HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter

July-August 2019 - Tammuz-Av 5779

Rabbi Koster lent a hand in serving the ice cream at the Kiddush following the family Shavuot service on Sunday, 9 June

THE BIG BRS QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 14 September
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm @ the Shul

Assemble your own team of up to 8 people or join others on the night (members and non-members welcome)

Nibbles and soft drinks provided.
Bring your own tipples

Entry fee £10 per person

Tickets from janet@bromleyshul.org.uk

Bar Mitzvah Boy

Ashton Canty (here pictured with his teacher Sandra Hurley) celebrated his bar mitzvah with family and friends in the synagogue on Saturday, 22 June (Shabbat Lech Lecha)

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A Buzz of Excitement - *View from the Chair*

As the summer months approach there is a buzz of excitement in our household as the end of the school year draws near. Fellow parents may share the double-edged sword of looking forward to the summer holidays but also wondering how to keep the children busy for 6 weeks! For me the end of the school year is like New Year or Rosh Hashanah, it is the realisation that another year has passed so quickly and there is more change ahead.

For us at BRS the end of the Cheder term sees our wonderful Head Teacher, **Vicki Ashmore**, stepping down. Vicki has led Cheder for six years, but her work and studying is keeping her increasingly busy so she is taking the time to concentrate on that. I think I can speak for the whole community in thanking her for her dedication and hard work. Our Cheder and children are richer for having her as our Head Teacher. As I write Vicki is working with **Danielle Woodward** for a smooth transition over the months ahead and, from September, Danielle will be the new Head Teacher at Cheder. Danielle has two children at Cheder so those at shul on a Sunday will know her already. We are very lucky to have her, so let's give her a big BRS welcome in her new role.

Those of you who come to shul on a Sunday morning will see our **Lizzie Barden-Smith** performing security duty. She works at keeping our children, teachers and members safe and, after two years with us, she is now "one of the family". I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge her commitment to her job and her care for our community.

If you would like to join our new "**Social Group**" please email me on my new email: chair@bromleyshul.org.uk or get in touch about anything you would like to see happen at BRS. I can't promise that we will deliver immediately but it would be good to know what we can improve on or what you would like to see more of. The first social event the group started with was the "Klez-Jazz" concert on Saturday, 15 June. This was a sell-out evening of just stunning music provided by a trio of **Roland Perrin** on piano, the voice of **Rachel Sutton** and **Mark Crooks** on clarinet/sax. We are very lucky to have Roland and Rachel as part of our community, with their daughter attending the Gan. They were very generous in providing their talent and time as part of a fundraiser for BRS. Rachel has promised to let us know when her album is released, so watch this space. The next social event is the **Big BRS Quiz 2019** on Saturday, 14 September, so look out in *Highlight* for how to get your tickets. I hear an exciting evening is planned, so do come as a group, couple or solo and bring your friends along too.

Rachel Sutton and Mark Crooks performing at the Klez-Jazz concert on 15 June.

Roland Perrin accompanied them on the piano

By the time you read this a dedicated team will have launched "**Lime-Light**" our BRS live streaming of services and talks held in the Sanctuary. This is an important step in making us more accessible to those of our members who live too far from the synagogue, who can't get to services through illness, age or family commitments, or who live or work abroad. Please subscribe via YouTube to the channel "Bromley Reform Synagogue" to watch.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a happy, healthy and sunny summer break.

Michelle Brooks Evans, Chair

The Siamese Twins

Consider the following illustration: In 1993, an American woman named **Rita Lakeburg** gave birth to Siamese twins. Doctors determined that if the twins -- who were sharing critical internal organs -- remained joined together, both would die. The only option was to perform an operation which would kill one and save the other. But, argued the moralists, isn't this murder? This decision stupefied doctors until they discovered a 1977 ruling by **Rabbi Moshe Feinstein** who had used Talmudic sources to present a clear and unambiguous ruling in a similar case.

Rabbi Feinstein had asked the doctors: "How do you intend to perform the surgery?" They told him: "We will save Baby-A, and kill Baby-B." Rabbi Feinstein then asked, "Could you reverse the procedure and achieve the same results -- meaning, could you instead save Baby-B and kill Baby-A?" They answered: "No, Baby-A is the only one we can save."

