

HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter



Rabbi Franken enjoying an al fresco meal with the synagogue chairman and vice presidents on the Saturday evening of his visit



Rabbi John Franken, who has applied to succeed Rabbi Jason Holtz as our rabbi, visited us over the weekend of 23-24 June. In this picture he is making motsi at the kiddush following the Shabbat morning service that he had just led.

July-August 2018 - Tammuz-Av-Elul 5778

BRS Annual Jubilee Lecture

Sunday, 15 July

Elizabeth Harris-Sawczenko

Director of the CCJ will speak to us on



“How living in Jerusalem for 23 years changed my understanding of the Middle East:

One Woman’s View”

Do join us in the synagogue

3.30 pm refreshments, 4.00 pm talk
followed by a question and answer session.

Further details from **Barbara Kurtz** or
Stephen Weil
through the synagogue

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Your Data Protection - View from the Chair

You should have received a notice from the shul about the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It's tempting to be a bit cynical about this new regulation but actually it is of value, particularly in these days of electronic communication. While we have always been careful about maintaining confidentiality, it has stimulated us to improve the security of information we hold about all our members and to generally tighten up the way we do our business. To give some examples:

- Those with responsibility for various operational groups in the synagogue such as Cheder teachers and parents, Social Centre, wardens, security groups, Caring Community and Education and Religion & Ritual committees will now communicate with their groups through a single synagogue database with secure and limited access. Gone will be the days of individuals keeping insecure data on their own laptops.
- E-mails to groups will normally be sent with 'blind copies' (BCC) to all recipients so that addresses will not be visible to other recipients.
- Hard (paper) copies of personal information including names, dates of birth, addresses and phone numbers will be kept in locked cabinets with very limited access.
- An annual audit of our procedures will be conducted by our newly appointed Data Protection Officer, **Jon Woolf**.
- A data protection policy document (currently in advanced draft) will be finalised and reviewed at least annually.

Having alerted you to these changes, many aspects of shul business will continue exactly as before or with minimal changes:

- We will not share your personal information with any other organisation without your permission, the one exception being the Joint Jewish Burial Society, which is a condition of synagogue membership;
- All members will continue to receive letters relating to subscriptions and High Holyday tickets and their monthly Highlight or disks of Talk-highlight by post;

- All members who use e-mail will continue to receive e-light unless you opt out (see below);
- All members who use e-mail will receive notices about deaths of members entitled 'Sad News' unless you opt out (see below).

Of course our communications and records can only be as good as the information you have provided to the synagogue and some years may have passed since then. We therefore ask you to ensure that the synagogue has your correct email and home addresses and names and dates of birth of children under the age of 21. Updated information can be sent to our administrator **Janet Burlem** at janet@bromleyshul.org.uk.

There are some communications which are optional. We have assumed that all members want to receive e-light, which is all about upcoming shul activities but not everyone will wish to receive e-light extra, which contains information about events in the wider Jewish community, not directly involving our synagogue. If you wish to receive e-light extra, you need to 'opt in' which you can do by logging on to our website www.bromleyshul.org.uk, click on 'NEWS', select 'SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTERS' and fill in the boxes as appropriate. Similarly, if you want to opt out of receiving 'Sad News' notices or e-light, you can do so on the shul website.

Non-members

A final word on these important matters relates to those of you who receive this Highlight but are not actually members of BRS. Perhaps you are the partner of a member or simply a friend of the community. We will continue to send you Highlight unless you tell us not to but we won't automatically send you e-light, e-light extra or 'Sad News' notices even if you were on our list previously. We will be delighted to resume sending you these electronic communications if you opt in by logging on to our website www.bromleyshul.org.uk, click on 'NEWS', select 'SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTERS' and fill in the boxes as appropriate.

And a final, final word, if there is something in all this that you don't understand or find confusing, please don't hesitate to contact the office for help.

John Posner, Chairman

Norwood Challenges 2018

Cycle Nepal: Saturday 13 - Monday 22 October

Whether you're a cyclist or a trekker, our challenges in Nepal lead you to the same final destination of Pokhara. In this cycle you will ride above the clouds along ancient trails from one unspoiled Nepali village to another. (/challenges/nepal-cycle/)

Nepal Trek: Saturday 13 - Monday 22 October

Join Norwood Challenges on this five day trek through the untouched villages that lie in the shadow of the Annapurna range – offering one of the world's most majestic mountain panoramas – to view Annapurna I, Fang, Annapurna South and Machapuchare. Thirty miles and 11 summits over 23,000ft/7000m.

