

HIGHLight

Bromley Reform Synagogue newsletter

Celebrating Simchat Torah



The Sefer Torah scroll was fully unrolled at the family-friendly service on Erev Simchat Torah and at its full extent reached right round the Sanctuary. It was carefully supported by members of the congregation wearing surgical gloves.



Student rabbi Anna Posner opened the service by teaching us a new tune

November 2018 - Cheshvan/Kislev 5779



Chanukah Fair, 2018 Sunday, 25 November 12.30 - 3.30 pm



Get ready for Chanukah and raise funds for the synagogue and Cheder
Fun for all ages - bring family and friends

Live Klezmer music,
featuring our very own **Joe Parks,**
BBC Young Musician of the Year Finalist, 2016

Chanukah Photo Booth
with professional photographer **Simon Gee**
Get a funky framed Chanukah photo - a great gift!

Chanukah candles, chanukiyot, dreidels

- Real East End bagels
- Jolly Jars
- Cake stall & refreshments
- Kids' crafts
- Books and makeup by Danielle
- For the first time stalls run by Cheder classes
- Plants by Alan and Jean
- Cards by Judi
- Silent Auction
- Raffle
- Afternoon Tea
- And more!

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A Lot to Celebrate - View from the Co-Vice Chair

As you read this the month of November will have begun. The month brings Guy Fawkes Day, International Men's Day, National Square Dance Day and, one of my favourites, World Kindness Day. Founded in 1998 by an organisation called the World Kindness Movement, this international holiday encourages everyone to look deep into their hearts past religion, race and other differences to do something nice for their neighbours and humankind.

Our Jewish community has a busy November ahead. There is an important meeting for south-east London Jews on **Wednesday, 7 November** from 8.00 pm. (refreshments from 7.40 pm) when Catford and Bromley Synagogue will be hosting an open meeting arranged by the Board of Deputies. Our Bromley representative **Jo Millis** will be there, as well as other representatives, to talk about what is going on at the Board and answer questions. To book a place contact the synagogue office on 020 8460 5460, or **Stephen Weil** on 020 8693 2051.

After the Shabbat morning service on **Saturday, 10 November** we shall celebrate the one and only **Bob Symonds**. Bob who has more than half a century of service to BRS is also marking a special birthday. Please do join the community and Bob's family at a light lunch after kiddush following the service. All are invited. We expect to finish by 3 pm.

At Bromley we are celebrating **Mitzvah Day** on **Sunday, 18 November** by joining the newly revamped **Youth Club** led by **Lili Evans**. To mark this occasion there is a board games and tea party afternoon. The Social Centre will be joining the Cheder at 12.30 pm in the Garden Room. So please bring and share cake and board games to help fulfil the mitzvah of honouring the older members of our community. A mitzvah is a commandment in Jewish law. However, it is often used to mean a good deed or an act of kindness and that is the basis for Mitzvah Day. It is an integral part of Jewish life and we can all make a difference. A kind word, a smile, the time to listen to someone is invaluable.

A big event in our calendar is **the**

Chanukah Fair on **Sunday, 25 November**, 12.30 to 3.30 pm. This is a really fun occasion for everyone. So please come and enjoy the event and raise money for the

Synagogue and Cheder. Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends. There will be Chanukah candles, East End bagels and all your favourite stalls. As part of the Chanukah Fair we are aiming to raise £1,000 towards Cheder security with a special auction. This year there are some fantastic items, including vouchers, a keyboard, massage, beauty products, a private Pilates class, kidzania tickets, a personal tour of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, a luxurious personalised cake and many more wonderful items. To have a look and make a bid go to www.auctionofpromises.com and search for "Bromley Reform Synagogue Cheder PTA". Alternatively you can email on hooraycheder@gmail.com and state the item and amount of your bid, or even bid on the day of the Fair. If you have any services or items to donate towards this worthy cause, please email the PTA on hooraycheder@gmail.com.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have some more news about **Rabbi Chava Koster** and our quest to find our new Rabbi. So, as they say, watch this space ...

