

# HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter



Members of the Social Centre enjoying their exercises with Andreas before sitting down to lunch at the Summer Party on 29 August



Rabbi Chava Koster making motsi after taking the morning service during her visit on the weekend of Shabbat Shuvah to see if she would like to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Rabbi Jason Holtz

October 2018 - Tishri-Cheshvan 5779

## Bromley Three Faiths Forum

### Autumn Discussion Programme

Following the format of past discussions, we have drawn up the next three events:

**Monday, 15 October**, starting at 7.30 pm, at **St John's Church**, Park Road, Bromley, looking at verses from the Torah

**Monday, 19 November**, starting at 7.15 pm, at **Keston Mosque**, looking at verses from Christian scripture

**Wednesday, 19 December**, starting at 7.30 pm, at **Bromley Reform Synagogue**, with verses from the Qu'ran

*Refreshments will be served*

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020 8460 5460



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## A New Year of Renewal - View from the Chair

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have already come and gone and, by the time you read this, so will have the chagim Sukkot and Simchat Torah. There has been so much to do and, without a permanent rabbi, the responsibility for ensuring that our services have run to their usual high standard has been even greater than in past years. Of course, our visiting rabbis made a tremendous contribution to our services with sermons, study sessions, Torah reading, as well as leading prayers but I can tell you that they were full of admiration and respect for our community. Our excellent lay readers, wardens and choir contributed so much to the high quality of our services, making them meaningful and striking the right mood. Our children's services were also ably led and I'm pleased to say that all services were well attended.

An enormous amount of essential work goes on that is far less visible too. I refer to those who pack envelopes with tickets, look after our security, clean and load our furniture, prayer books etc for transport to the Crofton Halls and pack it away back in the shul afterwards, those who make all the arrangements for lay readers and who will have mitzvot, prepare the Yizkor booklets, set the scrolls, erect the sukkah and so on. The number of people involved is considerable and their commitment to ensure that all goes well is absolute. On behalf of all of us, I thank them so much for all they have done and continue to do. I believe our community is truly outstanding.

There is something else that made a very great impression on me which I would like to mention. **Rabbi Chava Koster** who, as a candidate for our rabbinical appointment, was visiting from New York on the weekend between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. She led a very stimulating study session, in which many of the large number of members present actively participated. At the end she asked us to say something about ourselves and several of our younger Cheder parents expressed how warm and welcoming our community is

and how important it is to them. As one of the older members present at the session, I found it very



moving to hear just how much the shul means to the next generation. It also emphasised to me how important it is that we make the right decisions and take the appropriate actions now to ensure that the shul will continue to thrive long into the future. That doesn't mean more of the same; rather that we have to try new approaches to meet the demands of an evolving community, to be imaginative, courageous and be prepared to do many things differently. So, may the new year 5779 be one of renewal for BRS with involvement and contribution of members with new ideas and fresh approaches – *chazak ve'ematz* – be strong and of good courage.

**John Posner**, Chairman

**P.S.:** It's not too late to contribute to the **Kol Nidre Appeal**, so if you haven't yet done so, please make your contribution online or by cheque and be in touch with Janet in the office. Thanks.

### The High Holyday services A message from Zena Goodman

I would like to thank everyone involved this year for the High Holy Days organisation on behalf of Bromley Reform Synagogue. It was a huge job and a mitzvah that was undertaken so willingly. Everything ran very smoothly, thanks to the shleppers and the choir and each participant.

**Zena Goodman**

**Elka Carr** writes:

A big thank you to Sally, the choir and Peter for their very professional contribution to the High Holyday services. The services would be enormously diminished without all their hard work and each year they get better and better! I look forward to next year.

## Leo Baeck College makes history as seven new rabbis are ordained

Seven new European Progressive Rabbis have been ordained by Leo Baeck College, including the first ever Spanish-born Progressive rabbi. Six of the rabbis will serve Reform communities.