Thessaloniki (Greece) Cycle Sunday 28 October – Sunday 4 November

Join Norwood Challenges in October of this year, as we cycle from Thessaloniki with its wealth of Jewish history and culture, along the coast and over to Thassos Island. Quiet roads, spectacular scenery, and fabulous food to fuel the great cycling – and you just won't want to leave.

Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) Cycle Saturday 3 – Sunday 11 November

An incredible cycling challenge circumnavigating Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world. Travel 360° in the shadow of the famous 19,980ft (6,090m) mountain; through tropical rainforests, sugarcane plantations and the Tarangiri National Park, before finishing at the UNESCO world heritage site of the Ngorongoro Crater. Throughout the challenge you will get a great taste for the local Maasai culture along the way.

Any Questions?

Talk to **Julie** on 020 8420 6811 or send us an email (challenges@norwood.org.uk) and we'll get right back to you.



Cheder News

Can you believe it? Summer is nearly upon us and this is probably the last you'll hear from me until our next academic year! And so here is our last Cheder News for this school year:

- 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 the **Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation**. I look forward to counting up your spare pennies and letting you all know how much we managed to raise for this charity that our children chose to support when we come back in the autumn.
- 3) Our penultimate Cheder day will be on **Sunday, 1 July** and will conclude with our annual **Prize Giving Assembly**. Parents are invited as always to come join us to watch and *shepp nachas* before wishing our Cheder a fond farewell until the autumn.
- 4) Our **Cheder School Trip** will take place on the last official day of Cheder, **Sunday, 8 July at Sadeh Farm**. We'll be spending the morning learning about working the farm and all about bees, all under the theme of *Olam Chesed Yibaneh* (A world of kindness will be built). We've also been learning about the blessings we say over food in preparation for our trip.
- 5) All parents will receive **end of year reports** as well as the Cheder dates for the 2018/2019 school year. Children in Kittah

Chet who are interested in becoming Helpers will also receive a letter of introduction to working at Cheder.

And, finally, I'd like to personally thank all of the staff, helpers and parents who made sure that Cheder has continued to thrive. I feel privileged to work with such a lovely bunch of people who have committed (and continue to commit) their time and energy to our children's Jewish education. Thank you all so very, very much. See you all on our first day of the autumn term, **Sunday, 9 September 2018 at 10 am**.

With warm wishes for a wonderful Summer Holiday,
Vicki, Cheder Head Teacher
Cheder Security Rota
Kayitz/Summer Term

Sundays	
1 July	Benjie/Kerry Butler
8 July	Janine/Len Campling

Data? Shmata!

You will see on page 3 Prof. Posner's article about the dreaded GDPR and how to remain connected. I have heard of some people who, even though they have opted in, have dropped off the mailing list, so please follow his instructions if you find you are not receiving e-light or other notifications.

However, our newsletters need contributors as well as readers and I make no apology for repeating: PLEASE use comms@bromleyshul.org.uk to submit items for e-light, Highlight, the website, service sheet announcements and social media; particularly e-light, which has short deadlines. That way, whoever is "duty editor" will be able to consider them for publication. If you write only to my personal email address, for example, I might be on holiday and, by the time I see it, it is too late.

Thanks to our webmaster Kieron and administrator Janet, whose respective workloads were massively increased, data protection officer Jon and Chairman John, for managing this exercise. Kieron also created the "comms" address, so the least we can do is use it and please use "comms" to tell us. Thank you.

Judi Sheffrin,

Sadeh, the U.K.'s Jewish farm, announces Summer Camp for ages 5 - 10

Rooted in Jewish values, Sadeh cultivates community, grows food, and sows the seeds of change. Through the rich and diverse heritage of Jewish farming, Sadeh expresses these values by **engaging** and **reconnecting** Jews with their traditions. Sadeh is committed to **integration**, through inspiring positive social action and teaching **Jewish values** in the context of the land. As a growing community, Sadeh is a place where all Jewish people can work together with other faiths and communities on the common goals of **learning, preserving our environment and social justice**.

