her English step-father educated her in the art of fine dining to the extent that she can identify any wine, and she’s now working on other drinks. The downside for her family is that this sensitivity extends to the domestic arena. She can genuinely tell if the household tasks have not been completed to her exacting standards!

But never mind all of the above, the main thing about the Camplings is that they are delightful, friendly, thoughtful and welcoming people, with time for everyone and a positive outlook that can only be an asset to the community. Long may they remain with us.

**Judi Sheffrin**

*Profiles are an occasional feature of Highlight, designed to introduce members to each other and to show what a wide range of personalities, backgrounds and interests are represented within our membership.*

### Leo Baeck College

60th Anniversary  
**Service of  
celebration**

**Sunday, 6  
November**

**Liberal Jewish  
Synagogue**

St John’s Wood, NW8

**3 pm start, followed by Tea  
and Refreshments**



## Social and Personal

**BIRTHS** - Benjamin and Kerry Butler are proud to announce the arrival of their son, **Samuel Jonah**, born on 5 September - a brother to Noah. (Baby Samuel will be blessed in the synagogue at the Shabbat morning service on 15 October.)

A hearty mazal tov to **Joel and Merav Clary** on the birth of a baby boy in Israel on 19 September, and congratulations to **Sandy and Colin Clary** on the arrival of their first grandchild.

**DEATHS** - We are very sad to announce the death of our member and Honorary Vice President, **Norman Goldberg**, and extend our deepest condolences to his widow Joy, his children Michelle, Mark and Anthea and their families.

We are also very sad to announce the death of our member, **Jose Jacobs**, who was the widow of William Jacobs and left no close relatives to mourn her.

We are further very sad to announce the death of our member **Edith Michaels**, wife of Professor Leslie Michaels, to whom we extend our deepest condolences.

**BEREAVEMENT** - Sincere condolences to **Joanna Koenigsberg** and her family on the sad loss of her mother, Susan Koenigsberg, in the United States.

May the souls of all our dear departed ones rest in peace.

**Thanks for condolences** - **Joy Goldberg, Michelle, Mark and Anthea** thank all the people who sent messages of condolence. They appreciate their support and their heartfelt expressions of respect and admiration for Norman.

**BAR MITZVAH** - A hearty mazal tov to **Nicholas Frankel** and his family on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah, which he will celebrate on 29 October, Shabbat Bereshit.

**MARRIAGE** - Mazal Tov to **Marilyn McKeever** and all the family on the marriage of her son **Jamie** to **Ta'ir** in Ein Gev, on the Kinneret.

**GET WELL SOON** - to **Hadassah Britz** after her recent accident. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Pauline Jeffree writes: We wish well to all members of our community who are ill, attending hospital or recovering from treatment. Our thoughts are also with those who are waiting to attend hospital.



*Bar Mitzvah Boy - Nicholas Frankel will celebrate his bar mitzvah at the Synagogue on Saturday, 29 October, Shabbat Bereshit*

### Honoured at Simchat Torah

We are delighted that this year our *Chatan Torah* is **Dr.**

**George Stein**, who has informed and entertained us in recent years with his psychological analyses of the prophets, not to mention tempting us with the teas that he and Suzanna have provided to precede them. Some years ago, they both spoke very movingly about their respective Czechoslovakian family histories. It is great to have an opportunity to mark their ongoing contribution to the community.

Our *Kallat Bereshit* will be **Michelle Brooks Evans**, whose impact on the life of the community covers many areas. In all of them her “can-do” attitude is an inspiration: sharing leading the traditional Jewish cookery classes (she’s a great cook!); founding and promoting the “SE10 and Beyond...” area group; sharing the leadership of the very active Hooray Cheder parents’ group; bringing a new perspective to the deliberations of the Religion and Ritual committee and much more, and all this while guiding her growing family and offering hospitality to all in need.

We are lucky to have so many people who embody our Jewish principles that every year it is difficult to decide whom to honour at Simchat Torah. Mazal tov to this year’s “bride and groom of the Torah”.

### *Leshanah Tovah*

**David Barnett** wishes everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

**Lew and Hadassah Britz** and family wish everyone a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

**Ronnie and Gloria Goldberg** send greetings to everyone for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

**Brenda Houlden and Jay** wish all their friends at the synagogue Shanah Tovah and well over the fast - a happy and healthy New Year.

**Joanna Koenigsberg, Tim Miles, Robert, Rebecca and Arun** wish you all a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

**Dianne Mathews** wishes you all a healthy and happy Shanah Tovah.

**Philip Michaelis** wishes everyone in the community a good, healthy and peaceful New Year.

**June and Martin Posner** wish everyone a healthy, happy and, especially, a peaceful New Year.

**Judi Sheffrin** wishes relatives, friends, Bromley members and all other readers of Highlight and e-light a happy, healthy and well informed 5777.

The members of the **Education Committee** wish everyone “Shanah Tovah and Well over the Fast”. We hope to resume our programme of education and events after all the festivities have taken place.

