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Editorial

Welcome to the 2012/5773 edition of the New Ealing Review. So far, this has been a very busy year—the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the 2012 London Olympics and of course various (slightly smaller but just as successful) events held at Ealing Synagogue (see page 19).

It is also no mean feat producing a synagogue magazine twice a year. Admittedly, the training is somewhat more sedentary—sitting at a desk at a computer or on the phone requires the exercising of fingers, chin wagging and elbow bending (physical and metaphorical), periodic breaks for cups of tea and cake (need those carbs) and regular rest breaks to conserve energy.

We are, of course, dependent on contributions from the community but we have noticed in the last few months that the well seems to be running a little dry. For this reason, we would appreciate members’ views on whether we should continue to produce two editions on an annual basis. If you have never contributed to the New Ealing Review but would like to do so, please contact one of the Committee members. Similarly, if you have any ideas of what you would like to see in the magazine, your comments would be appreciated. And, even better, if you would like to join the Committee or help in any way, again, you would be most welcome.

In the meantime, we thank everyone who has contributed to this issue of the New Ealing Review.

*Wishing you and your families
Shana Tova u’Metukah—a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year.*

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Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message – 5773

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are times for stock-taking, individually and collectively. As we pray for God's blessings for the future, we reflect on the past: where we have come from, how far we have travelled, and what remains to be done.

As I think back personally to the day 21 years ago when I became Chief Rabbi, my overwhelming feeling is one of thanks and indebtedness to a community that has renewed itself beyond expectation.

Most spectacular has been the growth in education. There have been more new Jewish day schools opened in the past two decades than in any comparable period in the 356-year history of Anglo-Jewry. The percentage of Jewish children at Jewish day schools has moved from some 25 per cent to almost 70 per cent. This is an immense achievement on the part of many people: builders, funders, governors, teachers, parents and children. Together they have given us a future to be proud of.

Nor has the growth in education been confined to schools. There has been an explosion of adult, family and informal education. Never before has there been so much learning taking place in our community. We are better Jewishly educated than we were, and our children and grandchildren will be yet more so.

Then there has been the creativity and exuberance of Jewish life in general. I think of the new London Jewish Cultural Centre, the London Jewish Community Centre currently being built, and events like Jewish Book Week that attract ever larger crowds. Most of our synagogues are no longer simply houses of prayer. They have become community centres with active and dynamic programmes of all kinds.

Jewish welfare organisations like Jewish Care, JBD, Norwood, Nightingale House, Langdon and others throughout the country have achieved unparalleled standards of excellence. Chessed activities thread through almost all of our organisations and schools, and Mitzvah Day has inspired other faith communities, becoming this year a national project backed by the government.

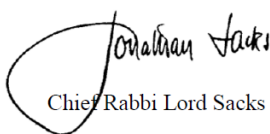
The Jewish voice has become a significant part of the national conversation on moral and social issues, listened to respectfully by people of all faiths or none. Even the demography of Anglo-Jewry has changed. Having declined year-on-year for 60 years, in 2005 the tide began to turn, largely thanks to the growth of the Haredi community. We are now growing, albeit slowly.

And yes, there are negatives: the growth of antisemitism and the various campaigns against Israel. But Britain remains, for the most part, a tolerant society. Jews and Judaism are admired, and in the fight against prejudice we have good and often courageous friends. Were our Victorian predecessors 150 years ago to see us now, they would be frankly astonished at the richness and exuberance of Jewish life.

Lo alecha ha-melakhah ligmor: It is not for us to complete the task, but neither have we desisted from it, and together we have achieved great things. Our children and grandchildren will have new challenges to face, but they will do so with more knowledge and confidence than any Anglo-Jewish generation in the past.

So let us give collective thanks to God *shehecheyanu ve-kiyemanu ve-higiyanu lazman hazeh*, who has brought us safely to this day. May the shofar of Rosh Hashanah summon us to yet greater achievements. May we remain true to our faith and a blessing to others regardless of their faith. May God write us and our families in the Book of Life.

Bebirkat ketivah vechatimah tovah,


Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks

WHEN IS A SUCCAH NOT A SUCCAH?