**Rabbi Haim Casas** will make history when he returns home to begin work in communities in Spain, as well as France and Switzerland. He was one of the class of seven new rabbis ordained in front of 500 guests at West London Synagogue after studying for five years on Leo Baeck College's acclaimed rabbinic programme.

Leo Baeck College Principal **Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn-Harris** said: "In our 60th anniversary year, we could not be prouder to be carrying on the heritage of this transformational institution through these seven inspirational rabbis."

The ordination of Haim, who was born and raised in Córdoba, was especially poignant, as the Jewish community in Spain has only re-emerged very recently. Jewish people were expelled from the country or forced to convert to Christianity in 1492 and it has taken five centuries for Judaism to return in a meaningful way – either through Spanish people discovering their Jewish roots or Jews from other countries moving there.

*Source: Reform Judaism website*

## Knit and Natter

The October date for Knit and Natter is **Thursday, 11 October** from 10.00 am to 12 midday, at Pauline's home.

All are welcome and we are very busy because King's College Hospital has purchased new incubators, which involves changes in the sewing of incubator covers.

We are also making stockings and carrier holders to hang at the end of cots and incubators. We are, of course, filling the stockings and carrier holders with tiny cardigans, blankets small and large, hats, and toys, including teddy bears, play mats.

If you would like to help we can provide you with all the materials and help you. We stop for coffee, tea, cake and biscuits!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

**Pauline Jeffree**

## Cheder News

Hello, parents and friends of Cheder, here's our Cheder News:



1. First, a huge mazal tov to our new **Cheder Deputy Head, Lili Evans!** Lili will not only continue to teach Kittah Aleph/Bet this year but her new role will include being Youth Coordinator for our shul, looking after kids post B'nei Mitzvah. Well done on the promotion Lili!
2. Our Cheder children baked mini round challot and honey cakes for **Rosh Hashanah!** A massive thank you to **Amanda Penn**, who not only organised the Welcome Back Coffee Morning for our parents but also made sure nothing burned in the oven for the rest of the morning.
3. A major thank you also goes out to **Lili Evans, Heidi Small and Sue Bowyer** for organising both of our **High Holyday Children's Services** this year. We hope to continue the celebrations with a break time in the sukkah for Sukkot.
4. As I mentioned earlier, **Lili Evans** will run the **Youth Club** once a month after Cheder. If you have a child in Kittah Zayin (Year 7) or over, please contact her directly: [lili.evans@live.co.uk](mailto:lili.evans@live.co.uk)
5. A **Games Afternoon is planned for Mitzvah Day** this year, with the hope that our children will play with the elderly members of the community. We will host Mitzvah Day either in the Shul or somewhere nearby after Cheder on **Sunday, 18 November**. If you'd like to take part or help us organise, please let me know.
6. Don't forget that our **Chanukah Fair** will be on **Sunday, 25 November** from 12.30-3.00 pm after Cheder. On the same day, all children will be putting on a special **Chanukah presentation** at assembly time! Please do come and watch your kids before you shop.
7. Our follow-up **Cheder Chanukah Party** will take place early this year on **Sunday, 2 December** from 4.00 - 6.30 pm. **Gilbert Giggles** will be

there again to entertain us, along with doughnuts and latkes galore. Again, we need your help with the simple things like shlepping and washing, so if you can help **please** let us know.

Last but not least, please check the **Security Rota** below to see if we are expecting you to show up for security. Any problems, please contact **Katia Pisetzky** on: [pisetzky@gmail.com](mailto:pisetzky@gmail.com)

*L'Shalom,*

**Vicki**, Cheder Head Teacher

### Cheder Parents' Security Rota, Chanukah Term

Sundays	
7 October	Judy Taylor
14 October	Danielle Woodward
21 October	Benjamin Kraft
28 October and 4 November	Half Term
11 November	Amelia and Kanatta Kyazze
18 November	Michelle Brooks Evans
25 November	Kieron Hyams
2 December	<b>Later Cheder and Chanukah Party</b>
9 December	Dan and Harriet Posner
16 December	Hannah Britz

## Chanukah Fair Sunday, 25 November 12.30 - 3.00 pm

**Fun for all ages!**

Get ready for Chanukah and raise funds for the Synagogue and Cheder

**All welcome: bring family and friends**

Chanukah Candles, East End Beigels, and all your favourite stalls.

