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★ Editorial

I think in the past 24 years since I have been the Editor of Chadashot, I have only written a couple of Editorials, as I think it is much more interesting to print your articles. However, as this is my last edition as editor, I felt I had to just comment. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the magazine grow and, I hope, change for the better, over the years. The community has been so supportive, sending in everything, well almost everything, on time, and suggesting columns which have become part of every edition. James and Mike from 2020 Copyprint have helped enormously with the design, layout and printing and I hope you will continue to support them for many years.

I must thank Anne Lyons, who has faithfully read and corrected the proofs, corrected me as well if she thought I was printing something unsuitable, and above all has been responsible for the advertising which has enabled Chadashot to be mostly self funding. Not an easy task.

And so to the future Alex and I have moved to Hampstead Garden Suburb to be nearer our children, and as most of you know, more importantly, our grandsons,

who do seem to need rather a lot of TLC! Having worried about it for several years, we finally made the break and the pleasure of deciding on a Friday morning what to buy for dinner, choosing which fresh Challot to indulge in, and best of all being able to have the family for Friday night dinner, was worth leaving our wonderful community in Kingston. Thirty nine years in the same house in Thames Ditton is a long time – and an awful lot of memorabilia. Three van loads went to the tip before we even started!

The future of Chadashot is now the responsibility of an editorial team, consisting of Rosie Ritchie, Andrea Gordon and Ann Rinsler. The advertising and proof reading will still be the responsibility of Anne Lyons. I will still remain on the Editorial team for the time being. Please continue to submit articles, not more than 600 words of course, and please respect the deadline date!

Thank you all so much, and please do visit us. Just call my mobile 07944 644 007 or landline 0208 209 0481

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Education Report

Our Yom Ha'atzmaut Event took place in Shul on Sunday May 4th. The children enjoyed an Israel style breakfast with humous, cucumber and olives in addition to the usual toast and cereals! Tables were decorated with flags and Maps of Israel thanks to Helena Rebello our wonderful Catering Event Manager! The morning included singing Israeli folk songs, Israeli dancing, and learning about the geography and history of Israel. A big thank you to Hazel Green and Jill Prager for coming to Shul and teaching some lovely Israeli dances which was great fun and enjoyed by everyone.

The Cheder Shabbat on 17th May which was combined with the Bat Mitzvah of Katherine Knorpel was a very successful morning indeed and one which the congregation and guests thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to all the children who took part and especially to Katherine who was the star of the day!

Our Shavuot breakfast included plenty of milkshakes, cheese and cheesecake plus delicious fruit! The children took part in a very close Cheder Shavuot Quiz, showing off their extensive knowledge of Shavuot and Lag B'Omer. The two teams "the

Pancakes and the Cheesecakes" were extremely competitive and everyone received a sweet at the end!!

Three of our GCSE students taking the GCSE class with Rabbi Landau, took their exams in June, Zak Lewis, Matthew James, and Sara Felberg and we wish them all the best with their results in August!!

Hebrew reading at Cheder this term has been aided by Cheder parents who have confidently taken up the challenge, co-ordinated by Frankie Alford. The children continue to progress well with their reading. We look forward to Shoshana returning to Cheder next term, to continue her wonderful reading tuition, loved by all the children!

I was so proud of Saul Edward, Rachel and Sarah Webb, Ethan and Isaac Rebello, Ilana Alford and Danielle Pikett who sang at the Rabbi's Induction. Opening and closing the service they were absolutely fantastic and a credit to the Cheder! Well done all!

For Prize Day, the children wrote their own pieces to be put together as a whole Cheder presentation. As ever they did a great job



and the Presentation was enjoyed by all the guests on the day! I would like to thank Leslie and Andrea Samuels who were our honoured guests for Prize Day and did a sterling job giving out the prizes.

Prize Day, as always, a delightful occasion, was spilling over with proud parents, happy



teachers (well it was the last day of term!) and excited children! We are extremely proud of this year's Cheder cup winners: Ilana Alford – Junior Cup, Sammy Rebello – Senior Cup and Rachel and Sarah Webb – Warden's Cup. Mazel Tov to you all! However, all the children got a prize for their commitment to coming to Cheder and all

were delighted with their books and other gifts that were chosen for them. This could not have happened without the kind donations of the KS and DS community who immediately answered the Rabbi's request for help with donations for our Prize Day books and gifts. Thank you so much!

The Cheder is now hard at work at fundraising, and after a successful Stella & Dot event a couple of months back, our Cheder Cookbook will soon be on sale, and our Cheder Quiz is now in production, due for



unveiling 30th November. It has been a great and exciting year – and we cannot wait to see what next year brings! Thank you to the whole community for your support this year.

Gill Varon

Photos taken by Simeon Lando

★ Rabbi's Induction - The Good Life Thrives in Surbiton



Rabbi Samuel Landau, Rebbetzen Shoshana Landau and their daughter Yiska

During a ground breaking induction ceremony, Kingston, Surbiton & District's new Rabbi Samuel Landau used a variety of gardening accessories including a watering can, as well as conjuring tricks to draw analogies between horticulture and Torah. With reference to the 1970's sitcom, he said that by nurturing seeds the community would continue to develop and grow like a mighty oak tree, concluding that 'Here in Surbiton, we live the Good Life!'

In a first for the community, this is a joint leadership role, with Rabbi Landau and his wife Shoshana sharing communal duties. Paying tribute to the Rebbetzen's contribution, Rabbi Landau accompanied by his brother Aaron on the guitar, sang "Eshet Chayil" to her during the ceremony.

In his welcome speech, Dr Martin Wolfson the shul chairman, spoke of Rabbi Landau as an inspirational leader and praised Shoshana's new ideas, energy and enterprise.

Standing in for Chief Rabbi Mirvis who was unfortunately unwell, Dayan Gelley, head of

the London Beth Din, congratulated the community on their choice of this "dynamic, amazing young couple" under whose twin leadership the shul would go from strength to strength.

Around 200 members and guests attended, including United Synagogue President Stephen Pack and Councillor David Cunningham representing the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.