Rooted in these values, Sadeh founder, **Talia Chain** and community members, **Alexander Antoniou, Gidon Fineman** and **Alex Sylvester** will be running Sadeh's first summer camp...

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

Each day will have a special guest:

Monday: David the Bee Man, **Tuesday: Anne** the Israeli Circle Dancer

Wednesday: Joel the Baker, **Thursday: Shhh!** It's a secret

Date: Monday, 30 July - Thursday, 2 August.

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Price: £10 per day. You can come for all the days or just some.

Go to the following url to buy tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-camp-at-sadeh-tickets-46401245374>

Remembering John Koekoek, 10 December 1940 – 30 May 2018

When we come together to mourn the passing of a friend, a family member, a person from our community or from our world, we tell stories about them. Telling these stories reminds us that the death of someone does not mean the end — they exist in memory, and in the hearts and minds of us who knew them.

When we come together to accompany someone on their last journey to the resting place of their grave, it is sometimes so hard to see the whole life of a person — the dying days and months take their toll and sear themselves on our minds. The pain and fear are etched into us, we may be numbed with shock or exhaustion.

And yet it is important that we spend some time telling a little of the story of the person who lies before us now. To celebrate a life well lived, to honour the person who strove to be fully themselves, and to pay tribute in the presence of the living and the dead, reminding ourselves a little of just who is lying here before us.

John Koekoek was born in wartime England of Dutch parents. The small family was close and had a good business importing fruit and vegetables, but sadly almost all the large family left behind were murdered and this left its mark on John's parents and, of course, on John.

Many years ago, John, Jackie Alfred and I had the idea of asking people to write their family stories, or histories, to leave with us in the synagogue. The idea was that the synagogue would be able in some way to hold the memory that many of our congregants were holding painfully alone. John himself wrote something of his own memories, about the constant nagging awareness that so many of his large extended family had been silenced, their lives cut short so brutally. He wrote a little about the effect that had on him, the burden of memory that he carried, the forever frustrated desire to know more.

He speaks in his own testimony also of his golden life. That he was able to marry Judy and, with Dane, to re-create a little of the family he lost. I am in no doubt that Judy and Dane were the lodestars of his life, guiding him safely into a more peaceful and safe harbour than he could have found alone. They were his rock and he was theirs.

John has written so movingly of the family he never met but who profoundly

affected his life and his thinking. He speaks also of how this sense of longing informed his work in creating new networks for people, and that is how I best remember him. John was the membership officer at Bromley Synagogue when I was the rabbi. He was the best membership officer a rabbi could have. He knew everybody and could give me help when I needed it. He visited people, he listened to their stories, he valued each and every person with whom he came into contact. He never judged people. He wrote all the details down in his notepad and would sit me down and we would go through each potential new member, understanding who they were, what they might want from our community, what they could give inside our community, how we could create a mutual relationship with them to the benefit of both sides.

There were times when life got very hard for John. His job made it hard for him to have a wide social life — he went to bed early and he got up very early to be at the market to receive the new produce. So apart from business colleagues and people in the synagogue community it was hard to make new friends. His health, never excellent, failed him on a number of occasions. He was dogged by depressions throughout his life, and while medication certainly helped him, nothing could really address what we might now call the second generation syndrome that caused him to fall prey to the demons of sadness and gloom. Unlike his father, whose faith had perished as the result of his pain, John retained his faith — but it did not always offer him the relief he needed. Instead he doggedly persisted in his life, wonderfully supported by Judy and by Dane, both of whom stayed with him daily through his final months of increasing debilitation and who were with him when he took his last breath. The comfort that must have given him is obvious. For a man grieving for a family he never knew, the family he had grown together were able to support him and surround him with the love he richly deserved.

John retired some years ago due to his increasing ill health, and his life took on new possibilities. His final years were perhaps the happiest yet — he went to courses at the University of the Third Age, he went out to many different events and groups. He indulged his passion for cinema and theatre and amassed an enormous

collection of DVDs of films by his favourite directors and writers, which he could watch in comfort in his home. He went to a local school to help listen to the children learning to read, he visited a woman whose vision meant she found it hard to get out. All of his skills — his patience, his interest in people, his warmth, his kindness, his desire to be helpful to others — they continued throughout his life and he continued to use them. He enjoyed the company of others, he enjoyed learning and chewing over the news of the day, he enjoyed listening to the stories of other people.