At which point, Rabbi Feinstein told them to go ahead and perform the surgery. Why? Because according to Jewish law, if one person is directly threatening to kill another, then it is morally correct to stop them. In this case, Rabbi Feinstein ruled that the very existence of Baby-B was threatening the life of Baby-A, which gave Baby-B the status of a *rodef* (killer albeit unintentional). Therefore, Baby-A could, so to speak, stop his pursuer.

While the medical and halachic factors are far too detailed to derive any practical decisions based on this one case, this story still illustrates the power of Torah to illuminate the world.

The Talmud notes that the windows in the Temple were of an unusual construction. Usually, windows are built wider on the inside wall and narrower on the outside wall, in order to admit more light to the interior. At the Temple, however, the reverse was true: the windows were narrower on the inside and wider on the outside -- because from the Temple, spiritual light shown outward to illuminate the entire world. This is what the prophet Isaiah meant when he called the Jewish people a "Light Unto the Nations" (Isaiah 42:6

Rabbi Chava Koster

Cheder News

By now you will have heard that this will be my final year as Head Teacher of our Cheder. I just want you all to know that leading this vibrant learning environment has been a labour of love. I've both taught and learned from your children and I will miss them all! But I will still be around, not only as a mum of children still active in Cheder life, but also as a member of the Education Committee at Bromley Reform Synagogue. It is from there that I'll be able to support our new Head Teacher, the ultra-capable and all around lovely **Danielle Woodward** (mum of Samson and Abi) to ensure that the transfer is a smooth one. So for now, back to business! Here's what you need to know about July:

1) Will your child start **Year 1** this September? That means your child is ready for Kittah Aleph! You **must register for Kittah Aleph** if you want your child to join the Cheder (remember, those forms won't complete themselves…) so if I haven't emailed you already, please let me know if you want to register your child ASAP.
2) Our latest Tzedakah project is still going strong, raising money for Kittah Chet's two choices of charity: **Cancer Research UK and the Folly Wildlife Rescue.** We'll let you know how much we raised for these charities when we come back in the autumn.
3) In an attempt to be a more eco-friendly shul, this year Cheder will be emailing the children's end of year reports instead of printing them. You will hopefully receive these reports by Sunday, 14 July. Children in Kittah Chet who are interested in becoming Helpers will also receive a letter of introduction to working at Cheder. If you haven't received yours by 14 July, please get in touch.
4) Our final day of Cheder will be a **Cheder Sports Day on Sunday, 7 July at Queensmead Recreational Ground** in Shortlands. Please bring your children to Cheder at 10 am in sporty clothes and with a picnic lunch. We need parent helpers, so if you'd like to help us walk the children down to the field and stay to watch, you'd be most welcome! After an hour of fun we'll be walking back to the synagogue to eat our picnics while listening to our **Klezmer Band concert!** Cakes will be provided, so do join us and be amazed at how much music our kids have managed to learn in just a few short weeks. Cheder will end at 12.30 pm as usual.

And finally…

I'd like to finish my last Cheder News with a personal thank you to your children's teachers, who are the finest group of people I've ever worked with. Special thanks to **Barbara Kurtz,** who has supported me for the past six years from the Education Committee, **Bob Symonds** for editing and proofreading my Cheder Newses (and reminding me to send them in the first place!) and to **Graham**, **Lizzy** and **Katia**, who have taken over the arduous job of Security for us. Thanks to **Amanda Penn,** who continues to lead Hooray Cheder (with style!) and of course to the wonderful **Rabbi Koster**, with whom working has been a true pleasure. And lastly, I'd like to thank all of you parents who have committed (and continue to commit) your time and energy to your children's Jewish education. You have given me the opportunity to fulfil the mitzvah from the Shema: *V'shi-nan-tam l'-va-ne-cha, v'di-bar-ta bam* – 'and you shall teach these (lessons) to your children and talk about them' – and I am truly grateful.

First day of the Autumn Term, **Sunday, 8 September at 10 am**.