By Rabbi Hershi Vogel

An ongoing debate by many today revolves around the value of multiculturalism. There are two opposite beliefs, both of which have valid points. Some argue about the importance of assimilating the various groups into a homogeneous entity, whilst others claim that society is enriched by diversity and exposure to other cultures and languages.

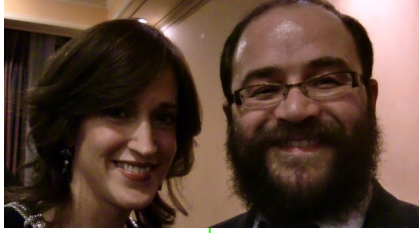
Kabbalah explains that true beauty occurs from the harmonisation of diverse colours and styles.

The Jewish people are demographically diverse and include Ashkenazim, Sephardim, Chassidim, Mitnagedim and everything in between. We, too, struggle with the issue of shaping a multicultural population into a singular nation. The Torah's perspective on this concept is timely and important.

We will soon be celebrating Succot, the focus of which are the two primary Mitzvot; dwelling in the Succah and making a blessing on the Four Kinds. Jewish unity is one of the main themes of Succot and these two Mitzvot are symbolic of two approaches to Jewish unity. The Succah champions the cause of Jewish nationalism and focuses on our nation as a homogeneous unit, while the Four Kinds symbolise the importance of "Jewish multiculturalism".

The Succah commemorates the Clouds of Glory which miraculously protected the Jewish people while they travelled in the desert. The clouds did not differentiate between one Jew and another - all were equal beneficiaries of their shade and protection. We, too, sit together in a Succah as a symbol of our unity. We focus on that which unites us; our common values and mission, rather than that which divides us. We leave behind our differences and unite.

The Four Kinds, however, are entirely different. According to the Midrash, the four different species represent different types of Jews, spanning the spectrum from the most observant and scholarly to the simplest. Nevertheless, we take the Four Kinds and hold them together, because we are one people, despite the differences. This mitzvah doesn't achieve



unity by ignoring our differences; rather, it points out the differences, embraces them, and protects our unity in spite of them.

This is because unity achieved at the expense of disregarding our unique personalities and strengths

is a flawed unity. It means that the unity is limited—limited to our shared goals. Our daily lives which are enhanced by our unique personalities remain unaffected by the Succah-style unity.

But without the type of unity expressed by the Succah, the multicultural approach of the Four Kinds would not succeed. For without an underlying unifying factor, people have nothing to bring them together. The Four Kinds should build on the unity of the Succah by imbuing our individual personalities with our quality of unity, by devoting our collective strengths, talents, and natures to perpetuating the ideals that unite us, by recognising that the different pieces of the puzzle may not look the same, but are all there to complete one picture.

A Succah is not a Succah if it isn't open for all and doesn't bring unity. One of my childhood highlights of Succot was 'Succahering'. This was the custom of going from Succah to Succah, often to complete strangers, to admire their creations and being treated to lots of goodies.

Preceding Succot are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur which unite us all in the Synagogue. All individuals come together to pray, no matter what background or country they may be from, in unity. It is my hope and prayer that God has ONE blessing in mind for all of us; that we should have a happy, healthy, peaceful and sweet New Year with much nachas from all our loved ones.

Zelda and I take this opportunity to wish you and your families only good and may the Almighty grant the dreams that you wish for to be fulfilled in the fullest measure.

CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

By Stephen Hirst



I suspect you know the joke about the Jewish footballer who is the "captain of eleven captains". If this describes our qualities, they have played very much to this Synagogue Chairman's advantage.

I have written before about the talents and energy which continue to provide a rich and diverse community life. We have many "self-starters", initiating events and maintaining the synagogue routine. The board and committee members work hard.

The Synagogue building continues to prove its worth. Our first civic service went very well, despite worries about receiving and seating our guests. These were easily managed, though, with the support of experienced members. The Synagogue was full, giving a feeling of occasion perhaps lacking in the latter years of the old Shul. Certainly our visitors valued the event. It reinforced our continuing place within the wider Ealing Community. The Supper Quiz brought together so many old friends in good fun, demonstrating the building's versatility.