John was, above all in my memory, a kind and thoughtful man. He cared about people, whoever they were. He wanted to make life better for people in whatever way he could. He loved Judy and Dane with all of his heart and was always so happy to spend time with them. He battled in his life against the various health problems and against the black hole in his past, yet he called his life one that was comfortable and golden and he was not wrong. The sweetness of his character, the kindness and warmth and deep interest in others — these showed through wherever he was, and people responded with warmth to his interest.

We will shortly lay John to rest. He so deserves that rest. I know he will be missed by many of us, who wish that John might have had a longer life in much better health, but I hope that in the stories people will tell, the memories you will share, you will see that his life truly was golden, and that he made something very special of it.

Judy and Dane, your close relationship has meant you have already weathered so much so well. You are both a tribute to the love John gave you and you gave to him. You made his life so meaningful, you helped him to express the love he had within him, you supported him in the ups and downs of his journey and now you will, I know, continue to support each other. You both said to me that you simply did what you should do — and I said to you both already that you were both exceptional in the way you carried on those last weeks and months. I hope that today brings you solace and may God travel with you and comfort you in your mourning.

Hesped spoken by Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild at John's funeral on Sunday, 3 June

Reform rabbis and communal leaders write to David Davis MP

Reform rabbis and other leaders of the Jewish community have signed the letter from René Cassin¹ to David Davis MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. The letter urges him to use the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU as an opportunity to protect and strengthen the provision of human rights and to ensure that the human rights protections provided by membership in the European Union continue to be protected as part of the proposed EU withdrawal Bill.

“Recognising the role of the UK in developing a European human rights framework in response to the horrors of the Holocaust, we urge the Government to once again put this country at the forefront of the charge for human rights, and to use our withdrawal from the European Union as an opportunity to protect and strengthen the provision of human rights“.

The letter reads:

Dear Rt. Hon David Davis MP,

Last week it was announced that the EU Withdrawal Bill will be brought before the House of Commons on 12 June, during which time MPs will consider and vote on the 15 amendments that have passed through the House of Lords.

We are writing to urge you to ensure that the human rights protections provided by our membership in the European Union continue to be protected as part of the proposed EU Withdrawal Bill.

Human rights are innate to Jewish values and the Jewish experience. As leaders and members of the Jewish community, we are concerned that the loss of EU human rights safeguards would have worrying ramifications for vulnerable communities throughout the United Kingdom. The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights also holds an important role in protecting the right to manifest religion and belief.

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¹ René Cassin is an organisation speaking as ‘the Jewish Voice for Human Rights’

forefront of the promotion of human rights, and to use our withdrawal from the European Union as an opportunity to protect and strengthen the provision of human rights.

We therefore support:

Retention of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in force, which enshrines vital political, social and economic rights, including a guarantee on human dignity.
Rights of reunification of unaccompanied child refugees.
Enhanced protection for certain areas of EU law, including employment rights and equality protections.
Continuing relationship with the EU to ensure that the United Kingdom will not

be prevented from replicating EU law, or from continuing to participate in EU agencies after exit day (membership of EUROPOL and EUROJUST is instrumental in helping the UK prosecute human traffickers and protect victims of human trafficking).

Enshrined support for the Good Friday Agreement.

Powers handed to ministers to change ‘retained EU law’ can only be used when necessary.

As we leave the European Union, let us not leave our human rights behind. We hope that you share our commitment to equality and human rights.

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild

René Cassin – The Jewish Voice for Human Rights Who was René Cassin?

‘There will never be peace on this planet as long as human rights are being violated in any part of the world’

René Cassin was a French-Jewish jurist, law professor and judge. He co-drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968.

He helped found the Consultative Council of Jewish Organisations – dedicated to providing encouragement from a Jewish perspective to the newly founded UN human rights system.

René Cassin was born on 5 October 1887 in Bayonne, France. Having served in the First World War, he founded The French Federation of Disabled War Veterans, a charity for men permanently injured in the war. He remained its President or Honorary President until 1940.