Let me finish by going back to the commandment of a mitzvah and "*Gemilut Chassadim*" which is the performance of loving kindness. The term is more comprehensive than tzedakah. Its implications and effects are much more far reaching as it goes beyond just monetary assistance. *Gemilut Chassadim* knows of no such limitations, and has reference to the dead as well as to the living. Above all, its essential characteristic is personal involvement, personal attitude and effort. So as we live our lives let's remember that everywhere we go there is an opportunity to say or do a small thing to or for another that brings a sense of goodness to their lives.

Michelle Brooks Evans,
Co-Vice Chair



FOMO CURE UK Jewish Film Festival 8-22 November



The main venue of the Festival is JW3 in Finchley Road, NW3 but the opening event is a gala at the **BFI Southbank** on **Thursday, 8 November** at 7.30 pm, screening the Israeli film *Working Woman*.

A second gala screening is of the film *Three Identical Strangers* at the **Regent Street Cinema** on **Saturday, 17 November**, again at 7.30 pm.

The third such screening, with an awards ceremony, is of the film *Promise at Dawn*, with **Charlotte Gainsbourg** as Roman Gary's overbearing mother. This will be at the **Curzon Mayfair** on **Thursday, 22 November** at 8 pm.

For the full Festival programme go to:
ukjewishfilm.org

Knit and Natter

The November dates for Knit and Natter are **Thursdays, 1 and 22 November** from 10.00 am to 12 midday, at Pauline's Park Court 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

Through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460

Cheder News

Term 1 is traditionally a very busy term at Cheder, full of High Holydays and events. I'm happy to report that this year is no different, with even more going on than usual.

1. Our Cheder children will celebrate UK-wide **Mitzvah Day on Sunday, 18 November** with a **Games and Cream Tea** for the older members of the community. Please bring your kids, food and a board game for a shared lunch from **12.30-2.30 pm**, as the Mitzvah of *Keebud Av Va'em*, respecting our elders, is probably one of the most important mitzvot in the Torah. For more information, contact our Mitzvah Day Coordinator, **Lili Evans**: lili.evans@live.co.uk
2. The wonderful parents of **Hooray Cheder** are running this year's **Chanukah Fair on Sunday, 25 November from 12.30-3.30 pm**. Made bagels will be on sale for lunch, as well as tasty treats, Chanukah candles, chanukyot, and lots of other fun stalls (see the ad in this edition of Highlight). The money raised will help support the Cheder and other Shul events, so before you leave with your kids that Sunday, please pop downstairs and have a look. And if you can spare an hour of your time to help run the fair, please let **Amanda Penn** know: a_penn@yahoo.com.
3. Also on **Sunday, 25 November** we'll be having a Cheder-wide **Chanukah Concert starting at 12.15 pm!** All Cheder students will be singing in a Chanukah Assembly, so please come and watch. Gan children, please tell your parents to come to the Sanctuary at 11 am for rehearsals. Everyone is invited to watch, so please do pop in and stay for the Fair.
4. And we'll have yet another special treat at the Chanukah Fair: **Joe Parks**, B.B.C. Young Musician of the Year finalist of 2016 AND our former Cheder student and teacher, will create a **Mini-Klezmer Concert** at 1.30 pm with some of the Cheder children! All members of the community will be welcome to come and share in this Jewish music as a thank you for supporting the Chanukah Fair.
5. **Later Cheder Alert:** Our **Chanukah Party** will take place on the first night of Chanukah, **2 December**,

from **4-6.30 pm**. This will be our Cheder time, so there will be **no Cheder at 10 am that morning**. **Gilbert Giggles** will be on hand



to entertain the younger ones, with latkes, sufganiot (doughnuts) and dreidels everywhere. We'll end the evening with communal candle lighting. **Youth Club** will have its own party going on that day, so please contact **Lili Evans** for details: lili.evans@live.co.uk

6. A reminder that your children's **Tzedakah** pennies will go to support the charity **Jewish Child's Day**, which supports both Jewish and non-Jewish children suffering neglect, abuse or other hardship in the UK. Please send in your spare change to support this very worthy cause, as next term we'll be supporting a different charity chosen by Kitah Chet.
7. Next, please check the **Security Rota** on this page to see if we are expecting you to show up for security. Any problems, please contact **Katia Pisetzky** on: pisetzky@gmail.com
8. Last but not least, our final day of Cheder this term will be **Sunday, 16 December**. Cheder will resume on **Sunday, 7 January**.