Rabbi Landau recently obtained a First Class BSc in psychology at University College London and was nominated to the Dean's List. In September he begins a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Reflections on our Induction by Rabbi Landau:

The induction was intended to reflect the character and fibre of our synagogue and community. A service that started and ended with the children; the bookends and basis of



Rabbi Landau, his brother Aaron and his father Martin

all that we do. A service that was up to date and relevant with group singing and melodious guitar. A service that reflected the particular passions of KS&DS'ers, with all their green-fingered culture. A service that was entirely a family affair, both for us personally,



KSDS Chairman Dr Martin Wolfson, Rebbetzen Shoshana Landau, Rabbi Samuel Landau holding daughter Yiska, Dayan Gelley and President of the U.S. Stephen Pack

and as an extended communal group.

In truth, the induction was like a simcha. I never understood what the true character of a simcha was like until we had our own. Then it became clear. A simcha is a time to gather close all those that contribute meaningfully to your life and rejoice together. This is truly what the induction was. We were blessed to

celebrate with my grandmother (a Holocaust survivor), my parents, Shoshana and my siblings, extended family and friends (aka the KS&DS community). Everywhere we turned there were faces of our nearest and dearest offering their love and support; a real simcha.

A special thank you to Keith Mann and his team of helpers for organising such a marvelous occasion.

Photos by Sean Friedman



Members of the Cheder choir singing during the ceremony



Rabbi Landau conjuring trick



At the moment of writing I can smell the delicious scent of the Petunia surfinia in the hanging basket outside my door. The purple veined one has the best scent and I would strongly recommend those with balconies to plant this in the spring for next summer. It is a half hardy annual so don't plant out too early but if in a sheltered spot from May onwards it is a delight.

Unfortunately when you read this our minds will be turning to winter. However, there are the most delicious scented shrubs which can be planted outside windows or doors which will greet you with a waft of perfume even in the depths of winter gloom.

One that has a delicate scent of honey is Buddleia auriculata. It flowers from November and has silver long leaves and honey coloured clusters of small flowers which the odd brave bumblebee on a winter foraging expedition on a sunny day will be delighted to discover. Cut it back whenever it outgrows its space which is often.

Another stronger scented shrub is a variety of Mahonia. Mahonia Japonica has long racemes of yellow flowers which smell strongly of lily of the valley and can be in flower from December. Delicious if planted by an entrance. It develops strings of purple berries in the summer, much beloved by our blackbirds. Cut some branches back in the summer if it gets too large.

A winter flowering honeysuckle has a more delicate scent than the summer one, but if cut and brought into a warm room it will smell citrusy. After flowering remove the branches it has flowered on and cut the new growth shorter as this will flower next winter.

A small evergreen shrub with a strong scent not to everyone's taste, so smell it before you buy it, is Sarcococcas (Christmas sweet

box). It has tiny flowers in the leaf axles and never grows very big but has a very heady scent if you plant it by the path. It has neat growth.

Two other scented shrubs no garden should be without. The first can easily be grown on a balcony; mine is in a tub in the garden as it doesn't grow too big and never needs pruning. This is Daphne odora 'Aureomarginata'. It has evergreen leaves edged with cream clusters of small pink flowers in the centre of the leaves. It is by the back door and greets me in February or March with a waft of heavenly perfume. Daphnes are not easy to keep alive for many years and are expensive to buy, but if you can pick up one on sale or in a flower show they are well worth it.

The second group of shrubs belong to the Viburnum family. Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn' flowers on bare branches before the leaves come out. It has an intense scent and an upright neat growth. Another Viburnum with a really heavenly scent is V. Burkwoodii. This is a lax larger shrub. The flowers don't last too long but pick them for the house and enjoy.

Elise Wolfson





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When I was asked, at Kiddush, one Shabbos morning to write a cookery corner for the Rosh Hashanah edition of Chadashot, I accepted the challenge with great enthusiasm.

I came home from Shul on that Shabbos morning, my mind buzzing, thinking about what recipes and tips I could include. Of course I could not include anything that I had either made before for a Shul function or included in the Shul cookery book.

I hope that you like the new recipes I have created and that some of you, either try them out or that they inspire you to adapt or experiment yourselves.

We all think of apple and honey for Rosh Hashanah, however lamb and pomegranate are often eaten too. In fact I think that just about anything sweet could and should be eaten.

Sarah Naar

Pomegranate and Sweet Potato

INGREDIENTS (Serves 6 as a main course)

- 1 large shoulder of lamb
- 1 onion
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 3 sprigs of rosemary
- Five spice powder
- 1 bag of lambs leaf lettuce
- 2 Romano red peppers
- 3 sweet potatoes
- Olive oil
- Seeds from two pomegranates
- Honey

METHOD

- 1 Heat oven to 180 degrees/ gas mark 5.
2. Rub shoulder of lamb with seasoned flour and five spice powder (not too much as it is a strong flavour). Put lamb in a roasting tin, on a rack, with sliced onion and a knob of Tomor. Push slivers of garlic in to holes made with a sharp knife (about six in total). Lay three sprigs of rosemary on top of the lamb. Roast as you would do normally, about twenty minutes to the pound and twenty more. Fifteen minutes before the end take out and squeeze honey all over put

back in oven for the last fifteen minutes.

3. Whilst this is cooking peel the sweet potato and cut in to long slim wedges. Lay these in a single layer on a baking tray. Season well with sea salt and drizzle over olive oil.

Mix well with your hands to coat all the wedges. Roast for about 45 mins with the lamb, turning once. Don't worry if the edges start to char. Remove from oven and leave to cool.

4. When the lamb is cooked remove from the oven and cool. Once cooled pull apart with your fingers, this will look like it is shredded and will not be uniform shapes. Do not worry this will look great when it is assembled. Remove garlic and rosemary and put the meat in a bowl ready to assemble later. Do not do this until you are ready to assemble and eat as it is best served at room temp.