B'ahava (with love),

Vicki, Cheder Head Teacher (retiring)

Visiting Cheshunt Cemetery

Pauline Jeffree writes:

If anyone would like to visit the Jewish Cemetery at Cheshunt prior to the High Holy Days please contact me by **Wednesday, 21 August** through the Synagogue office (020 8460 5460)

Transport will be by minibus and Rabbi Koster will be coming with us. *Date of visit to be finalised.*

Social Centre News

Zelda Stone writes:

Unlike our last meeting **Wednesday, 22 May** was a lovely sunny day and it seemed a pity to be inside, but a good number of members arrived.

We played the usual games, and many of us just sat and talked, which is always pleasant.

Andreas came for our exercises, which gave us an appetite for the lunch that followed.

Although we had not celebrated any birthdays for a while (or perhaps nobody admitted to being a year older), nevertheless after lunch out came a birthday cake with the obligatory candle. This was a surprise and we were pleased to wish the person in question a very happy birthday.

Although the weather was not too kind at our next meeting on **12 June**, that did not deter us from having a pleasant time at the Social Centre. The usual games were played, some more popular than others, and those of us who are not interested in games got involved in giving our opinions on world events.

Andreas came for our exercises, after which followed lunch, delicious as usual with an extra-special dessert (cheesecake, strawberries and ice cream). Not good for our waist lines, but who cares?

Dianne Mathews adds:

We've noticed that interest in Kalooki seems to be waning so we're going to join the 21st century and start Canasta instead! If you already play it or if you've always wanted to, now is your opportunity! Come along on 10 and 24 July from 10.30 am. We'd love to see you!

On **Wednesday, 14 August** we'll be having our annual **Summer Party** and this year **Susan Kaye** will be coming to entertain us. Some of you may remember her and her group when they came as *'Take the Mike'* and performed a very witty musical show. Sue has a completely new programme now, but I'm sure it will be just as enjoyable. Have a good summer.

July meetings: 10 and 24
August meetings: 14 and 28
All from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

It's good to talk:

Reform Judaism introduces Mental Health Advocates

Reform Judaism is excited to introduce a team of Mental Health Advocates to get young people talking about mental health and wellbeing. Advocates run informal, creative, bespoke sessions on a variety of mental health-related topics, with Jewish perspectives. Their aims are to:

- Facilitate conversations to reduce stigma
- Raise awareness and educate
- Empower young people
- Promote self-care and peer support
- Signpost people when professional support is needed
- Produce resources for educators to continue conversations

Sessions are free to Reform communities.

To find out more contact sharon.daniels@rsy-netzer.org.uk

On the Fourth Plinth

The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist

A 14-foot-long winged bull sitting atop Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth.

This recreation of Lamassu, the stone deity that once protected the ancient Assyrian city Nineveh until Isis destroyed it in 2015, comes from the mind of Iraqi-American artist **Michael Rakowitz**.

Inspired by the homeland of his mother's family – who emigrated to the US from Iraq in 1946, fleeing as Arab Jews – and the recipes of his Iraqi-Jewish grandmother, Rakowitz used 10,500 empty Iraqi date syrup cans to cover the statue.

A date for your diaries

Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**: will be on **Friday, 27 September** from 10:00 am.

If you would like to help please ring the synagogue office: 020 8460 5460.

Mikvah Project UK holds first public event

Just before Shavuot this year a group of 60 Jewish professionals and volunteers including Reform rabbis and community members met to commit to bringing the ritual of mikveh – ritual immersion in a pool or body of water – back into the heart of the Jewish community. The event was the first public meeting for Mikveh Project UK which seeks to create a new centre of wellbeing with mikveh at its heart.

The group, who spanned the Jewish spectrum, acknowledged the challenges with the current provision of mikveh in London. They shared their personal experiences of mikveh and spoke of the need to uncover the ritual of mikveh from its shroud of mystery and give it renewed meaning for the 21st century. They committed to work without the constraints of denominational identity to build a fully halachic mikveh for everyone, within a centre of wellbeing in north London.

To help with your time or to make a donation contact info@mikvehproject.org.uk or visit the Mikveh Project UK Facebook page.

Source: Reform Judaism website

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First there was Highlight, then e-Light, and now...