That's all for now! I look forward to seeing you all at the parties, events and assemblies.

L'Shalom, Vicki, Cheder Head Teacher

Cheder Parents' Security Rota, Chanukah Term

4 November	Half Term
11 November	Amelia and Kanatta Kyazze
18 November	Michelle Brooks Evans
25 November	Kieron Hyams
2 December	Later Cheder and Chanukah Party
9 December	Dan and Harriet Posner
16 December	Hannah Britz

Social Centre News

The Social Centre met on 10 October and we had our usual exercises with **Andreas**, which always prove popular.

Lunch was especially good as we were celebrating yours truly's birthday [*Many Happy Returns, Zelda! Ed.*]. They seem to be coming fast and furious. The first course of salmon was delicious and the dessert, a sponge pudding with a choice of raspberries or apricots, was hard to beat. The birthday cake was brought in with four candles, which reminded the birthday girl of the famous Two Ronnies sketch.

Once again age was not discussed, which is just as well as there would not have been enough space on the cake to accommodate all the candles.

We had an enjoyable afternoon and a big thank you was given to everybody who helped to make it happen.

Zelda Stone

Dianne Mathews writes:

The Social Centre will meet again on Wednesdays, 14 and 28 November, with entertainment by David and Tom on 14 November. There will be only one meeting in December - on Wednesday 12, as 26 December is Boxing Day, which is a public holiday.

On 28 November and 12 December there will be the usual exercises, lunch, games and socialising, as we have no events or speakers planned for those days.

Calling all South London Jewish communities

Kingston Liberal Synagogue (KLS) presents

Nashir b'Yachad

Let's Sing Together

South London Jewish Singing Day

Sunday, 4 November,
11 am - 5 pm

Jewish Vocal Music: Synagogue, Ladino, Yiddish, Israeli

Vocal workshops

A Big Sing

Refreshments included in the registration fee.

To register contact Rebekka Wedell:

rwedell@gmail.com

Member Profiles



Kieron Hyams

As part of our occasional series of member profiles, **Kieron Hyams**, who was Chatan Torah at our recent Simchat Torah

celebration, told us something about himself.

Around the synagogue, Kieron is Vice Chair and has been a member of the Board since 2011. He has designed and run our website since 2007 – a previous incarnation won ‘Best Synagogue Website’ at the Board of Deputies awards. He helps out with welcoming and security at services and Cheder. He’s currently helping to find and recruit our next rabbi.

At home, Kieron recently celebrated his eleventh wedding anniversary with the lovely Sonia and is proud father to Samuel (9) and Jacob (7). He enjoys photography and American football and manages to combine both by being the club photographer for the Kent Exiles American football club and running the Tampa Bay Buccaneers UK fan club.

At work, Kieron is an Associate Director at Arup, an employee-owned multidisciplinary consultancy where he has worked for over 18 years. He is a Chartered Town Planner, member of the Institute of Economic Development and Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce. He specialises in supporting local planning authorities to improve their systems and processes, acts as an expert witness for socio-economic issues around new development and leads applied research for governments to shape and improve planning policy, practice and legislation. He won the Royal Town Planning Institute e-Planning award for developing an online brownfield sites database for London and has worked as far and wide as Alderney, Cyprus, France, Latvia, Montenegro, Oman, Qatar, Slovakia and South Africa. He’s just developed a tool for the Welsh Government to estimate the economic value of planning.

Please turn to page 8 for a Profile of your Editor.