5. Lay a layer of leaves on a very large serving platter. Finely shred the peppers and scatter over the leaves.

6 Now build up layers of sweet potato and lamb and finally scatter over pomegranate seeds.

Dressing

INGREDIENTS

Olive Oil – about three tablespoons
Balsamic vinegar – about one tablespoon
Date syrup (Silan) - one teaspoon
Crushed garlic - one clove
Soy sauce - one teaspoon
Sea salt and black pepper

METHOD

Put all these ingredients in a screw topped jar and shake really well. Dip your finger in to taste. I find it hard to give you exact quantities as I never measure but just throw things in but I have tried to help you here!
You may need to adapt the proportions as it will depend how sharp your vinegar is as to how much silan you need.

I NEVER dress a salad like this as it means that you cannot save any left overs if it is dressed. Just put the dressing in a pretty jug on the table and everyone can add their own dressing to taste.

I make salads like this at home all the time, I just change the ingredients. For a dairy version try it with griddled halloumi ... it is equally delicious ! I also use salmon. Try marinating it in five spice, lime and fresh grated ginger (only for about thirty mins before cooking).

If you don't like a sweet dressing then omit the soy and silan and add chopped mint, you may need to change the proportions of oil and vinegar too.

Sweet Potato & Parsnip Kugel

Sweet potato is a 'good' carbohydrate and can be included in any diet; however it only becomes fattening/bad when fat is added.

INGREDIENTS

1 large leek
3 medium parsnips
3 sweet potatoes
Sea Salt
Black pepper
Tomor
Stock

METHOD

1. Peel potatoes and parsnips and grate.
2. Finely shred leeks.
3. Make a small amount of stock.
4. Heat oven to 180 degrees.
5. Sweat leeks in a little Tomor until they become translucent.
6. Now mix all ingredients together well (except stock), and put in an ovenproof dish.
7. Now pour over a little stock just to help keep it moist while cooking.

This can be made either meaty or parev and by adding stock it helps to keep moist if cooked for either Shabbos or Yom Tov. I might add a little cinnamon too for Rosh Hashanah.

Coleslaw with a Difference

INGREDIENTS

Half a red cabbage
1 eating apple
3 carrots
Sesame seeds

METHOD

I grate my apple and carrots but shred (with a knife) the red cabbage.

DRESSING

1 tablespoon Balsamic Vinegar
2 tablespoons Mayonnaise
Juice of one lime
2 teaspoons of Tahini
A good squeeze of Honey

Place all ingredients together in a screw topped jar and shake vigorously. Always taste with a little drop on your finger before serving. Mix in well with coleslaw and put in a serving bowl. Scatter toasted sesame seeds before serving.

★ Rabbitzen's Page

The last few months have been a whirlwind. A wonderful Pesach and communal Seder with a guest chazan from South Africa, a beautiful and intimate Shavuot meal in shul, replete with delicious wines and cheeses, various talks and activities... the list goes on. And so many more exciting events in the pipeline! Barbecues, communal meals, Shabbat UK, novel Shabbat programmes in shul with fantastic and original kiddushim, speakers, clubs, lectures – we have it all at KS&DS and should be incredibly proud of our shul.

Kingston Synagogue now also has a mother and baby group, hosted at the shul premises every Monday from 10am to midday. All Jewish mothers in the area with children who are not yet of school age should be encouraged to attend this fantastic group. It's a great opportunity to socialise in a relaxed setting, coffee and refreshments on hand while the kids play. What better than sharing thoughts with other mums?

It is important to remember that our children are our future – we need to encourage our

children to get involved in our activities, come to shul, take part in community events, and we as a community must support them. If you want to volunteer to run a children's group or teen's discussion corner on a Shabbat (even if only once!), please contact myself or the Rabbi. It is a fantastic way to give back to the community.

The cheder can also always use reading helpers – anyone who can read Hebrew reasonably fluently is able to be a reader at cheder. Please consider volunteering, even if you can only commit to a couple of hours once or twice a month – we could really use your help.

As you can see, my plea is on behalf of our next generation. We have such potential here in KS&DS in the form of our children. Let's try to capitalise on this in the year to come...

Wishing everyone a sweet new year filled with blessings and goodness.

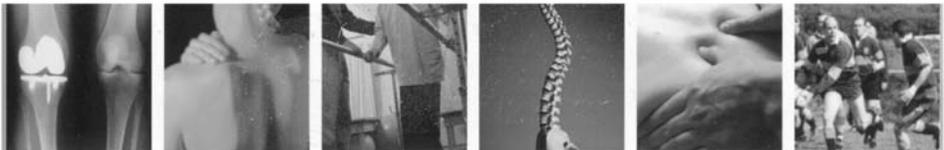
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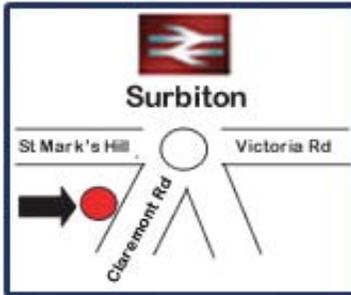
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Parsha	Date	Shabbat & Service Commences	Shabbat Ends
Netsavim - Vayelech	19/20 Sept.	18:52	19:51
Bereshit	17/18 Oct.	17:49	18:48
Noach	24/25 Oct.	17:34	18:35
Lech lecha	31Oct/1Nov.	16:21	17:22
Vayera	7/8 Nov.	16:08	17:11
Chaye Sarah	14/15 Nov.	15:58	17:02
Toledot	21/22 Nov.	15:49	16:54
Vayetze	28/29 Nov.	15:42	16:49
Vayishlach	5/6Dec.	15:38	16:46
Vayeshev	12/13 Dec.	15:36	16:46
Mikketz	19/20 Dec.	15:38	16:47
Vayigash	26/27 Dec.	15:41	16:52
Fast of Tevet	1 Jan. 2015	06:17	16:50
Vayechi	2/3 Jan.	15:48	16:58
Shemot	9/10 Jan.	15:57	17:06
Vaera	16/17 Jan.	16:07	17:16
Bo	23/24 Jan.	16:19	17:26
Beshalach	30/31 Jan.	16:31	17:38