How gratifying to see the cycle of meetings and events continue whether it be AJR meetings or the work of the various committees. Our Jubilee event was a triumph. A jolly patriotic time was had, with good food, all provided in-house. The event was rather moving reminding us of the value of our institutions.

In the wider community some of us represented the Synagogue at the recent Light of Unity meeting, in Southall Park. It largely took the form of a pop-festival (loud music and mud), a bit of a stretch for this Chairman. Nevertheless It was a significant event and important for we Jews to be represented. At the start, on the stage, a cleric from each faith (perhaps nineteen altogether) was invited to give a very short homily. I know it was not a competition but I could not help feeling a little proud, for I thought Rabbi Vogel's was the best - pithy, intelligible and universal. Certainly credit is due to the Anglican Reverend Derek Barnes and the Unity of Faiths Committee for organising such a day.

Leslie Sommer and I recently attended the US Brunch for Chairs & Vice-Chairs. Like many large institutions, the US faces many challenges having to adapt quickly to changing legislation. In truth we are part of the US institution and not really a separate entity. The word "family" is overused but it can be applied to the US. We are part of that family and, as with any family, we sometimes have to speak up for ourselves. However I believe there is mutual appreciation and respect between the US leaders and the constituent synagogues.

A diminishing membership brings problems but we have the hope that, under Ray's guidance, and at least in the immediate future, the synagogue can look forward to a settled time financially.

Service attendances remain a concern especially through holidays but we seem to get by, in large part by virtue of the hard work of our Wardens.

As practical as the New Shul is we lack ideal facilities for very young children. I had the idea of temporary play flooring-cum-playpens and I would be very grateful for other ideas.

There has been much joy around the Synagogue but we have had our sadnesses on the loss of several members. I mention now that Ken our caretaker has given notice of his resignation, intending to retire in a few months time. We are grateful for the contribution he has made to Synagogue life over the past seventeen or so years and of course have such fond memories of Carol. We will mark his retirement more formally.

With thanks again to those who have worked so hard to keep our small community going and in such shape. I think we can look forward to a good year.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Stephen Hirst

A BUSY YEAR FOR THE U.S.

By Jeremy Jacobs, Chief Executive



The past year has been a busy one as the US have been working hard to engage members with our values of Jewish Living, Learning and Caring. We have launched a number of new inspiring initiatives and when added to all the activities developed at our local Shuls, we have an impressive list of high-class programmes, delivered by top quality leaders, which are so valued by our members.

Across the US we have employed more Tribe Youth Directors to ensure our communities can offer their children an array of exciting events and educational projects throughout the year.

Tribe have launched a number of new programmes including; the pre Bar & Bat Mitzvah 'Challenge', which teaches about the fundamentals of Judaism, 'Aleph Champ', a new Hebrew reading programme now offered to all US Chedarim and at Schools; 'Shabbat Interactive', a revolutionary course where children learn about Shabbat through the use of the latest technology.

These new programmes form part of the 'Tribe curriculum' to enrich our children's lives with education and social knowledge to use when they reach various lifecycle moments.

I was delighted with the initial response to the new Tribe Children's Siddur (Shevet Asher) which makes prayer easy to understand and an enlightening experience for children. The reaction from both children and parents has shown that it was an essential product and the dedicated team who produced the Siddur deserve the highest praise for their outstanding work.

This past summer saw hundreds of US children and teenagers take part in Tribe summer programmes, including schemes at US communities, residential summer camps in the UK and Europe and Tribe Israel Tour which provided our teenagers with an amazing three and a half weeks. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we are seeing an increased demand for Israel Tour places.

For the US, young professionals and students are a vital generation who will ultimately shape our Jewish future. Whilst we have fantastic Tribe Campus ambassadors, once University is over and the students move back home, it is crucial that we increase what we have to offer them. In areas such as Hampstead where there are a large number of young professionals and unaffiliated young Jews, we have appointed programme

educators to run events and services to excite, inspire and engage them.

So far we have had held popular Friday night dinners at Hampstead and Stanmore and inspirational guest speakers such as Sarri Singer, a survivor of a bus bomb in Israel who spoke to a large audience at Hackney and East London Synagogue. For the newly married, our Newlyweds Learning Programme run by US Living and Learning also continues to be a great success.