Plus - we've got a few new tricks up our sleeves this year - come find out and have fun!

**We need your donations for the Auction and Raffle!**  
**Can you provide a service or good quality item?**

**Please contact Amanda via the synagogue (020 8460 5460)**

## Social Centre News

Zelda writes:

Once again we held our Summer Party, which seems to come round quicker each year. We had a good attendance and it was nice to see old friends and get up-to-date with their news.

After exercises conducted by Andreas we were ready for our wonderful lunch. The cheesecake for dessert was delicious and was made by Barbara's granddaughter Grace.

After lunch we had a return visit by the violinist **Adrian Garrett** in memory of the late Ruth Young, arranged by her daughters. Adrian played music by Vivaldi and songs from various musicals on request. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. We had a wonderful lunch, exercises to make us feel fit, pleasant conversation and, to top it all, music played by a professional violinist. I believe most of us went home feeling content, having spent a happy few hours.



*Adrian Garrett playing his violin at the Summer Party*

On Wednesday, 12 September the Social Centre met for another enjoyable session. People played cards and other games while some just talked and enjoyed the company. We then all got together to do our exercises.

After the usual enjoyable lunch we welcomed **Tom and David**, who came to play a selection of their records. The music ranged from *High Society* to Leonard Bernstein playing the first movement of Mozart's piano quartet, this year being the centenary of Bernstein's birth. Tom and David always manage to give us a varied selection of music.

We also wished Trudie a happy birthday and ended the afternoon with the delicious cake baked for the occasion

Dianne adds: the Social Centre will meet again on **Wednesdays, 10 and 24 October** from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. On 10 October **Beverley Nicklin** from Trading Standards will be coming to give an illustrated talk about her work, the latest scams and how to avoid them. All are welcome.

## To preserve their traditions, religions must modernise

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain of Maidenhead Synagogue wrote in *The Times* on the need for religions to modernise.

It is astonishing how often it is wrongly assumed that religion is one of the most conservative elements within society. The thinking goes that authority is invested in an immutable text and is transmitted by a hierarchy wedded to the past. Yet if Moses were to enter a synagogue or Jewish home today, he would hardly recognise what was going on because so many rites and practices have developed since his time.

Although priests, rabbis and imams often see themselves as the guardians of tradition, in reality they have had an uncanny ability to allow sufficient change to prevent the original structure from ossifying, yet maintain the image of unbroken continuity.

This can be seen not just in modern innovations such as women ministers or gay marriages, but long ago, from praying in the vernacular to developing the concept of worker priests.

Sometimes, however, the change has been prompted as much by those in the pews as by those in the pulpit. This has been particularly noticeable in the remarkable changes to the Jewish calendar. In recent times nearly every festival has been invested with a new meaning. The historic one remains intact, but a new aspect has been added alongside it that resonates more with the present climate. This has not been the result of any rabbinic enclave, nor a systematic review by the laity, but it has happened spontaneously.

One example is Sukkot. It is officially about the Israelites living in temporary accommodation during their 40 years in the wilderness. However important that period may have been, it is the far-off past, with very little connection to the present.

Over the past two decades the festival has been revamped by synagogues throughout the country and turned into an opportunity to think about those who are without a roof over their head today: the homeless and modern wanderers. This in turn has led to food being brought to services, which is then taken to the local food bank, while in many communities it has led them to run weekly lunches for the homeless. The ancient Israelites have not been forgotten, but remembering them has

impelled Jews today to be proactive on behalf of the contemporary equivalents.