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TIMETABLE OF HIGH HOLYDAYS & Festival Services 5775 - 2014

ROSH HASHANA

Wednesday 24 September

Afternoon & Evening Services

Yom Tov Candles

6.40 pm

6.40 pm

1st Day Thursday 25 September

Morning Service

Ein Kamocha/Torah Reading

Shofar

Mussaf

Sermon

Adon Olam

8.30 am

9.45 am

10.30 am

10.45 am

12.35 pm

12.55 pm

Tashlich at the River

Afternoon & Evening Services

First day Yom Tov ends/Second day
candles lit after

5.50 pm

6.40 pm

7.39 pm

2nd Day Friday 26 September

Morning Service

Ein Kamocha/Torah Reading

Shofar

Mussaf

Sermon

Adon Olam

8.30 am

9.45 am

10.30 am

10.45 am

12.35 pm

12.55 pm

Afternoon & Evening Services

Shabbat Begins/light candles by

6.35 pm

6.35 pm

SHABBAT SHUVA

Saturday 27 September

Morning Service

Shabbat Ends

9.30 am

7.34 pm

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Sunday 28 September

Fast begins

Morning Service

Fast ends

5.17 am

8.00 am

7.26 pm

YOM KIPPUR & SHABBAT

Friday 3 October

Afternoon Service (in the Library)

Fast & Festival begin/light candles by

Kol Nidre

6.00 pm

6.19 pm

6.25 pm

Saturday 4 October

Morning Service

Ein Kamocha/Torah Reading

Yizkor

Sermon

Mussaf

Mincha

Break or

Q & A with Rabbi Landau

9.30 am.

11.30 am

12.40 pm

1.05 pm

1.25 pm

3.45 pm

4.15 pm

after mincha

TIMETABLE OF HIGH HOLYDAYS & Festival Services 5775 - 2014

Ne'ila - Concluding Service	5.30 pm
Maariv	7.05 pm
Fast End, Shofar, Havdalah	7.18 pm
SUCCOT	
Wednesday 8 October	
Yom Tov begins/light candles by Afternoon & Evening Services	6.08 pm 6.10 pm
1st Day Thursday 9 October	
Morning Service	9.30 am
Afternoon & Evening Services	6.10 pm
Yom Tov 2nd Day Candles lit after	7.07 pm
2nd Day Friday 10 October	
Morning Service	9.30 am
Afternoon & Evening Services	6.04 pm
Shabbat Candles	6.04 pm
SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED	
Saturday 11 October	
Shabbat Morning Service	9.30 am
Shabbat ends	7.03 pm
CHOL HAMOED	
Sunday 12 October	
Morning Service	8.00 am
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14 October	
Morning Services	6.45 am
HOSHANA RABBA	
Wednesday 15 October	
Morning Service	6.30 am
Yom Tov Candles	5.53 pm
Afternoon & Evening Services	5.53 pm
SHEMINI ATSERET	
Thursday 16 October	
Morning Service	9.30 am
Yizkor	10.45 am
Afternoon & Evening Services and Hakofot	5.50 pm
Yom Tov Candles lit after	6.52 pm
SIMCHAT TORAH	
Friday 17 October	
Morning Service and Hakofot	9.00 am
Shabbat Candles	5.49 pm
Afternoon & Evening Services	5.50 pm

Please join us for a meal on Thursday evening following Hakofot. We hope that this will enable members and their families of all ages to participate in the celebrations.

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FOR A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year

New Years Greetings



Carol and Gerry ABRAHAMS and family wish all members of the community a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Sandra and David ASSERSOHN wish everyone in the community a good New Year. May it bring good health and happiness to us all.

BENNETT. Priscilla and Martin wish a very happy and healthy New Year to dear family and friends.

Geoff BRADMAN wishes Rabbi and Mrs Landau and Yiska and all friends a really happy Rosh Hashanah, well over the Fast and a successful and peaceful 5775.

Esther and Peter BRADY and family send greetings and best wishes to all their friends in the community.

Hetty and David BROOKE wish family, friends and the community a very happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Shoshana and Stephen CARSON wish all their friends and the community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Millicent CHALLIS wishes everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Marianne and Gerald COHEN wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Sonya and Stephen COOK, along with Miriam FIELD, would like to wish all their family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Ruth and Anthony COWEN and family wish everyone in the Kingston community a happy and healthy New Year.

Karen, Howard, Amy and Sophie DODD wish everyone in the community a very happy and healthy New Year.

Stephanie, Peter and Saul EDWARD wish all their friends in the community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Anthony and Rosalind FREEDMAN together with all their family wish the whole community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Christine and Michael FREEDMAN, together with Leah, wish their dear family and friends a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and well over the Fast.

Ruth FREEDMAN, Barbara MICHAELS, Hannah, Adam and Joshua wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Bernice FRIEDMAN and family wish Rabbi Landau, Shoshana, Yiska and all our friends in the community a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

GOLDMAN- Miriam and David send best wishes to all their friends and wish them a happy and peaceful New Year.

Harvey and Pearl GORDON wish a happy and healthy year ahead to all friends in the community.

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Colin, Hazel and Hannah GREEN, with Samuel and Bat Chen, wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Val and Jack GREEN and family wish all their friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Simone and Alex HALFIN together with Matthew, Georgie, Solomon and Isaac wish their family and friends a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Dr Cyril and Mrs June HARRIS wish members of the community and particularly the ladies who organise the Riverside Club a happy and healthy New Year.



New Years Greetings

HEARN- Valerie and Geoffrey together with Louise and Alex wish all family, friends and the community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Mindi and Ronald ISON wish all members of the community a happy and healthy New Year.

JOSEPH. Jacqui, David and Tony, together with Margie BLOOM, wish Rabbi Samuel and family and all friends in the community a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Best wishes to family and friends for a happy New Year. Betty KLABER

Jan and Arnie KOSKY wish their family, friends and the whole community a very happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all our friends from Bobbie and Marcel LADENHEIM and family.