The **Caring Community** wish you all Shanah Tovah. May you be recorded in the Book of Life for a good and happy year.

A Happy New Year to all our readers from the **Editor** of *Highlight*.



## The Myth and Reality of Jewish Care

Encouraging and enhancing meaningful lives

A popular myth is that Jewish Care only provides advice and support for those living in the London area. The reality is that we touch the lives of over 10,000 people every week through a wide range of support and services. These are individuals who live throughout the length and breadth of the country and even overseas, who often reach out to us when they would like information or support, advocacy, benefits advice or are at their most vulnerable and in greatest need.

**Jackie Kramer**, Social Work Team Manager, explains “Whilst it is true that the majority of our services are located in and around the South East, we are here to offer guidance and support, regardless of where you live. Often people do not realise we can offer support, information and services to the Jewish Community, their families and friends who are offering support to a friend or loved one, around the country and liaise with local services to support the person to achieve what is important to them. Our teams have also been to shuls and communities, facilitating training sessions on all subjects from dementia to safeguarding issues as well as advising communities to develop and up support networks, memory cafes and befriending groups, as well as new services that are relevant to their community. One of our greatest successes is enabling communities to help themselves within a supportive framework.”

Jewish Care’s confidential and free helpline, Jewish Care Direct is the first port of call for most people.

In addition we have recently launched a new website which runs alongside our services called Jewish Care Interact [www.jewishcareinteract.org](http://www.jewishcareinteract.org) It is a great source of information on health issues, aging well and living with purpose. It is full of useful hints, tips and has a great interactive forum.

For more information on any of our services call Jewish Care Direct on 020 8922 2222 or email [helpline@jcare.org](mailto:helpline@jcare.org).

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## A Place of Purpose

The 2016 Jubilee Lecture

by Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris, Principal of Leo Baeck College



Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris delivering the 2016 Jubilee Lecture

In 1956, the Jewish Theological College was opened by **Dr. Werner van der Zyl** and named Leo Baeck College, in honour of his teacher **Dr. Leo Baeck** (1873-1956).

60 years later, we had the pleasure of welcoming the current Principal, **Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris**.

Students rabbis from the Reform and Liberal rabbinic movements are offered a 5-year programme that combines vocational and academic study. It is specifically designed to serve the needs of progressive communities in this country and Europe, equipping rabbis who will

graduate with a “sense of spirituality and divine purpose” and progressive Jewish values.

All three of our previous rabbis – Rabbis David Freeman, Sylvia Rothschild and Tony Hammond – are Leo Baeck graduates.

Progressive Jewish values and “building for a secure future” are part of the College’s mission.

There are other educational programmes available for people who are not training for the rabbinate; from MAs to specific adult education programmes. Also, the College houses the biggest Jewish library in Europe.

Rabbi Kahn-Harris’ enthusiasm and passion for the work involved in training Britain and Europe’s progressive rabbis was inspiring, resulting in an animated question and answer session at the end of her lecture.

In Hebrew, the words ‘Leo Baeck’ produce the initials לב which can be read as *lev* or heart. As this year’s Jubilee lecture demonstrated, the heart of Jewish learning is a healthy one.

Thanks to everyone who made this lecture possible.

*From our Roving Reporter*



## Bromley WIZO ERETZ

Chairman Marilyn Burchell reports

Once again the New Year is upon us and we WIZO members are still arranging events to interest the community while raising funds for our projects in Israel.

This summer we had two outings. **Bletchley Park** was a fascinating destination. Sixteen of us travelled in comfort in a mini-coach and everyone agreed that it was well worth the journey. A guided tour gave us all the information we needed to understand how this centre worked and then we were free to explore the site ourselves.

The other outing was to the **Chelsea Physic Garden**. Again, we had a private guide to identify the numerous plants, shrubs and trees used in medicine and cookery. It was amazing to be shown well known plants from which modern drugs have been developed.

Below are details of our autumn programme, which we hope you will support. Meanwhile, you can also visit the WIZO website ([www.wizouk.org](http://www.wizouk.org)) to learn more about the ongoing work of WIZO.

**Your WIZO team wish all the community Shanah Tovah, peace and happiness always.**

### Thursday 6 October:

Coffee morning and talk by our own **Natalie Kleinman** on how she became a published writer, starting at 10.30 am. Donation £7.50. Call **Shirley Hindin** 020 8650 6239 to say you are coming.

### Sunday, 6 November:

Reserve your place for another of our **Bridge/Card/Games** afternoons. Ring **Barbara Fizzon** 020 8658 6060 or email [bafizz@virginmedia.com](mailto:bafizz@virginmedia.com) to reserve your place.

### Wednesday, 16 November:

Group outing to the **Museum of Brands and Packaging** in Notting Hill. This is a most interesting museum full of memories of how food and other commodities were packaged in the past. Everyone will remember seeing these items in the larder, kitchen and shops years ago. Cost and travel details will follow.