Cassin became a Professor of Law at the University of Aix-en-Provence and then the University of Paris. He was a French delegate to the League of Nations from 1924 to 1938. Here he pressed for progress on disarmament and developing institutions to aid the resolution of international conflicts.

He worked tirelessly on the development of international human rights protection,



urging the creation of an international court to punish war crimes in 1942. He was a delegate to the UN Commission on Inquiry into War Crimes (1943-1945) and frequently served as a delegate for the French Government to the UN General Assembly and UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Cassin

was president of the Hague Court of Arbitration from 1950-1960.

René Cassin died on 20 February 1976, aged 88.

‘A little more justice in the world’ – our commitment to René Cassin’s legacy

On being informed that he would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968, René Cassin replied: *“I am very happy. It is not given to every man to have the luck to learn law, to teach it, to make it as a judge and promote it internationally as an international judge”*

But he added *“I would be happier if there were a little more justice in the world”*.

The mission of the René Cassin organisation is to bring ‘a little more justice’ to the world in René Cassin’s name.

Social and Personal

DEATH - We are very sad to announce the death of our member **John Koekoek** (picture in next column) and extend sincere condolences to his widow Judy and son Dane.

Please turn to page 5 for the hesped delivered at his funeral by Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild.

BEREAVEMENT - Sincere condolences to **Brian Freeman** and his family on the sad loss of his mother, **Anita Freeman**. May her memory be for a blessing.

STONE SETTING - The tombstone of the late **Rene Dale** will be consecrated on Thursday, 9 August at 2.00 p.m. at Hoop Lane cemetery, Golders Green.

GET WELL SOON

Pauline Jeffree writes: We are thinking of and wish well to all those known to us who are unwell at this time. There are a number of members who are unwell but prefer their names not to be published.

Thank you to the Congregation

A message from Kim Osborne and family

Thank you to everyone who came to Ella's bat mitzvah and helped to make it so special.

Thank you to wonderful Vicki for all the help and support you tirelessly gave Ella, to Rabbi Jason Holtz for making the day so accessible, to Elka, Sue and volunteers for a lovely Kiddush, to Bob for the great photos and to Stephanie, the warden, for being so organised, especially at the last minute. It was a brilliant day to remember, so thank you all.

Kim Osborne and family

Moving away - Good luck to **Aaron** and **Suné Markowitz-Shulman** and their family, who are leaving us to live in Oxford. We hope they will be very happy in their new home.

Welcome to New Members - **Mr. Damien Egan** of Lewisham (and currently Mayor of that London borough) and **Mrs Avril Gordon**, formerly of Harrogate, now of Beckenham.



John Koekoek, z'l, photographed at a celebration a few years ago.

Talking Highlight

Talking Highlight is a recorded version on CD or USB stick for any member of the synagogue wishing to listen to the synagogue's monthly newsletter - *Highlight*.

The recorded version - '*Talking Highlight*' is quite free. I hasten to add that any member receiving *Talking Highlight* will also receive the paper version, while the recorded version is available not only to those members who are visually impaired but to any member who would like to listen to the recorded version.

If you would like to receive *Talking Highlight* please let me know by leaving a message with the Synagogue Office on 020 8460 5460. I look forward to hearing from you

Pauline Jeffree,
Chair, Caring Community.

Accommodation wanted - a message from Phyl Tomlinson:

A 21 year old Israeli coming to study dance at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in Greenwich from September 2018 to June 2019 is looking for a room/flat share in a kosher/vegan home. If you can help please email me at admin@catfordsynagogue.org.uk

Knit and Natter
will meet on
Thursdays, 19 July and 9 and 30 August
from 10.00 am - 12 noon
Pauline Jeffree, through the
synagogue

Social Centre News

Zelda Stone writes:

The Social Centre met on 23 May with a good mix of people, some playing cards, some playing games. Some of us decided to discuss the week's news, which of course was dominated by the royal wedding. Everybody agreed it was a beautiful, well organised affair although some were not too happy about the cost of the dress. A few thought it was a great PR exercise.

Andreas came to help with our exercises, after which we had lunch, which was fish and chips followed by trifle, a typical English menu, although we learned that fish and chips was first sold by a Jewish man in the East End.

Rabbi Jason, Jodi and Asher came and we felt sad that this was probably the last time some of us would see them.