Rabbi, Shoshana and Yiska LANDAU wish the community a happy and healthy New Year, full of promise and Yiska-smiles. ☺

LANDO- Simeon, Jo, Josh and Talia wish the Rabbi, community and all our family and friends a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Judith and David LAWSON wish Rabbi Landau and family and all their friends a very happy New Year.

Alan LEAF wishes all his friends a happy healthy and peaceful New Year.

Shirley and David LEE and family wish all their friends and members of the community a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Rachel and Jed LEVENTHALL, together with Alex, Ben and Debbie, wish all their friends and members of the community a very healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEVEY- Shirley and Martin, together with Carolyn, Andy, Ruby and Lewis, wish all their friends and the whole community a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Anita and Ian LICHTENFELD wish their family and all their friends in the community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Robert LIEBMAN sends warm New Year greetings to the entire community.

LOVERING: Ruth, Martin and Richard, together with Rachel and Steven BRODIE and Jack ZOLTIE, wish all their family and friends a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Anne and Alan LYONS wish all members of the community a happy and healthy New Year.

Keith MANN, with Janine and Daniel GROSS, wish Rabbi Samuel and Shoshana, family, friends and all the community a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Sheila MANN, together with Stuart, Karen and Matilda, J, Paul and Charlotte wish Rabbi Landau and family and the whole community a happy, healthy and sweet New Year and well over the Fast.

Diana MAYNE wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year

MOSS - Beverly, Michael and family wish all members of the community a very healthy, happy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

Stanley and Helen MOSS wish all their friends in the community a healthy and happy New Year.

Hazel, Michael, and Jessica MYERS with Lucy, Lee and Emma SIDNEY wish all their friends in the community a happy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

NAAR – Sarah, John, Max and Georgia would like to wish Rabbi Landau, Shoshana and Yiska, along with friends and family in the community, a sweet, happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast

New Years Greetings



Jeffrey and Sharon NAKAR wish family, Rabbi, friends and community a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Serena and Adam NAKAR wish the Rabbi and Rebbetzen and the community a very happy, healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Lesley and Ian PATCHICK and family wish everyone in the community a very happy and healthy New Year.

Jill , David, Emily and Rob PRAGER, together with Anna, Adam, Ilan and Amichai ROSS wish all the community a happy and healthy New Year.

Ivor and Etta RALTON wish a happy and healthy New Year to all our relatives and friends in the community.

Helene and Barrie RAPAPORT with their family wish all their friends and members of the community a very healthy and happy New Year.

Helena, Freddy, Sammy, Ethan and Isaac REBELLO wish all the community a very happy and sweet New Year.

Ann and Steve RINSLER together with their family wish all the members of the congregation a happy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

Rosie RITCHIE and Robert wish all the members of the community and their friends a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

The ROSENBERG family would like to wish all the community a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Andrea, Leslie, Ollie and Emily SAMUELS wish everyone in the community a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Yasmin and Stuart SAUNDERS and family wish Rabbi Landau, Shoshana and Yiska and all the community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

SHATTOCK. Jeanne and Harold wish all their family and friends in the community a healthy and joyful New Year.

Ellen and Ian SHERIDAN wish their friends and the community a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Corinne and Terry SILVERSTONE wish the whole community a wonderful New Year and a very easy Fast.

New Year greetings to all. From Carolyn and Paul SOCKER

Jennifer and Michael STRAUSS and family wish friends and members of the community a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

Sharon and David SULKIN and family wish everyone a healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Sarah, Louis and Abigail TEMPLE wish everyone in the community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Susan and Brian VINER wish family and friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

Philip WEINBERG wishes all his friends in the community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

Elise and Martin WOLFSON together with Sarah, Jeff, Seth, Debra and Paul wish Rabbi Landau, Shoshana and Yiska and all the community a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Sandra, Michael and Debbie ZEFFMAN, together with Natalie, Mick, Rufus and Jules CARTER, wish their family and friends in the community a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

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Jo-Anne Nadler, author, political journalist, former Conservative councillor and unofficial biographer of William Hague was the guest speaker at our Annual Summer Luncheon.

She described her background, which included visits to Israeli relatives of her late father, her BBC career and her years as a councillor in Wandsworth. She told us of her experiences as a Conservative party activist, with particular reference to her two books, "Too Nice To Be A Tory" and



Left to right: Jackie Gordon Kingston WIZO Chairman, Jo-Anne Nadler, hostess Shoshana Carson

"William Hague- In His Own Right". A lively question and answer session followed, in which Jo-Anne gave her views on a wide range of contemporary issues including the benefit scheme, immigration, the Arab Spring, Iran and the possible outcome of next year's General Election. We were the first to hear a hint about William Hague's future plans in and out of Parliament.

Earlier Anne Lyons paid tribute to Jackie Gordon for her many years' work as Chairman of Kingston WIZO. She and Irving are moving to North West London shortly. Susan Viner gave a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The event was attended by forty guests and we are most grateful to our hosts Shoshana and Steven Carson for their kind hospitality.

Kingston WIZO is most grateful to all who contributed to Jewish Women's Week. This year more than ever Israel has need our help in very difficult circumstances, and our centres, schools and crèches provide essential shelter and security for children and families fleeing the violence.

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Sunday 9th November in the evening

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Rabbi's Rosh haShana Message

Apples and honey, not oranges and lemons are the order of the day. Dip them, smother them, munch them. But, what is the symbolism of this festive food?

When we eat apples and honey on the first night of Rosh Hashana we declare "L'shana tova u'metukah" – to a good and sweet new year. Let us examine the type of sweetness that we aspire to. Certainly, both apples and honey are sweet. However, the source of their sweetness is different. Apples are sweet, much like all fruit that come from trees are sweet. There is nothing out of the ordinary in that. However, honey comes from an unlikely source of sweetness, the spiky, stinging bee. The bee's syrup is very different from its bite.

The two sources of sweetness match the different sources of happiness and nachas in our lives. There is happiness as the result of wonderful events as we naturally grow and develop. Family occasions and smachot, professional advancement and promotion, successful and meaningful relationships. This is the sweetness of the apple on the tree of life.