Sue Bowyer



Sue Bowyer, who was this year’s Kallat Bereshit alongside Kieron as Chatan Torah, answered some of our questions.

- 1) What brought you to BRS and when?**
I joined Bromley Reform in 2007
- 2) What do you enjoy about being a member?**
I enjoy learning Hebrew and learning about Judaism
- 3) What roles do you play in the community?**
My main engagement is helping out in the Gan. I like to bake cakes for the children, which they love.
- 4) Tell us about your family - background and/or current generations.**
My maternal grandparents originated from Poland and I am Jewish on my mother’s side. My husband Ron sadly died a few years ago, so being involved with the synagogue is a great solace to me.
- 5) Is there anything you’d like to tell us about your career(s)?**
I was a nurse before I retired and trained at the Brook Hospital on Shooters Hill, which closed in 1995.
- 6) What are your hobbies/interests?**
I enjoy dancing and cooking, but a lot of my time is taken up with dogs. I own two dogs: Dorcy and Jazzie, who was rescued from Spain. In fact, I work for the Costa Blanca dog rehousing scheme, where we rehouse 150 dogs a month.

SE10 and beyond

A delightful evening was had by all on 11 October in Greenwich. We had a lovely time catching up since meeting before the summer. Our hosts provided a beautiful riverside view and delicious nibbles.

Please put Tuesday, 20 November on your calendars for a “Jews in Film” evening. How have Jews been portrayed in film over the years? Do you have a favourite film, actor, director? The evening will again be in Greenwich.

Sunday, 9 December at the de Lange’s in Blackheath for **Chanukah candle lighting** is the next date SE10 and beyond will be joining.

We are also looking for hosts and subjects for January. Don’t be shy!

Please contact **Michelle Brooks Evans** through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460

Activate for 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.

Bromley Three Faiths Forum

Autumn Discussion Programme

Following our first meeting in St. John's Church, the two remaining meetings this year will be on:

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

Further details from **Stephen Varney**, Vicar, St. Mark's Church stevevarney59@gmail.com
Barbara Kurtz at Bromley Reform Synagogue:
020 8460 5460.

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, SE6

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 **Stephen Weil** or the Synagogue office (020 8460 5460).

What are Scams?

Scams are frauds and tricks designed to cheat people out of their money. They can come from several sources, via the Internet, by phone, by post or through relationships. You can find out how to recognise them and what action you need to take to avoid them.

Contact Age UK Advice Line on 0800 0556112, 8 am - 7 pm every day.

You can also visit Age UK on their website: www.ageuk.org.uk

You can report fraud to the **National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre** on 0300 123 2040

Say NO to doorstep traders

It is your doorstep. It is an offence if they do not leave when you ask them to. You can ring the police non-emergency number: 101

Or, if it's an emergency, dial 999

This information has been brought to you by the Caring Community of Bromley Reform Synagogue.

Please contact us through the synagogue: 020 8460 5460.



Join the Cheder and Social Centre for boardgames and afternoon tea! Bring some cake or a boardgame to share and make some new friends in our community.

18/11/18

12:30 - 2:30pm

Bromley Reform Synagogue

Mitzvah Day

Social and Personal

CELEBRATORY KIDDUSH - All are warmly invited to a celebratory kiddush and lunch after the Shabbat morning service on **Saturday, 10 November** to celebrate your Editor's special birthday and to have a rare opportunity to meet members of his family, who are travelling down from Scotland for the occasion.

GET WELL SOON - to **Philip Michaelis**.

Pauline Jeffree writes: There are a number of members known to us who are currently unwell and we wish them a speedy recovery. We also wish well to other members of our community who are recovering from surgery.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was another wonderful morning of being together and ensuring in all sorts of ways that we were raising as much money as possible to support the work of Macmillan.

The last piece of cake has been eaten and the last steaming cup of coffee drunk, but we are assured that this is only the beginning for Macmillan as they get straight to work.