Lime-Light

From the middle of last month Bromley Reform Synagogue started live streaming services and talks. This was an important step in making us more accessible to our members living or working abroad, to those who live too far from the synagogue and those who through illness, age or family commitments can't get to services.

Events will be made available live on YouTube and via our website (http://www.bromleyshul.org.uk/?page_id=11516 - via Activities > Live Stream). They are then archived on YouTube.

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcpzcN-JI4Ec1lWuUvC2mDA - or just open YouTube and search for Bromley Reform Synagogue) - we're at 27 subscribers now and, if we get to 100, YouTube will let us rename the link to something better than those strange characters in the link above!

The camera (located at the rear of the sanctuary) is centred on the bimah and the audio comes from the bimah microphones. There is a notice on the sanctuary entrance doors to make people aware that streaming is taking place. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know (webmaster@bromleyshul.org.uk)

Thank you for helping us support those not able to attend these services in person.

Kieron Hyams
Vice Chair, BRS

Remembering Tisha B'Av

Ah! how lonely lies the city
once great with people;
once great among the nations,
is now become like a widow;
once a princess among the states,
is now enslaved.
Bitterly she weeps at night,
her cheek wet with tears.
There is none to comfort her
of all her allies.
All her neighbours
betrayed her;
they became her foes.

Lamentations 1:2
Siddur reading for Tisha B'Av

"Music for a while shall all your cares beguile"
We are delighted to welcome once again

Everyone Matters

We enjoyed a wonderful musical afternoon in November 2017 with a group of talented young musicians and their professional colleagues. They're back with another

CONCERT

on

SUNDAY, 7 JULY

Refreshments 3.30 pm. Concert 4.00 pm

Everyone Matters is a group of skilled and enthusiastic musicians under the musical direction of **Margaret Archibald**. They visit playgroups and nurseries, special schools and care homes, reaching out to young, old and disadvantaged. The group was formed nine years ago and is a registered charity.

Entrance is free, but we do hope you will give generously to support this very worthwhile cause. It would be useful for catering purposes if you would please let us know if you plan to attend.

Please contact **Barbara** or **Pauline** through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460.

SADEH SUMMER CAMP

Tues. 30 July – Fri. 2 August

Talia, the Sadeh Founder, **Jessica Knight**, artist in residence, and **Alex**, Sadeh farmer, are very excited to be running Sadeh's second summer camp.

Each day will consist of greeting the morning with song, a farm tour and foraging, Brachot, mindfulness, farming and adventure playground and zipwire.

Parents, carers and guardians are welcome / children may come all week or for just one day / please bring a nut-free vegetarian lunch / staff are DBS checked and first aid trained.

A full timetable will be released soon!

Price: £10 per child, per day

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Ages: 5 - 11 (approximately!)

Location: Skeet Hill House, Skeet Hill Lane, BR6 7QA

talia.chain@sadehfarm.co.uk

Social and Personal

GET WELL SOON - Pauline Jeffree writes: To all members of our community, family and friends who are unwell at this time, we want you to know that we are thinking of you and wishing you well.

Please let us know if there are ways we can help you by leaving a message at the Synagogue office on 020 8460 5460.

Caring Community

50 YEARS WED -

A hearty mazal tov to John and Janet Posner, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding in August. They invite everyone to a festive kiddush after the Shabbat moring service on 31 August to celebrate the happy occasion.

Welcome to New Member:

Miss Naomi Goldshtein of Eltham.

Thanks to the congregation

Pauline writes:

Sincere thanks to everyone for all the kind messages and good wishes I have received in recognition of my recent award in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Bromley Knitters, Stitchers and Natterers

The group will be meeting at Pauline's on **Thursdays, 4 July and 1 and 29 August** from 10.00 am until midday.

We are making outfits and incubator covers for the sick and tiny babies at King's College Hospital and your help will be welcomed.

Pauline Jeffree
Caring Community

High Holyday Greetings

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

Please send your greetings to the Editor c/o the Synagogue, or by e-mail (janet@bromleyshul.org.uk) by not later than Monday, 13 August.

Please send a cheque for £5, made payable to "Bromley Reform Synagogue" or make a payment by online transfer to the synagogue's bank account (account details from the synagogue office).