We met again on 13 June and, despite the parking restrictions on the day, this did not deter our regular members from attending, even though those who came in cars had to park some distance away.

There were the usual games and discussion about the previous week's news and Andreas came for the exercises and brought his dog, which was very well behaved and seemed to enjoy watching everybody.

New synagogue member **Avril Gordon** also came for the first time and some of us who had not met her enjoyed talking to her over lunch, which was very good as usual.

Dianne Mathews adds:

The dates for our July and August sessions are:

Wednesdays

11 and 25 July, and 8 and 29 August, when we shall hold the **Summer Party**, with music provided by **Adrian Garrett** the violinist. Adrian has specifically asked us to give him any special requests for music to be played. Please let Dianne know so that your choice can be passed to him in advance.

SE10 and Beyond

We hope the weather was kind and all were able to enjoy the picnic planned for 1 July.

The next meeting will be in early September.

Contact **Michelle Brooks Evans** through the synagogue

High Holyday arrangements, 2018-5779

The High Holyday arrangements are similar to previous years, but please remember that the service on Erev Rosh Hashanah (Monday, 10 September) will be held in the synagogue.

Selichot service:

Saturday, 8 September
7.30 pm in the synagogue

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday, 9 September
(service at 7.30 pm in the Synagogue)

Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, 10 September
(Service at 10.30 am at Orpington)

Shabbat Shuvah:

(Services at the Synagogue)
Friday, 14 September
Saturday, 15 September

Building the Sukkah:

Sunday, 16 September

Kol Nidre:

Tuesday, 18 September
(7.30 pm at Orpington)

Yom Kippur:

Wednesday, 19 September
(Service at 10.30 am at Orpington)

Decorating the Sukkah:

Sunday, 23 September

Sukkot:

(Services at the Synagogue)
Sunday, 23 September
Monday, 24 September

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:

(Services at the Synagogue)
Sunday, 30 September
Monday, 1 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, 9 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.

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 **Dan Posner** through the synagogue.

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 receive a mitzvah invitation, please reply promptly, because everything is early this year and the wardens need to know whom to look out for on the day. Thank you.

Dan Posner, Senior Warden
posner.dan@gmail.com

Peace Walk and a Piece of Cake

Howard Binysh writes:

The **Bromley 3 Faiths Group** is planning its next event, which is going to be a walk starting at the Synagogue at 3.00 pm on **Sunday, 22 July**. We will be walking as a group to Beckenham Place Park Manor for tea and cake (lots of cake). We will be walking in support of the refugee families who have arrived in Lewisham for whom we have been doing collections - the families are being invited to join us.

If people are unable to walk, they are welcome to join us at the Manor House, where Beckenham Place Park have kindly donated the use of a room.

So what we need now is:

1. People to spread the word - everyone is welcome and you can bring dogs (we will be bringing ours).
2. We need people to bake cakes.
3. The mosque has volunteered to provide the equipment (kettles / cups / plates) but we will need helping hands to make tea and cut cakes.

Hopefully you will be able to come and bring family and friends.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions through the synagogue.



The Jewish Museum, Camden Town 10 May - 30 September

An immersive and playful exhibition that explores the unique imagination of the co-creator, with Albert Uderzo, of the Astérix comics.

René Goscinny's story, from a childhood in Argentina to a glittering career that began in New York and flourished in Europe, is brought to life through rare original scripts, storyboards, photographs, films, sketches, dressing up stations, games, and more than a little wild boar.

Adapted from the exhibition originally produced by the Museum of Jewish Art and History in Paris in partnership with the Institut René Goscinny.

Opening Hours

Daily 10am - 5pm
(Friday 10am - 2pm)

Last entrance is 30 minutes before closing.

Tishah B'Av

The Ninth Day of 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.¹

¹ Lamentations 1:2

But You, God,
are enthroned forever,
Your throne endures through the
ages.

Why have You forgotten us utterly,
forsaken us for all time?

Turn us back to You, God,
and we shall return;
Renew our days as of old.²

² Lamentations 5: 19-21

*Siddur readings for Tisha B'Av
(9th of Av), which will fall on Sat-
Sun, 21-22 July*

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 (bobsymonds@mac.com) by not later than Monday, 13 August.

Please send a cheque or postal order for a £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).