Another instance is Chanukah/the Feast of Dedication. It is still about the Maccabees and their struggle to maintain religious freedom, but the festival has been transformed from an internal Jewish celebration to a showpiece to the wider world:

Chanukah candelabra lighting ceremonies now take place at Downing Street with the prime minister. There is also a public lighting in Trafalgar Square in central London, and similarly in other regional centres. It has become the festival by which we share Jewish values and how we tell the rest of the world about our carefully honed balancing act: standing up for our identity, yet also being part of wider society.

Tu B'Shevat/the New Year for Trees, crucial in the 5th century, lost much of its relevance for a largely non-agricultural community. However, it has been given a modern update by being turned into the Jewish "green festival". Based on the command in the Bible not to cut down fruit-bearing trees, but to protect the land for the generations to come, it preaches environmental awareness and our role as stewards, not owners, of the Earth. It is all very David Attenborough, but rooted in Jewish tradition.

Meanwhile, Rosh Chodesh, which marks the appearance of a new Hebrew month, has been rescued from almost total obscurity. Almost no one kept it, until it was remembered that traditionally women did not work that day. It has since become a women's festival, with

women-only study groups, where they learn together, share experiences and help to empower female involvement in synagogue life.

These modernisations, inspired by a popular desire for relevance, demonstrate how the festivals can be preserved and rebranded, so as keep an ancient faith as fresh as possible.

Source: *Reform Judaism website*

## Activate for Israel

**Keeping your finger on the pulse of the latest facts and news from key voices in Israel**

**Save the date** for this year's Annual Israel Seminar, a joint initiative between the ZF & We Believe in Israel

Come and hear from a variety of key voices from across Israeli society

**Sunday, 2 December**  
**Time: 10:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
**Venue: North London**

More details to follow

**ZF for Israel**

**020 8202 0202**



### Jewish Museum London

Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert Street, London NW1  
020 7284 7384

### Roman Vishniac Rediscovered

25 October 2018 - 24 February 2019

Presented simultaneously at Jewish Museum London and The Photographers' Gallery, *Roman Vishniac Rediscovered* is the first UK retrospective of Russian born American photographer, **Roman Vishniac** (1897-1990).

Drawn from the Roman Vishniac Archive at the International Center of Photography, New York and curated by Maya Benton in collaboration with The Photographers' Gallery curator, Anna Dannemann and Jewish Museum London curator, Morgan Wadsworth-Boyle, each venue will provide additional contextual material to illuminate the works on display and bring the artist, his works and significance to the attention of UK audiences.

## The Reform Beit Din

Welcome to the *Beit Din*, the Jewish law court for Reform Judaism in Britain. The Beit Din is rooted in Jewish tradition and *halacha* (Jewish law) while acknowledging the importance that Reform Judaism has always placed on personal life choices based on commitment and Jewish knowledge.

So whether you have come seeking advice on conversion, or adoption, or a *Get* (a Jewish divorce) or any other issue concerning Jewish status or other areas of complex Jewish law we hope that you will find us:

**Welcoming, compassionate and inclusive, combining modernity with Jewish tradition.**

Around 2,000 years ago, a man approached two teachers, seeking to convert to Judaism. His only trouble was, he wanted to be taught all there was to know while he stood on one leg. One teacher, Shammai, chased him away, hitting him with a wooden stick. The other teacher, Hillel, welcomed him and said: "The entire essence of Judaism is that you should not do to others what you would not like done to yourself. The rest is commentary. Now go study!"

We see ourselves more as followers of Hillel than Shammai and want to be helpful if we possibly can, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick,**  
Convenor of the Beit Din

### **Catford & Bromley Ladies Society**

are pleased to present their  
**Annual Fundraising Lunch**  
on **Monday, 22 October**  
in the **Arnold Robbins Hall,**  
6 Crantock Road,  
Catford SE6

The guest speaker will be **Rachel Love**, an Incident Response Officer for the London Ambulance Service, who will give an insight into her work with the emergency services.