Honoured by the Queen

*A hearty mazal tov to Dr **Pauline Jeffree** who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her services to the community of Beckenham*

SE10 and Beyond

Sunday 7 July in Greenwich Park from 3 pm a **free concert** at the Bandstand by KIX Jazz Orchestra. Bring a picnic and enjoy good company and good music.

Saturday 14 September at Bromley Shul from 7 pm, save the date for the **Quiz of 2019!**

Wednesday, 16 October, 7 pm at Bromley Shul: the rescheduled evening with **Damien Egan**, Mayor of Lewisham. He will be talking about politics and antisemitism within the Labour Party and sharing his experiences and thoughts on the subject.

Michelle Brooks Evans
michellebrooksevans@gmail.com
Mobile: 07956 234309

Going free - We have a large-sized **trampolene** to give to the shul or a shul member, who will need to dismantle it and take it away. It needs cleaning but is not broken. A children's slide and paddling pool are also available.

Contact: Mr Ivor or Mrs Valerie Osatch on 01689 827207.

A date for your diaries

Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**: **Friday, 27 September** from 10:00 am.

If you would like to help please contact Pauline via 020 8460 5460.

The Book Group

Judy Woolfe writes:

I am pleased to announce that the first session of the newly revived shul book group will be on **Thursday, 11 July** in the Library at 7.30 pm

We shall be discussing the book *'The Marrying of Chani Kaufman'* by Eve Harris.

The novel is about an arranged marriage in an ultra-orthodox community with a parallel story about the wife of the rabbi who will perform the marriage ... essentially highlighting the conflict between traditional religion and the modern world.

I've also found a review - link below: https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/sep/06/marrying-chani-kaufman-eve-harris-review"

Do come along even if you haven't read the book, as I'm sure there will be a lively discussion.

Judy Woolfe through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460.

Berlin/London: The Lost Photographs of Gerty Simon

Wiener Library, 29 Russell Square, London WC1

Before the rise of Nazism in 1930s Germany, Gertrud 'Gerty' Simon was a prominent portrait photographer. From her studio in Weimar Berlin she captured major artists and political figures, including Kurt Weill, Lotte Lenya, Käthe Kollwitz and Albert Einstein.

She eventually sought refuge in Britain and rebuilt her career, adding the likes of Sir Kenneth Clark, Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Nye Bevan to her portfolio.

Now, for the first time in 80 years, members of the public can again see her work at this exhibition of around 600 prints.

This event is part of **Insiders/Outsiders festival**, a year-long nationwide arts festival celebrating the indelible contribution of refugees from Nazi-dominated Europe to British culture.

Until 15 October 020 7636 7247.

www.wienerlibrary.co.uk

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Member Profile – Mariella Russell

Mariella has recently joined the Education Committee, so Highlight asked her to write about herself and her family in order to introduce herself to the membership.

What brought you to the UK/ BRS?

I went to university in NYC (New York University) and after working in Investment Banking came to London in 1997 to work for a large management consultancy. Initially, I lived in Belsize Park and Muswell Hill where I loved the diversity North London had to offer. I thought I was only going to stay in the UK for 4 years! However, life can sometimes take you on an unexpected and wonderful journey. After Roger and I got married, we moved 'south of the river'. It was a culture shock for me. Joining BRS was a great way of bringing the culture and diversity back into our lives. We have met some great people along the way and am cherishing my time at BRS.

Roger and I have an amazing son Aaron (age 7). I remember taking him to his first Rosh Hashanah service in 2012 when he was only 3 months old. He started attending Gan Yeladim when he was 18 months and now he is thoroughly enjoying Cheder. BRS is a big part of his life and we are thrilled to have found our community where we can all go through this journey with our children together.

What are your interests?

Travel and reconnecting with family is a big part of my life. I have family all over the world. My grandparents emigrated to South America in the early 30's from Poland and Lithuania along with many other Jewish families. At the time, immigration to the States had stopped and South America was one of the few options left. Other relatives emigrated to countries including: USA, Mexico, Israel and Canada. I was born in Montevideo, Uruguay and we moved to the USA (New Jersey) when I was five.