The money raised will be used to ensure that no one faces cancer alone. From the moment of diagnosis, all the way through treatment and afterwards.

Thank you to each and every one of you who came to help with our Macmillan Coffee Morning - making flyers and posting and delivering them to local residents and nearby synagogues; helping on Thursday morning with laying up the tables so that they were welcoming when friends came for their coffee and cake, to those who kindly ensured we were safe by undertaking security duties, others collecting entry monies, running a very successful raffle and guessing the weight of the cake and the number of sweets in the jar. I nearly forgot the balloon blower uppers! Many thanks to the cake makers and to those who served tea/coffee and cake. I am sure I have missed some but my thanks go to you all for all your generous help.

We raised £843 this year, which is yet again an increase from last year (£689.91).

Pauline Jeffree
Caring Community



Sue and Trudi were the coffee ladies at the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hooray Cheder PTA Fundraising Auction

As part of the Chanukah Fair we are aiming to raise £1,000 towards Cheder security. This year we are holding an auction with some fantastic items:

- £100 Marks & Spencer voucher
- £100 John Lewis voucher
- A custom-made cake
- Babysitting services
- 4 tickets to the Royal Academy of Arts summer exhibition
- 1-hour holistic massage
- 1 hour private tutoring
- Strictly Ballroom dancing lesson
- 1 hour private pilates lesson
- Family ticket to Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation
- Elemis beauty products
- £30 voucher for Usborne books
- A wireless keyboard
- Silver polishing service
- Kidzania tickets

How to Make Your Bid:

1. Go to <https://auctionofpromises.com/cause.aspx?c%3d3535>
2. Email hooraycheder@gmail.com and state the item and amount of your bid
3. Bid on the day at the Chanukah Fair - we will have bidding sheets

If you have any services or items to donate towards this worthy cause, please email us and we can add it to the auction.



Chanukah Candle-Lightings

Each year we at BRS try to arrange a candle lighting for every night of Chanukah, with the aim of ensuring that every part of our large geographical area is covered, not just Bromley itself. This year, the first candle is on Sunday 2 December, the day of the Chanukah Fair but, thanks to offers already received, I am only seeking hosts for **Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5 and Saturday 8 December**. I am hoping to hear from hosts in Beckenham; Forest Hill; Orpington/Chislehurst/Bickley and the "Kentish fringe" - everything from Sevenoaks to the seaside - but if you live in another area please don't hesitate to volunteer.

Hosts can specify their own start time (anything from about 3.30 to 8 pm) and whether they want guests to bring food and/or candles and/or games or whether they will be supplying everything and just want guests to turn up and enjoy themselves.

If you'd like to be part of this annual community-wide celebration OR if you cannot leave home and would like somebody to bring Chanukah to you, please let me know through the synagogue (020 8460 5460) by **Monday, 12 November** at the latest

Thank you. **Judi Sheffrin**

Would you like to help the Social Centre?

The fantastic team that runs the synagogue's Social Centre for older members - arranging the programme, preparing the lunch and ensuring that people can get to and from the meetings - is looking for a few extra volunteers. You will need to take a turn only once every couple of months (unless, of course, you'd like to come more often).

Please contact **Dianne** (01689 826096) for full details. Do have a go. It's fun and there are lots of new friends to be made among both the helpers and the participants. My personal apologies to Dianne and her team for a misprint in last month's *Highlight* that suggested that a bigger commitment was required.

Judi Sheffrin

Member Profiles – Bob Symonds

As part of our occasional series of member profiles, our Editor, who is about to celebrate a big birthday, answers some of our questions.

1) What brought you to BRS and when?

We moved to Bromley in 1962 two years before the synagogue was founded, but were already friendly with Rae and Philip Michaelis, who were living in Orpington. It was through their encouragement that Sylvia and I became founder members of Bromley Reform, having previously belonged to West London (Berkeley Street).

2) What do you enjoy about being a member?

The synagogue is like a second family to me. I have many good friends there who have been ready with support, such as during Sylvia's bouts of illness, or giving me lifts in their cars whenever I have needed one.