**Donation** £18.

12.00 pm for lunch at 12.30 pm

To book please contact

**Helen Wolfson** on 020 8402 0752  
or **Benita Dent** on 020 8698 9998

## **What is happening at the Board of Deputies of British Jews?**

**Wednesday 7 November**

*Refreshments from 7:40 pm*

**Talk and discussion from 8:00 pm  
at Catford Synagogue, 6 Crantock Road,  
Catford, SE6 2QT**

The Board of Deputies Representatives in South East London, **Carole Abrahams** and **Joe Millis**, invite the Jews of South East London to an **Open Meeting**.

They will describe, as far as they can, what is going on in the Board of Deputies and will try to answer questions.

To book a place, please contact the Synagogue office  
(020 8460 5460)



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

**Tuesday, 16 October**

**"From the Septuagint  
to Augustine's City of God"**

**You are warmly invited to a CCJ SE London meeting to hear Dr Sally Guthrie speak at Bromley Reform Synagogue. The talk will start at 8:00 pm, with refreshments from 7:40.**

Dr Guthrie will talk about the impact of the Septuagint (the translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek) on Christian writers in the Mediterranean world of Antiquity.

She is fascinated by the diversity of Christian literature in the Mediterranean world regarding the value of Jewish writings and the surprising message this diversity holds for contemporary Christians and Jews.

Dr Guthrie is a longstanding member of the Leeds Branch of CCJ and has served on the National Advisory Board. She is a lifelong member of the Church of England. She studied Classics at Cambridge and, after postgraduate study at LSE, worked in areas of social science related to medicine, taught Latin and then returned to the social sciences before retirement. Unable to quench curiosity or act her age, she achieved a Doctorate in Theology at Leeds University in 2006.



## Social and Personal

**MARRIAGE** - Congratulations to **Orlando de Lange** who married **Mike Gushard** in Hawaii in August. Matthew and Linda and Orlando's brothers David, Sam and Benji along with Emma Baghdadi (née Berger) and her family all managed to be there to enjoy a beautiful wedding ceremony despite the serious threat of hurricane Lane. Orlando works as a molecular biologist and currently lives with Mike in Seattle.



*Orlando (right) and Mike were married in Hawaii in August*

**DEATHS** - We are very sad to announce the death of our member **Marie Horn** and extend sincere condolences to her children Rosemarie, Nicky, Beccy and Vivienne and stepdaughters Judi Sheffrin, Sue Black and Helen Freeman.

We have also learned of the death of our former member **Edith Rosner** and extend our sincere condolences to her family.

**GET WELL SOON** - to **Renee Gertski**. Pauline Jeffree writes: We are thinking of and wishing well to all members and friends who are unwell at this time.

**ALL ARE INVITED** - On **Saturday, 27 October, Janet Burlem**, will be marking 20 years as the administrator of our synagogue with a special service and kiddush. She would be delighted if the members of the synagogue would join her in this celebration.

## The Chanukah Fair Auction An Appeal from Hooray Cheder PTA

Hello Everyone!

As this Highlight goes to press we haven't even ended the High Holydays and we are emailing you about Chanukah!

1. If you haven't done so already, please save the date for the Chanukah Fair: Sunday, **25 November, 12:30 - 3:30 pm**
2. Our auction was so successful last year that we are doing it again this year. But it can't be a success without you! Please be as generous as you were last year and see what you can donate. We are looking for high quality items or fantastic services to auction.

Share your talents and skills with the BRS congregation and help us raise much needed funds for the Cheder and the shul.

- Are you a lawyer? Can you write a free will for someone or provide legal advice?
- Do you know someone who can get tickets to an event?
- Are you a professional photographer who can donate a free photo session?
- Are you handy? Can you provide a few hours of DIY help for someone?

If you have an item or service to donate please let us know ASAP so that we can get the auction up and running. Just reply to this appeal: hooraycheder@gmail.com  
May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life!