Roger, Aaron and I recently made our first trip to Israel to visit over 20 cousins! The trip was incredible, emotional and unforgettable. Needless to say it was a life changing experience and we can't wait to go back.

What are your ambitions?

After working in the corporate world for well over 20 years, I was searching for the 'right' role for myself. I wanted to be home for my son but at the same time add value using my background and experience. I have an industrial psychology background and also have a passion for Pilates. I strongly believe the mind and body are connected and should be in sync to reach potential and general wellbeing. I am excited to announce that I am a qualified Pilates teacher and currently teaching group mat classes and 1-1 sessions at the Ripley Arts Centre here in Bromley.

I am also passionate about education, particularly for our children and am happy to say that I will be included as a member of the Education Committee at BRS. Looking forward to working with the team!

Introduction to Service Leading

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to lead a service, but feel you don't have the knowledge or skills? Do you lead services sometimes, but want some fresh input and a chance for reflection? Do you want to increase your understanding of our services as part of your Jewish journey? Would you like to be part of a network of *Shilchei Tzibbur* (Service Leaders) around the country?

Reform Judaism relies on an army of committed volunteers, from those behind the scenes to greeters and lay leaders. This is where we support you to support your community. Join our ***Introduction to Service Leading*** course (4, 11, 18 and 25 September and 23 and 30 October), which will be taught online in the comfort of your own home.

Book at https://reformjudaism.org.uk/introduction-to-service-leading.

Refugees at Home

Connecting refugees and asylum seekers in need with welcoming hosts

That's all Refugees At Home does really: finds generous people with a spare room or, at a pinch, a sofa-bed, and then matches them with refugees and asylum-seekers who really need somewhere to stay for a while.

As one of our volunteers said, it's like running "a giant, humanitarian dating agency."

We host about 160 people every night – mostly single and 70% men, but also single women, some couples, mums with infants and families. And we do it in almost any UK city. Mostly London and Home Counties but lots in Cardiff, Manchester, Birmingham, across Yorkshire's cities, Brighton and Cambridge. And one or two in other cities too.

Our guests come from about 70 nationalities, with most from Syria, Sudan, Eritrea, Iran, Afghanistan and Ethiopia

In the three years we have been operating, our guests have spent over 120,000 nights NOT street-homeless, nor sleeping in buses, parks and graveyards because our hosts take them in.

We always need more hosts in London and other cities (our guests seem uniformly averse to /terrified of the countryside). It's not hard and it is life-enhancing for host as well as guest.

We are a registered charity and run on the stringiest of shoestrings. If you really can't host, why not fund-raise to help us make the placements?

To find out more please go to www.refugeesathome.org or email info@refugeesathome.org

Amanda Penn, who is a Refugees at Home host.

High Holyday services, 2019-5780

The High Holyday arrangements are similar to previous years, but please remember that the service on Erev Rosh Hashanah (Sunday, 29 September) will be held in the synagogue.

Selichot service:
Saturday, 21 September
7.30 pm in the synagogue

Erev Rosh Hashanah:
Sunday, 29 September
(service at 7.30 pm in the Synagogue)

Rosh Hashanah:
Monday, 30 September
(Service at 10.30 am at Orpington)

Shabbat Shuvah:
(Services at the Synagogue)
Friday, 4 October
Saturday, 5 October

Building the Sukkah:
Sunday, 6 October

Kol Nidre:
Tuesday, 8 October
(7.30 pm at Orpington)

Yom Kippur:
Wednesday, 9 October
(Services from 10.30 am at Orpington)

Decorating the Sukkah:
Sunday, 13 October

Sukkot:
(Services at the Synagogue)
Sunday, 13 October
Monday, 14 October

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:
(Services at the Synagogue).
Sunday, 20 October
Monday, 21 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, 29 September 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.