3) What roles do you play in the community?

My involvement goes back over many years, both with the editing and production of Highlight and as Minutes Secretary to a succession of synagogue secretaries. I have also been a self-appointed official photographer and have pictures of shul personalities and activities going back to the early days.

4) Tell us about your family - background and/or current generations.

My mother had quite a strict Jewish upbringing and was very suspicious of Reform, whereas my father was far more supportive. He attended my bar mitzvah at West London while my mother thought it could not be a real bar mitzvah. However, she eventually came round and attended the West London equivalent of our Social Centre and also came to one of our Bromley Communal Seders.

My son Mark and his partner Amy have nearly six-year old twins – a boy and a girl – and live in a beautiful part of Edinburgh near the Botanic Gardens. They have a granny flat with a balcony in their house, so I can lie in bed there and watch the midnight fireworks from the Castle at Hogmanay and during the Festival.

5) Is there anything you'd like to tell us about your career(s)?

After

leaving LSE with a geography degree I branched into town and country planning and had my first job in the South West Essex Area planning office, while studying for a town planning diploma at UCL. I went on to work for a short time with the Peak Park Planning Board in Bakewell before returning to London to work first with the L.C.C. and then Camden and Lambeth boroughs, eventually joining the Department of the Environment in Marsham Street. My planning career came to an abrupt end in 1982 when Margaret Thatcher decided our cartographic work should be outsourced, and so I took voluntary premature retirement and became self-employed as a freelance translator, which has been my career ever since. I had fortunately learned Dutch at the same time as studying town planning in order to travel to Holland to do research for my dissertation on the post-war reconstruction of the Dutch cities.

6) What are your hobbies/interests?

Photography is one of my hobbies, which I combine with travel mostly in Europe. I used to enjoy rambling and often led rambles when I was in the West London Junior Membership, but now I am very grateful to have my Freedom Pass and Senior Railcard, which enable me to travel free of charge to central London and cheaply to see my son Mark and his family in Scotland by booking as soon as the cheap tickets come on sale. I am a member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI) and used to take an active part in its activities, such as being Convenor of the Dutch Network, where I helped to arrange weekend workshops etc. I enjoy reading, but have a growing stack of books and magazines on my dining table as I find that getting through my daily newspaper takes up most of my



I Vow to Thee my Country

Catford Music Club presents
A Nostalgic Evening of Music
and Dining Commemorating
World Wars I and II

**Sunday, 11 November at
6 pm**

Join us for an evocative evening with the inspirational five-piece band, 'Etcetera', who will be performing World War era melodies. Morale-boosting songs, stirring marches and elegies for the fallen will be sung by **Rev Cantor David Rome**, Minister of Catford and Bromley Synagogue. Accompanied by the band with **Sharona Joshua** on the keyboard, a hearty three course dinner and backdrop projections, this event promises to be a fitting tribute to the centenary events.

**Tickets: £19 pp (Children £9)
Pre-bookings only**

**Please contact:
catfordmusicclub@gmail.
com**

**or call 020 8461 1339 (please
leave a message)**

**Final date
for bookings: 1914-1918
Monday,
5 November**



reading time. I enjoy watching music videos on YouTube. For a while they were mainly of Portuguese Fado, but now I watch more Flamenco and jazz from Barcelona: Andrea Motis with Joan Chamorro and his quintet.

7) Any message for other BRS members?

This is not really a message, but I would like to see more children attending Shabbat morning services. It used to be that you could not have a bar or bat mitzvah if you did not attend Shabbat services. Perhaps that rule could be reinstated.