**Michelle, Amanda and Sonia**  
Hooray Cheder PTA  
via the synagogue: 020 8460 5460

## The 999 Club - an appeal by Shane Lask for the following

Toiletries, including deodorant and the mini bottles that hotels have in their bathrooms. Also large bath towels, men's belts, socks and underwear (brew pants!) , casual coats, trainers and sweat shirts and sweat/jog bottoms.

The night shelter is going to be open all year and so any sleeping bags (or access to buying cheap sleeping bags) would be welcome.

Please bring your items to the shul or contact Shane through the synagogue on 020 8460 5460



## Council of Christians and Jews

**South East London Branch**  
**Tuesday 23 October**

**Refreshments from 7:30 pm**  
**Talk and discussion at 8 pm**  
**preceded by a short AGM**  
**at Catford Synagogue,**  
**6 Crantock Road, Catford,**  
**SE6**

**"Remember the**  
**Sabbath Day to keep it**  
**holy..."**

**A panel of Christians**  
**and Jews discuss how to**  
**achieve the spirit of the**  
**Sabbath in contemporary**  
**London**

To book a place,  
please contact  
**Stephen Weil**  
through the  
synagogue (020  
8460 5460)



## The Social Centre - help needed - an appeal from Dianne

If anyone is available to help out every two weeks at the Social Centre we would be really grateful.

Please contact **Dianne Mathews** via the synagogue (020 8460 5460) for further details.

## SE10 and Beyond

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 11 October** from 7.30 pm in Greenwich.

Please get in touch for further details. This will be our first get-together since the summer break, so bring your ideas and suggestions for the coming year.

As ever, all are welcome and so are drinks and snacks to share.

**For further details contact:**  
**Michelle Brooks Evans** through the synagogue (020 8460 5460)

## SHANA TOVA

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and safe new year from CST

CST works to give British Jewry the ability to lead confident and safe lives, and we have never been better prepared to support Britain's vibrant Jewish community.

As we move into a fresh new year, we reflect on the work we have done over the last twelve months: Since last Rosh Hashanah, CST has protected over 600 communal buildings and over 1,000 events, from the large AJEX Annual Remembrance Parade and public Chanukah candle lightings to small community events.

CST has managed a Home Office grant of £13.4 million, subsidising commercial security guards for over 400 schools, synagogues and Jewish communal buildings across the UK. We are pleased to have secured another year of funding for our work.

CST's Security Enhancement Project has funded security equipment, such as CCTV systems, fencing and alarms at hundreds of Jewish buildings across the country. This project has committed and spent over £12 million to strengthen our community's buildings against attack.

Since Rosh Hashanah last year, CST has monitored more than 4,400 cameras at over 280 synagogues, communal buildings and schools across the UK, ensuring immediate responses to anti-Semitic attacks or suspicious behaviour.

CST's monitoring and analysis of anti-Semitism across the UK has been as vital as ever since last Rosh Hashanah, and we have strengthened Jewish communal bonds with the Police,

government bodies, as well as other organisations such as Facebook, The FA and interfaith organisations, all of which impacts upon our lives and society.

Since last Rosh Hashanah, CST has committed hundreds of hours in developing its volunteers. CST volunteers are fitter, better informed and more skilled than ever before.

As we celebrate a new year, bringing both further challenges and a thriving community, we ask you to join us in helping to keep British Jewry safe and confident.

Please volunteer; CST needs volunteers to protect our Jewish community. Please report antisemitism or suspicious behaviour; if you experience anti-Semitism, such as verbal abuse, threats, graffiti or anti-Semitism on social media, please report it to CST. Please consider giving a donation to CST; all of our projects rely on communal fundraising.

CST wishes you a *Good Yom Tov* and a happy, peaceful and safe year ahead.

[www.cst.org.uk](http://www.cst.org.uk)

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**0800 032 3263**

London (Head Office) **020 8457 9999**

**Editor's note:** We regret that we were unable to find space for this article in the September Highlight, but consider it to be still relevant.