It's never too early to put the **WIZO/Maccabi Quiz** in the diary for **Sunday, 22 January, 2017**.



## SERVICES

**October 2016 – Elul 5776/Tishri 5777**

*Fridays at 7.00 pm, unless otherwise stated.*

*Saturdays at 10.30 am, unless otherwise stated*

**Friday 30 September**

**Saturday 1 October**

**Nitzavim** (28 Elul)

**Sunday 2 October**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

**Service at 7.30 pm in the Synagogue**

**Monday 3 October**

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**Service at 10.30 am at Orpington**

**Friday 7 October**

**Saturday 8 October**

**Shuvah** (Vayelech - 6 Tishri)

**Tuesday 11 October**

**Kol Nidre**

**Service at 7.30 pm at Orpington**

**Wednesday 12 October**

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Services from 10.30 am at Orpington**

**Friday 14 October**

**Saturday 15 October**

**Ha'azinu** (13 Tishri)

**Blessing of baby Samuel Jonah Butler**  
in the synagogue.

**Sunday 16 October**

**Erev Sukkot**

**Service at 7.30 pm in the Synagogue**

**Monday 17 October**

**SUKKOT**

**Service at 10.30 am in the Synagogue**

**Friday 21 October**

**Saturday 22 October**

**Chol Hamoed Sukkot** (20 Tishri)

**Sunday 23 October**

**Erev Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah**

**Picnic in the Sukkah at 5 pm - service**

**at 6 pm in the Synagogue**

**Monday 24 October**

**SHEMINI ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH**

**Service at 10.30 am in the Synagogue**

**Friday 28 October**

**Saturday 29 October**

**Bereshit** (27 Tishri)

**Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Frankel**

## Limmud Conference 2016

**Sunday 25 to Thursday 29 December**  
(Shabbat Limmud 23 to 24 December)



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**Book online now at [www.limmud.org/conference/sign-up](http://www.limmud.org/conference/sign-up)**

# Dates for Your Diary

## October

S	1	<b>Nitzavim</b>
S	2	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah - service at 7.30 pm at the Synagogue</b>
M	3	<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> - service at 10.30 am at Orpington
T	4	
W	5	<b>Visit to Western Cemetery, Cheshunt, depart 9.30 am from the Shul</b>
Th	6	<b>SE10 and beyond ...</b> Discussion on Jewish Education
F	7	
S	8	<b>Shuvah (Vayelech)</b>
S	9	
M	10	
T	11	<b>Kol Nidre</b> - service at 7.30 pm at Orpington
W	12	<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> - services from 10.30 am at Orpington
Th	13	
F	14	
S	15	<b>Ha'azinu - Baby blessing of Samuel Jonah Butler</b>
S	16	<b>Dressing the Sukkah</b> - from 10 am at the Synagogue <b>Erev Sukkot</b> - service at 6.30 pm at the Synagogue
M	17	<b>SUKKOT</b> - service at 10.30 am at the Synagogue
T	18	
W	19	
Th	20	
F	21	
S	22	<b>Chol Hamo'ed Sukkot Children's service</b> at 10.30 am
S	23	<b>Erev Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah "Later Cheder"</b> - Picnic in the Sukkah at 5 pm followed by service at 6 pm in the Synagogue
M	24	<b>SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH</b> - service at 10.30 am at the Synagogue
T	25	
W	26	<b>Social Centre, 10.30-2.30</b> - entertainment by the Shortlands Singers
Th	27	<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b> - 10.30-12.30 at Pauline's
F	28	
S	29	<b>Bereshit - Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Frankel</b>
S	30	
M	31	

## November

T	1	
W	2	<b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b>
Th	3	
F	4	
S	5	<b>Noach</b>
S	6	<b>Study Session on Abraham</b> with Rabbi Holtz, 10 to 11 am in the sanctuary <b>WIZO-Eretz - Bridge/Card/Games afternoon at Barbara Fizzon's Leo Baeck College</b> - 60th Anniversary service of celebration, 3 pm at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, London NW8
M	7	
T	8	
W	9	<b>Social Centre, 10.30-2.30</b> at the Shul
Th	10	
F	11	
S	12	<b>Lech Lecha</b>
S	13	
M	14	
T	15	
W	16	<b>WIZO-Eretz - outing to Museum of Brands and Packaging</b> in Notting Hill
Th	17	
F	18	
S	19	<b>Vayera - Bat Mitzvah of Galya Friedler</b>
S	20	
M	21	
T	22	
W	23	<b>Social Centre, 10.30-2.30</b> at the Shul
Th	24	
F	25	
S	26	<b>Chayei Sarah</b>
S	27	<b>Mitzvah Day</b>
M	28	
T	29	
W	30	

### Knit and Natter

Thursday, 27 October, 10.30 am-12.30 pm at Pauline's  
The demand for the items we are making is ever increasing so please do come and help.

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