However, there is also happiness in the face of adversity; sweetness that arises from challenges overcome. These challenges can seem bitter and painful like the sting of a bee. But when they are surmounted, oh, the joy, oh the sweetness. Just as honey is sweeter still than apple, so too the happiness of triumph in the face of adversity is sublime. Hard times allow us to discover parts of ourselves that we would not have accessed otherwise.

And so, on Rosh Hashana, we ask G-d for both types of happiness and sweetness; that we should continue to celebrate the delights of a good life as well as revel in our triumph over hardships.

Shoshana and I have experienced such sweetness this year, our first in leading Kingston, Surbiton and District Synagogue. On a personal note, the birth of our daughter, Yiska, has been the truest of blessings. From a communal perspective, this year has been rich and full. We have enjoyed a range of social events that have been well attended. We hope that there is even more in store for the coming year. We have also seen a good number of new members join our community.

It has been a real privilege to get to know so many of the community; we have laughed, discussed, dined, commiserated and more. It is our sincere wish to continue to build on these relationships. Additionally, we would love to meet and connect to as many of our members as possible. Please do expect a phone-call from your Rabbi or Rebbetzen (or better yet, phone us!). It would be the greatest of pleasure to make your acquaintance and initiate a friendship.

As I write this message, our people in Israel are still in active conflict with Hamas, justly defending the populace against indiscriminate terror attacks. We have seen the demonization of the Israeli government even within mainstream British politics as well as the ugliness of open anti-Semitism. The pathetic note attached to the synagogue was just a small example of the sentiment that has gripped Europe. And so, I conclude with a prayer; let us have more honey. We do not know what the future holds for a prosperous Jewish life in Europe or the security of Jewish life in Israel. Let us taste the sweetness that comes in contrast to the sting, let us enjoy a shana tova u'metukah.

Rabbi Landau

★ Mosaic Jewish Primary School

Five year old son, Freddie, is a happy, lively little boy who loves being a pupil at Mosaic Jewish Primary School where he started in the founding reception class in September 2013. Here is our story of a non-Jewish child at a new Jewish free school.

In 2012, we began to explore primary school places in SW London. We listened to tales from those before us and visited quite a few schools and even toyed with the idea of leaving London altogether. We heard that a state Jewish primary school was opening where half the places are for children of Jewish faith and half are for children of other faiths / beliefs or no faith at all. We were intrigued. Our own cultural and religious background is Church of England meets not-particularly-religious so looking into a Jewish school, which hadn't at that stage opened was (excuse the pun) something of a leap of faith.

We went to an introductory meeting hosted by headmistress, Mrs Kate Baum, chair of Governors, Shirley Lee, and a few prospective parents who had been involved with moving the school from inception to reception. Enthusiasm, professionalism and sheer determination abounded at that meeting and we decided that we were impressed enough to apply for a place.

Fast forward Freddie has been at Mosaic for a year, we and he couldn't be happier. He runs into school every morning forgetting to say goodbye, he is quickly absorbed in one of the well thought out, fun activities that are set out in the two new, light and airy classrooms. The school is currently at its temporary site in Wimbledon moving to a permanent home at 170 Roehampton Lane, SW15 by September 2015. The current classrooms capture the ethos of the school with music, photographs and play areas that reflect what the children are learning (eg an igloo in the classroom as they are learning about different cultures).

Parents are included and encouraged into the classrooms. It is a caring and inclusive environment where the dedication and enthusiasm of staff is evident in the high quality, engaging and fun teaching. There is good communication, including a weekly newsletter, and regular social events. The staff and governors are clearly excited that the school has opened and are commit-



ted to the pupils and making the school a success.

What's it like having a non-Jewish child at a Jewish school?

Mosaic is a faith school so there is religious learning with Torah figures and Jewish values woven into the teaching and play. Freddie has learnt about Hanukah, Noah, Moses, Joseph and his dream coat with teaching bringing out important messages and skills. Some Hebrew is taught and the school welcomes in the Sabbath with parents and carers invited on a weekly basis. Freddie has embraced the ethos of the school and very much enjoys the Jewish teachings; the Hanukah play was a particular highlight.

The pupils also learn about non-Jewish festivals. We were pleased at Christmas the children were taken to a nativity play. The pupils are from a wide range of backgrounds, countries and faiths, so the school is a very interesting, warm crucible of cultures, whether you are Jewish or not, your views and contributions are welcomed and feel valued.

A faith school may not be everyone's choice, but for us the Jewish ethos is a part of the overall high quality teaching, staff and facilities and seems to broaden and enhance Freddie's (and our) learning and enjoyment. If I were a four year old being offered the caring, fun and skilled environment of Mosaic then I would certainly also be running into school every morning, and for us a happy, settled child equals happy parents.

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Once again I am writing in Chadashot about our Riverside Club. In the last few months we were pleased to welcome some new friends. Our fortnightly meetings are proving to be very popular. Apart from our guest singers we have had interesting speakers. One was Brian D'Arcy, a retired Yeoman of the Tower of London and former keeper of the Crown Jewels. Then we had a return visit from Michael Laikin, the antiques dealer and as always a very interesting afternoon.



At the beginning of November we are celebrating our 30th birthday. As well as our regular volunteers we will be inviting all past volunteers to come and celebrate with us. It should be a great afternoon.



In closing I wish all our volunteers and friends at The Riverside Club a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marion Goff

CULTURAL EVENTS AUTUMN 2014

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★ Musicians of Tomorrow

One of the most emotional evenings I have spent recently was sitting in the drawing room of a friend listening to five talented young musicians who had been brought over from Israel, together with their teacher, Anna Rosnovsky, by Donna and Trevor Leigh, who had sponsored the visit in memory of a friend, Erica Lane, who died age 39.

Musicians of Tomorrow are a group of exceptionally musical children from very poor backgrounds who have been given the chance by Anna, a retired first Violinist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, to learn at her home in Rosh Pinah and perform concerts throughout the world. They age from 7 – 17. Myisrael, the charity established by Danni Franks in 2008, after she made Aliyah from London, provides a simple, direct and meaningful way for UK donors to support charitable projects, like the young musicians, with the promise that 100% of the money goes directly to the project. The charity helped organise their tour of Manchester, Leeds,

London – and of course Wimbledon.