## "Music Matters", Autumn 2018



Some readers may "remember, remember the 5th of November" last year when Bromley Reform Synagogue generously hosted a family concert in the magnificent Sanctuary. Local young musicians played and sang alongside professionals in a performance to benefit the Bromley-based charity **Everyone Matters**, whose mission is to take live music-making of a high standard to those who cannot readily access it themselves.

Each year we mount a programme of informal concerts in nursing homes and day centres, including intergenerational projects mentoring young musicians to perform in care settings for older people and workshops in schools for children with a wide range of special needs.

**Music Matters** is a long-running series of lecture recitals that has become a well-loved feature of our annual programme. Instrumentalists, singers, conductors and composers take the stage for an evening to both entertain and inform in a blend of live performance, recorded extracts and talk, with a chance to meet and chat during the interval.

The elegant modern chapel at Whitgift House in South Croydon has become our venue in recent years, with parking available to us on site and the vestry becoming an impromptu donations bar.

Entry is £12 per evening, and our seven-evenings season ticket at £65 offers exceptional value to subscribers as it includes the Gala Night on 2 October, for which entry is £20. This autumn the Gala features musicians from the Band of the Royal Artillery Company exploring Dvorak's D minor Serenade for oboes, clarinets, bassoons, horns, 'cello and double bass, culminating in a live performance of this magnificent work.

Flyers and other information can be obtained from: **Margaret Archibald** [margaret@everyone-matters.co.uk](mailto:margaret@everyone-matters.co.uk); 020 8464 1645; 07970 123105

### South West London & Surrey branch of AJEX invite you to an illustrated lecture on *The Jews who Helped Cure Nazis*

This remarkable tale of three Jewish army officers who used kindness and care to rehabilitate their former SS enemies at a prisoner of war camp in Northumberland is told by AJEX member **Robert Bieber, MBE**, who is Visiting Research Fellow at the Department of War Studies at Kings College, London.

*To be followed by the usual excellent AJEX tea!*

Sunday, 4 November at 2.30 pm

Wimbledon Synagogue, 1 Queensmere Road, Wimbledon, SW19

**Just £9 per person**

**To book**, please send a cheque made payable to SWLS AJEX to  
**Larry Abrahams, 12 Kingston Avenue, North Cheam, Surrey SM3 9TZ**

*No acknowledgement will be sent but we look forward to seeing you on the day.*

## FUNDRAISING & EVENTS EXECUTIVE

*Exciting opportunity for a Fundraising and Events Executive in an academic environment*

Leo Baeck College is a leading academic institution that provides outstanding training for Progressive Rabbis and Jewish educators.

Based at the Sternberg Centre in Finchley, we are looking to recruit a *Fundraising and Events Executive* to lead our fundraising and events function.

This four-day-a-week post (Monday to Thursday) would suit a forward-thinking, passionate fundraiser with experience in the field of fundraising in the voluntary sector. You will develop and implement our fundraising strategy, build on our strong reputation in the community, develop and nurture donor relationships, organise our fundraising events and maximize and pursue a range of fundraising opportunities for the College.

**Salary:** Pro-rata based on full-time salary of £38,000 to £42,000 per annum.

If you are self-motivated and organised and have relevant experience, see the work for us section of the LBC website for a full job description and application form: <http://lbc.ac.uk/about-us/work-for-us/> or contact **Suzy Gaughran** on 020 8349 5602, [suzy.gaughran@lbc.ac.uk](mailto:suzy.gaughran@lbc.ac.uk).