SERVICES

July/August 2018 – Tammuz/Av/Elul 5778

Fridays at 7 pm, unless otherwise stated.

Saturdays at 10.30 am, unless otherwise stated

Friday 6 July

Saturday 7 July

Pinchas (24 Tammuz)
service led by Daniel Posner

Friday 13 July

Rosh Chodesh Av

Friday 13 July

Saturday 14 July

Mattot-Mas'ei (2 Av)
service led by Marilyn Freeman,
scroll reader: Larry Shall

Friday 20 July

Saturday 21 July

Chazon (9 Av)
service led by Barbara Kurtz,
scroll reader: Matthew de Lange

Saturday 21 July

Sunday 22 July

Erev Tisha B'Av
Tisha B'Av

Friday 27 July

Saturday 28 July

Nachamu (Va'etchanan - 16 Av)
service led by Joanna Biggin,
scroll reader: John Posner

Friday 3 August

Saturday 4 August

Ekav (23 Av)

Friday 10 August

Saturday 11 August

Re'eh (30 Av)

Sunday 12 August

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday 17 August

Saturday 18 August

Shofetim (7 Elul)

Friday 24 August

Saturday 25 August

Ki Tetze (14 Elul)

Friday 31 August

Saturday 1 September **Ki Tavo** (21 Elul)

Wigmore Hall Event

Anita Lasker-Wallfisch will speak at Wigmore Hall, London W1, on **Sunday 8 July** at 3.00 pm.

In this special one-hour-long event Ms Lasker-Wallfisch will read extracts from her recent address to the Bundestag, describing her life story and the importance of learning from one of history's darkest chapters.

She will be joined on stage by her cellist son, **Raphael Wallfisch**, and pianist **John York**, who will perform music by Bloch, Ravel and Korngold.

Tickets £6 (returns only): <https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/anita-lasker-wallfisch-raphael-wallfisch-john-york-201807081500>

This concert will be live-streamed (full details from Wigmore Hall website).



Dates for Your Diary

July

S	1	Cheder Prize-giving Assembly
M	2	
T	3	
W	4	
Th	5	
F	6	
S	7	Pinchas
S	8	Last day of Cheder Term - Visit to Sadeh Farm
M	9	
T	10	
W	11	Social Centre, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	12	
F	13	Rosh Chodesh Av
S	14	Mattot-Mas'ei
S	15	Annual Jubilee Lecture given by Elizabeth Harris-Sawczenko, 3.30 for 4 pm at the Shul
M	16	
T	17	
W	18	
Th	19	Knit and Natter, 10 am to 12 noon at Pauline's
F	20	
S	21	Chazon (Devarim) Erev Tisha B'Av
S	22	TISHA B'AV 3 Faiths Peace Walk, leaving the Shul at 3 pm
M	23	
T	24	
W	25	Social Centre, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	26	
F	27	
S	28	Nachamu (Va'etchanan)
S	29	
M	30	Sadeh Summer Camp begins
T	31	

August

W	1	
Th	2	
F	3	
S	4	Ekev
S	5	
M	6	
T	7	
W	8	Social Centre, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	9	Knit and Natter, 10 am to 12 noon at Pauline's Stonesetting for the late Rene Dale, 2.00 pm at Hoop Lane, Golders Green.
F	10	
S	11	Re'eh
S	12	Rosh Chodesh Elul
M	13	
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S	18	Shofetim
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S	25	Ki Tetze
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W	29	Social Centre, Summer Party with music supplied by Adrian Garrett, violin
Th	30	Knit and Natter, 10 am to 12 noon at Pauline's
F	31	

JMI (Jewish Music Institute)

A week of events at SOAS,

Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1

Sunday, 19 to Friday, 24 August

Starting each day at 9.30 am

Ot Azoy - Immersion courses in Yiddish

Golden Peacock - Yiddish song school

Klezfest - Klezmer summer school, with celebrated Klezmer performers

There will be a **Klezfest Dance Party** at JW3, Finchley Road, NW3 on **Wednesday, 22 August**, from 7.30 to 10.30 pm

also **Klezmer in the Park**, Regent's Park Bandstand,

Sunday, 2 September,

12.30 to 6.30 pm

Further information at:

www.jmi.org.uk



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