I interviewed Anna at the home of Donna and Trevor, just before they left for Wimbledon where the group were playing at a concert arranged by by The Friends of the new Mosaic Jewish Primary School. which was extremely successful. Anna is the most charming Russian lady, who lives for these children and they all adore her. Jenny, age 14, who plays the violin, told me she always knew she would be a violinist, and leaves her home and friends in Northern Israel during the week to be taught in Rosh Pinah. She shone with pride at being part of the



Trevor Leigh, Anna Rosnovsky and cellist Erez Fogel



Anna Rosnovsky and violinist Jenny Gerchikov

Musicians of Tomorrow and spoke about how much music, and the ability to play just made her life so special.

You can listen to recordings they have made at previous concerts, and also catch my interview with them if you log on to their website.

Simone Halfin

A year at yeshiva – and a crash course in Yeshivish



I had never been to yeshiva before deciding to devote a year to learning from last summer. I came to Shapell's/Darche Noam in Jerusalem hoping to improve my knowledge and ability to open up a Hebrew or Aramaic text and study it. (And to pick up a bit of Yeshivish along the way. To give a taste of life in a yeshiva, I have dropped in a few terms to illustrate how tricky it can be trying to follow when most of the words are in a different language.)

Shapell's is home to about 60 talmidim (students) aged from early 20s onwards, of whom around half live in the dormitories on-site. Most are from the US, but a number come from Canada and the UK, plus a few from the rest of Europe and South America. The majority have a minimal religious upbringing, but some come from Orthodox or traditional homes. Not everyone arrives being able to read Hebrew fluently, while some had been learning Talmud for years, so the rabbis test new students and put them in six levels.

A large chunk of time is spent dissecting Talmud at a slow pace and in a lot of detail, a method known as b'iyun (in depth). This takes up all morning, while afternoon options include a faster and more cursory approach to Gemara, known as bekus (mastery), as well as other programmes in halacha (Jewish law), Hebrew grammar and texts dealing with Jewish thought and ethics. The evening programme is optional (but strongly recommended by the rabbis) and is

usually a time for independent learning, with a few informal classes for those with a taive (desire) for more shteiging (studying).

The schedule is busy, but there is still some time left for students to follow up their own learning interests – and even to sleep, for those of particularly weak disposition. The atmosphere is sometimes intense, especially during the month of Ellul, when many people are focusing extra hard on their studies in the run-up to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Students are encouraged to spend as much time as they can learning, but there is never pressure from the rabbis to do so and the people running the yeshiva are good at treating everyone as an individual according to their strengths and interests. Some of the rabbis even get the chance to show off their baseball skills at occasional retreats to parks; those well into their greying years frequently put me to shame on the football field, but that hardly says much.

I came out the other end knowing a little more, being able to khap pshat (understand the meaning of the words) in Gemara a bit quicker and full of gratitude to the hard-working men and women who run Shapell's – especially to the rabbi who taught me the difference between mamesh (really) and takke (indeed). And most importantly, I can now say over half an English sentence without using any English words, which is mamesh a pele (really a miracle).

Joshua Freedman

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Divorced Jewish man seeks partner to attend shul light shabbos candles, celebrate holidays, build Sukkah together, attend brisses, bar mitzvahs - Religion not important. POB 658

Orthodox woman with get, seeks man who got get or can get get. Get it? I'll show you mine if you show me yours. POB 72.

Sincere rabbinical student, 27, enjoys Yom Kippur, Tisha B'av , Taanis Esther , Tzom Gedalia , Asarah B'Teves , Shiva Asar b'Tammuz. Seeks companion for living life in the 'fast' lane. POB 90.
Yeshiva bochur, Torah scholar, long beard, payos. Seeks same in woman. POB 43.

Nice Jewish guy, 38.
No skeletons. No baggage. No personality.
POB 76

Female graduate student, studying kaballah, Zohar, exorcism of dybbuks, seeks mensch. No weirdos, please. POB 56.

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★ The Ladies Guild

On behalf of the Ladies Guild, I would like to thank everyone in the Community for all the help and support given to us. We appreciate the generous gifts of whisky and the offers of help with preparing the Kiddush and other events when required.

Unfortunately our dinner had to be postponed and I urge everyone to put the new date for our dinner in their diaries as soon as it is advertised. This is our main fundraiser.

We had a very well attended AGM, with both ladies and gentlemen listening to Daniel Saunders giving a fascinating talk about his work with the Israeli Embassy. Jill Prager continues to arrange regular Israeli dancing sessions, to which we would like to invite new dancers. Even if you haven't done

Israeli dancing before, you will enjoy the evening. We have a good teacher, a good 'chin wag' and get some exercise. Give it a go! We continue to enter a team for the AUSW Annual Quiz and always do really well. We are also having regular meetings with the shul board and have found this a positive initiative. It is enabling us to plan future events jointly.

We are all very sad that Sarah and John Naar have left the Community. Not only did we all enjoy her wonderful chocolate cake but she worked tirelessly as our catering manager. Please look out for a flyer that will be advertising some interesting AUSW talks and discussions on "The Female Jew". These will be in NW London in November.

Linda Kingsley

CST and Jewish life

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So salamis are out. Tins are in. And our shul is gearing up for another round of contributions to Kingston Foodbank - non-perishables only, please.

Every week, Kingston Foodbank distributes approximately two tonnes of food to at least 50 people – some weeks, many more. “Our shul donated about 150 kilograms, worth some £200 and representing nearly eight per cent of one week’s distribution,” says David Assersohn, KSDS Vice Chairman who coordinated the synagogue’s collection. “Our community is only 300 people out of 160,000 in Kingston, so we gave well out of proportion to our numbers.”

David and Rabbi Landau packed an impressive carload to bring to the Foodbank warehouse, but a family of four or five may require a half-dozen carrier bags filled with food, possibly more. The mountain of cans and jars dwindles rapidly.