**Happy birthday Bob from the whole
community.**

**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 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.*



**Festival 2018 takes place
Sunday 23 – Thursday 27
December, Birmingham**

*Limmud Shabbat will take place
before the main Festival starts
on 21-22 December*

Limmud Festival 2018 is one
of the biggest celebrations of
Jewish learning and culture in
the world – and it's made by you.
The venue is the National
Exhibition Centre (NEC),
Birmingham

To book go to limmud.org

SERVICES

November 2018 – Cheshvan/Kislev 5779

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

Friday 2 November

Saturday 3 November

Chayei Sarah (25 Cheshvan)
service led by **Hadassah Britz**, scroll
reader: **Judi Sheffrin**

Friday 9 November

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Friday 9 November

Saturday 10 November

Toledot (2 Kislev)
service led by Student Rabbi
Anna Posner
Celebratory Kiddush after the service

Friday 16 November

Saturday 17 November

Vayetze (9 Kislev)
service led by **Larry Shall**,
scroll reader: **Dan Posner**

Friday 23 November

Saturday 24 November

Vayishlach (16 Kislev)
service led by **Judy Koekoek**,
scroll reader: **David Zerihan**

Friday 30 November

Saturday 1 December

Vayeshev (23 Kislev)

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE
KLEZMER CONCERT
at the CHANUKAH FAIR!
Sunday, 25 November, 1.30 pm**



**featuring
JOE PARKS**

BBC Young Musician of the Year finalist of 2016
and former Cheder student/ teacher,
who will be playing with past and present Cheder
children!

**ALL shul members are welcome to come along, so
please join us**

Dates for Your Diary

November

Th	1	Knit and Natter , 10 am -12 noon at Pauline's home
F	2	
S	3	Chayei Sarah
S	4	Cheder Half Term Jewish Singing Day - from 11 am at KLS AJEX lecture and tea, 2.30 pm at Wimbledon Shul
M	5	
T	6	
W	7	Meeting on work of Board of Deputies , 7.40 pm at Catford shul
Th	8	
F	9	Rosh Chodesh Kislev
S	10	Toledot - celebratory kiddush and lunch after the service
S	11	Catford Music Club commemorate WW1 , 6 pm at Catford shul
M	12	
T	13	
W	14	Social Centre - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul - David and Tom entertain
Th	15	
F	16	
S	17	Vayetze
S	18	Mitzvah Day - Games Afternoon run by the Cheder for our older members, 12.30 to 2.30 pm
M	19	3 Faiths Forum - 7.15 pm at Keston Mosque
T	20	SE10 and beyond - Jews in Film - at Greenwich
W	21	
Th	22	Knit and Natter , 10 am -12 noon at Pauline's home
F	23	
S	24	Vayishlach
S	25	Chanukah Fair - 12.30 to 3.30 pm at the Shul Question Time , 7.30 pm at Croydon shul
M	26	
T	27	
W	28	Social Centre - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	29	
F	30	

December

S	1	Vayeshev
S	2	First candle of Chanukah
M	3	Candle lighting at the Sydenham home of Monica and Stephen Weil
T	4	
W	5	
Th	6	L.B. of Lewisham official candle lighting hosted by BRS member Damian Egan , mayor of the borough.
F	7	
S	8	Mikketz
S	9	Eighth candle of Chanukah Candle lighting - 5 to 7 pm at the Blackheath home of Linda and Matthew de Lange Rosh Chodesh Tevet
M	10	
T	11	
W	12	Social Centre - 10.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Shul
Th	13	
F	14	
S	15	Vayigash
S	16	WIZO and Maccabi Supper Quiz , 6.30 pm at Catford Shul
M	17	
T	18	
W	19	3 Faiths Forum - 7.30 pm at Bromley shul
Th	20	
F	21	
S	22	Vayechi
S	23	
M	24	
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W	26	
Th	27	
F	28	
S	29	Shemot
S	30	
M	31	

Croydon Synagogue

Question Time

Sunday, 25 November at 7:30 pm

Special Guest Panel

Mark Gardner - CST Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Communications

TBA: Senior Member of Israeli Foreign Office on visit to London

Sarah Jones MP - Labour Shadow Housing Minister

Chris Philp MP - Conservative

If you wish, please submit a short question for the panellists to alexarby@aol.com by Sunday, 11 November.

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