**Closing date** for applications **9 October 2018**

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## SERVICES

**October 2018 – Tishri/Cheshvan 5779**

**No Friday evening services until further notice.**  
**Saturdays at 10.30 am, unless otherwise stated**

**Sunday 30 September** **Erev Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah**, service at 6.30 pm at the synagogue led by student rabbi **Anna Posner** - unrolling and rerolling of the Sefer Torah scroll; Chatanim: **Kieron Hyams** and **Sue Bowyer**; scroll readers: **Anna Posner** and **Vicki Ashmore**

**Monday 1 October** **SHEMINI ATZERET-SIMCHAT TORAH** service at 10.30 am in the synagogue, led by **John Posner**, Chatanim: as above; scroll readers: **Larry Shall** and **John Posner**

**Friday 5 October**  
**Saturday 6 October** **Bereshit** (27 Tishri) service led by **Judy Koekoek**, scroll reader: **Philip Michaelis**

**Wednesday 10 October** **Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan**

**Friday 12 October**  
**Saturday 13 October** **Noach** (4 Cheshvan) service led by **Judi Sheffrin**, scroll reader: **Dan Posner**

**Friday 19 October**  
**Saturday 20 October** **Lech Lecha** (11 Cheshvan) service led by **Barbara Kurtz**, scroll reader: **David Zerihan**

**Friday 26 October**  
**Saturday 27 October** **Vayera** (18 Cheshvan) service led by **John Posner**, scroll reader: **Sandra Hurley**

### Our Chatanim, 5779



**Kieron Hyams** is our Chatan Torah, chosen for over a decade of serving on the Comms Committee and the Board. He developed and runs our website, set up the shul online forum, is a member of the rabbi hiring committee and, of course, serves brilliantly as one of our vice chairs.



**Sue Bowyer** is our Kallat Bereshit in recognition of her supporting many aspects of the Shul but particularly for the dedication, hard work, fun and passion which she has shown in educating our youngest children (and some of their parents too) over many years.

*A hearty mazal tov to them both!*

# Dates for Your Diary

## October

M	1	<b>SHEMINI ATZERET-SIMCHAT TORAH</b> service at 10.30 am in the synagogue
T	2	
W	3	
Th	4	
F	5	
S	6	<b>Bereshit</b>
S	7	
M	8	
T	9	
W	10	<b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b> <b>Social Centre</b> - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul - talk by Beverley Nicklin from Trading Standards
Th	11	<b>SE10 and Beyond</b> - meeting in Greenwich at 7.30 pm
F	12	
S	13	<b>Noach</b>
S	14	
M	15	<b>3 Faiths Forum</b> - 7.30 pm at St. John's Church, Park Road, Bromley
T	16	<b>CCJ</b> - Talk by <b>Dr Sally Guthrie</b> , 7.45 pm at the Synagogue
W	17	
Th	18	
F	19	
S	20	<b>Lech Lecha</b>
S	21	
M	22	<b>Catford Ladies Society</b> - Fundraising Lunch, 12 pm at Catford Synagogue
T	23	<b>CCJ</b> - AGM and Talk on the <b>Sabbath</b> - 7.45 pm at Catford Synagogue, SE6
W	24	<b>Social Centre</b> - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	25	
F	26	
S	27	<b>Vayera</b> Special service and kiddush to celebrate <b>Janet Burlem's</b> 20 years as Administrator
S	28	<b>Cheder Half Term</b>
M	29	
T	30	
W	31	

## November

Th	1	
F	2	
S	3	<b>Chayei Sarah</b>
S	4	<b>Cheder Half Term</b>
M	5	
T	6	
W	7	
Th	8	
F	9	<b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b>
S	10	<b>Toledot</b> - celebratory kiddush after the service (see box below)
S	11	
M	12	
T	13	
W	14	<b>Social Centre</b> - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	15	
F	16	
S	17	<b>Vayetze</b>
S	18	<b>Mitzvah Day - Games Afternoon</b> run by the Cheder for our older members
M	19	<b>3 Faiths Forum</b> - 7.15 pm at Keston Mosque
T	20	
W	21	
Th	22	
F	23	
S	24	<b>Vayishlach</b>
S	25	<b>Chanukah Fair</b> - 12.30 to 3 pm at the Shul
M	26	
T	27	
W	28	<b>Social Centre</b> - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	29	
F	30	

**Celebratory kiddush** after the service on **10 November**:  
please keep the date free for the Synagogue's special  
birthday. Fuller details next month.

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