Recipients of food generally need temporary help due to benefit cuts. A great deal of food was, and still is, required, and KSDS will launch another appeal, starting in mid-winter.

“There is a substantial and steady need for food parcels and it was a wonderful feeling to contribute,” David recalls. “Rabbi Landau spoke about our fantastic response, and indeed, many members of our community were very generous and said how glad they were that we had given them a practical way to help. Some gave three or four tins. One per-

son filled his car boot with food. ‘If I have the means to help, it’s morally indefensible not to,’ said one particularly generous contributor.”

You don’t have to wait for the KSDS drive to officially begin to donate food. Special collections are made at area supermarkets, and dates, locations and other details are available on the Foodbank website. <http://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

As noted on the website, food donations can be taken to The Big Yellow Self Storage Company, 225 Hook Rise South, Tolworth on Monday to Friday between 08:00 and 18:00 and at weekends between 10:00 and 16:00. Other donation points are available.

The website also contains a suggested “shopping list” (look for the link under “How it Works”). Heading the list is milk (long-life, of course), followed by soup and pasta sauces and sponge pudding (tinned), rice pudding (ditto) and fish (ditto). No particular fish species is specified, but my guess is that tuna, salmon and pilchards will go down better, in more ways than one, than gefilte. Perishable items can not be used.

Foodbank donations nourish donor as well as recipient. “Many members of our congregation felt that giving food created genuine empathy and awareness of the plight of fellow Kingstonians,” Rabbi Landau noted after the shul’s first Foodbank drive. “The social activism of our community will continue with more Foodbank drives and other projects.”

On the other end, “clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days emergency food,” the Foodbank website explains. “Volunteers meet clients over a cup of tea or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.”

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Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, praises social enterprise Your Healthcare during impromptu visit

The health minister praised social enterprise Your Healthcare during the visit to patient Bernard Homa's home, which was not publicised beforehand. Bernard, one of the oldest members of KSDS has been bed ridden for the last eight years.

In a statement released afterwards Jeremy Hunt said: "It was excellent to see first-hand how well integrated care is working in Kingston, helping people like Bernard get the specialist care they need in the comfort of his own home, without unnecessary hospital trips. Integration is the way forward for



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Who would be a Shul Chairman? ★

When I decided to volunteer to be the shul chairman two years ago I really was not sure of my motives. I guess I wanted to run the shul in the best possible way, to ensure that we had a vibrant membership and lots of happy members. I thought I would spend my time on strategic issues and future planning. I thought I would devote three or four hours a week to the job. I thought it would be very interesting.

The main route of communication these days is via email. This is a good and bad thing. It is so much easier to send an email than either make a phone call or write a letter. This does mean that I am very much more accessible. However emails can be written at any time of the day or night. I am no longer surprised that people email me at 3am in the morning, though I do not open them until a much more reasonable hour! Sadly some people do not obey the basic rule, if your email is controversial, save it overnight and re-read it before sending. What has been sent can never be taken back.

I receive about 20 emails a day, most of which need some reply or at least an acknowledgement. These are mainly from other officers and board members but also from members. Quite a few people have excellent ideas which I frequently try to adopt, for example I had some absolutely excellent comments on how we can improve our Annual General Meetings. Other people are just critical in a very unconstructive way. We do need ideas and people to help so please do come forward.

Actually, the job takes about 15 hours a week, plus attending services on Shabbat, Yom Tov and sometimes mid-week. This is a

huge commitment. It is not vital for the chairman to be in shul but it helps to show your face, to answer queries and to receive questions and comments. I do wish I could make notes there and then instead of trying to remember what I have been asked and/or asking people to email me.

I try to make my announcements very personal. I speak from the heart and I want to make everyone feel welcome.

Strategic planning is something I feel I could do better. I seem to be so involved with organising things day to day that I never get a chance to look at the broader picture. Our big challenge is how to recruit new committed members who will come to shul regularly and become actively involved with our lovely community. All our visiting guests say it is a lovely welcoming community. Regretfully, that is what they are, just transient visitors, many of whom we will never see again. How are we going to counter the drift of our members to North London? Kingston is a beautiful place to live. We just need to rejuvenate Jewish life here.

The rabbi's induction has been the high-point of my term so far. It was only sad that Chief Rabbi Mirvis was indisposed and could not be with us.

This brings me to the end of my rather random musings. What pleasure do I get out of this beyond a bizarre sense of achievement? I really do not know.

Martin Wolfson
Chairman

Amusing snippet from Jeffrey Nakar

Last Bank Holiday I went down to Arundel by train. Three women got on at Three Bridges, the stop after Gatwick. They were plainly dressed for hiking with their boots and knapsacks. They were talking about a fourth lady who was not with them.

"No. She won't be coming today. Well she lives in Golders Green. It is rather a long way for her."

"I didn't know she was Jewish."

"She's not."

"Well if she lives in Golders Green, surely she must be."

I didn't say anything.

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- TUESDAY:** Day Centre 10.30 am - 3.25 pm at the Synagogue
(Alternate Tuesdays)
- Lunch and Learn 1pm - 2pm, monthly
Contact Philip Weinberg for details: 0208 549 9951
- THURSDAY:** Morning Service 7.00 am
- FRIDAY:** Kabbalat Shabbat Service (See Shabbat Timetable)
- SHABBAT:** Morning Service 9.30 am
Reading of the Law 10.00 am,
Sermon at end of service
Adon Olam & Kiddush 12 noon
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In addition to the above, other social, cultural and educational activities take place fortnightly or monthly - these activities are always announced in the Synagogue on the previous Shabbat, provided that they have been booked in the official Synagogue Diary. Events can then be given publicity in the HASHAVUA and CHADASHOT in addition to announcement in Synagogue.

PLEASE NOTE: To avoid the clashing of functions and meetings and to obtain the maximum support for all communal events, Secretaries of Committees and Groups are advised before confirming a date to first clear the date in the SYNAGOGUE DIARY to ensure that the date has not been previously booked for another communal event and that the function booked will receive the maximum publicity.

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