Stephanie Amiel, Senior Warden
Through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460

SERVICES

July/August 2019– Sivan/Tammuz/Av 5779

Friday evening services *will be held on 12 and 26 July and 9 and 23 August, starting at 7 pm*
Saturdays *at 10.30 am, unless otherwise stated*

Thursday 4 July	**Rosh Chodesh Tammuz**
Friday 5 July **Saturday 6 July**	***Chukkat*** (3 Tammuz)
Friday 12 July **Saturday 13 July**	**Shabbat evening service at 7 pm** ***Balak*** (10 Tammuz)
Friday 19 July **Saturday 20 July**	***Pinchas*** (17 Tammuz)
Friday 26 July **Saturday 27 July**	**Shabbat evening service at 7 pm** ***Mattot*** (24 Tammuz)
Friday 2 August	**Rosh Choesh Av**
Friday 2 August **Saturday 3 August**	***Mas'ei*** (2 Av)
Friday 9 August **Saturday 10 August**	**Shabbat evening service at 7 pm** **Chazon** (Devarim - 9 Av) Service led by Hadassah Britz
Saturday 10 August **Sunday 11 August**	**Erev Tisha B'Av** **TISHA B'AV**
Friday 16 August **Saturday 17 August**	**Nachamu** (Va'etchanan - 16 Av)
Friday 23 August **Saturday 24 August**	**Shabbat evening service at 7 pm** **Ekev** (23 Av) - Service led by Judi Sheffrin
Friday 30 August **Saturday 31 August**	**Re'eh** (30 Av) Service led by Stephanie Amiel **Festive Kiddush** after the service to celebrate the Golden Wedding of John and Janet Posner

Bromley Education Committee invites you to attend a

Shabbat Study Session on Saturday, 13 July

There will be no sermon during the normal Shabbat morning service. Instead members are invited to join us afterwards for a

Bring and Share Lunch followed by a study session on
"Re-Reading the Rabbis of the Talmud"
led by **Rabbi Chava Koster**

French bread and drinks will be provided. Please bring cheese, salads, fruit or similar.
Please contact ***Barbara Kurtz*** *to avoid duplication:* through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460

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Dates for Your Diary

July

M	1	
T	2	
W	3	
Th	4	**Rosh Chodesh Tammuz** **Bromley Stitchers and Knitters** - 10 am to 12 noon at Pauline's
F	5	
S	6	***Chukkat***
S	7	**Last day of Cheder summer term and Cheder Sports Day** - 10 am at Queensmead Recreation Ground **Everyone Matters concert** - from 3.30 pm at the Shul
M	8	
T	9	
W	10	**Social Centre** - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	11	**Shirei Chagigah** starts at Alyth Synagogue. **Book Group**, 7.30 pm in the shul library
F	12	**Shabbat evening service** at 7 pm
S	13	***Balak*** Bring-and-share lunch and **study session** after the service
S	14	**Shirei Chagigah** ends
M	15	
T	16	
W	17	
Th	18	
F	19	
S	20	***Pinchas***
S	21	
M	22	
T	23	
W	24	**Social Centre** - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	25	
F	26	**Shabbat evening service** at 7 pm
S	27	***Mattot***
S	28	
M	29	
T	30	**Sadeh Summer Camp** begins 10 am-2 pm
W	31	

August

Th	1	**Bromley Stitchers and Knitters** - 10 am to 12 noon at Pauline's
F	2	**Rosh Chodesh Av** **Sadeh Summer Camp ends**
S	3	***Mas'ei***
S	4	
M	5	
T	6	
W	7	
Th	8	
F	9	**Shabbat evening service** at 7 pm
S	10	***Chazon*** *(Devarim)* **Erev Tisha B'Av**
S	11	**TISHA B'AV**
M	12	
T	13	
W	14	**Social Centre** - from 10.30 am, **Summer Party** with Susan Kaye
Th	15	
F	16	
S	17	***Nachamu*** *(Va'etchanan)*
S	18	
M	19	
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Th	22	
F	23	**Shabbat evening service** at 7 pm
S	24	***Ekev***
S	25	
M	26	
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W	28	**Social Centre** - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	29	**Bromley Stitchers and Knitters** - 10 am to 12 noon at Pauline's
F	30	
S	31	***Re'eh***

Note the date

Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av, starts this year at sunset on Saturday, 10 August.

This is the day when we commemorate the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E, and 70 C.E. and think about subsequent disasters in our history. It is traditional to fast and study *Eisha*, the book of Lamentations. Events marking this day in the synagogue will be announced in July.

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