As for our established members, with the help of our central administrative resource, they have been able to explore their Jewish backgrounds through our community heritage tours across Europe, often led by their community rabbis, exciting Jewish learning programmes and much more.

Just as important are the elderly. With years of dedication to their communities, it is essential that we can provide assistance for them in times of need. Isolated and vulnerable members are cared for by local US Community Care Teams whose many activities include weekly bridge games and coffee meetings, day trips, befriending schemes and assistance with daily tasks. These are just a very few of the types of help on offer and I would like to thank them for their invaluable contribution to our members.

We hope that in the very near future, all of our members will be eager to engage with their local shul community, and we are working hard to ensure that there really is something for everyone. If all work together there is every reason to believe that we will indeed inspire our members, enrich their lives, and pass our heritage on to future generations.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Shana Tova,

Jeremy Jacobs, Chief Executive

United Synagogue

If you want to ask me anything, or would like to know more about the United Synagogue and our services, please do send me an e-mail to cx@theus.org.uk as your feedback is valuable to us.

CST: working together with Jewish communities

CST is the Community Security Trust, a charity that provides security for Jewish communities throughout Britain; ensuring that we are all able to lead the Jewish life of our choice.

CST is also available - 24 hours a day - for those of us who are unfortunate enough to suffer, or witness, antisemitism.

CST is part and parcel of our communities, drawing upon a long and proud tradition of British Jewish self-defence. Security can only be done with the help, cooperation and participation of the members of our community, its leaders and institutions.

We need to share responsibility, together. This means contacting your local CST and asking what role you can play with our local security teams. It means understanding why we do security and cooperating with our local teams. It means contacting CST if you happen to have information that you think may be of use to us, or to the Police.

Sharing responsibility also means trying to keep a healthy balance between keeping calm and being aware of the physical threats that unfortunately do exist.

Since last Rosh HaShana, three separate terrorist plots against British Jews have been revealed. One concerned Golders Green and Stamford Hill, two Jewish neighbourhoods in London; one concerned Broughton Park, a Jewish neighbourhood in Greater Manchester; and the other concerned two British synagogues. Then, we have the dreadful shootings at a Jewish school in Toulouse; and, from Iran, appalling state-sponsored

antisemitism and terrorism against both Jews and Israelis.

Our enemies do not distinguish one type of Jew from another; and they are targeting both large and small communities. CST's work is therefore sadly necessary, but we should be determined to keep a sense of perspective about the situation.

Today, our community is largely able to express its Jewishness in whatever way it wishes. That can be religious, cultural, political, charitable, sporting or whatever sort of Jewish life you do, or do not, wish to have. Our community is, on the whole, successful and well integrated into the rest of society. We have come a very long way indeed since the newly arrived immigrant generations of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Antisemitism and the threat of terrorism most certainly do not define our lives as British Jews. At CST, we want to keep it that way. This is why we work so closely with synagogues from across our Jewish communities; and it is why Police and Government encourage our efforts.

CST can, however, only be as strong as the communities we serve. We need you to play your part: by reporting suspicious and antisemitic activities to us; and by joining our local teams or helping to fund our work.

Thank you and Shana Tova.



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DIARY OF AN OLYMPIC VOLUNTEER

Penny and Basil Mann were volunteers at the London Olympic Games 2012.

Read about their once-in-a-lifetime experience.

SUNDAY 29 JULY. Climbed out of bed, showered and put on my purple and red volunteer's uniform with trembling hands. Did my bottom look good in these low slung trousers? Snatched up a sandwich and drink and Baz drove me to the bus stop in plenty of time to catch the 5:58 a.m. 237 bus to Shepherds Bush and then on to Stratford via the Jubilee line. At Brentford, I spotted another uniform getting on board, and then at Chiswick an American family began asking about trains from Gunnersbury to see the Archery at Lord's Cricket Ground. Immediately my fellow volunteer and I came together to give advice as to how to reach an Olympic venue in time, despite the Sunday services. My first experience of Olympic volunteering! The rest of the day passed in a haze of trying to remember how to get from A to B – in particular, how to access the "Rest Room" where lay unlimited amounts of fruit, tea, coffee, water and toilets. It seemed that the end of my shift came very soon, but once seated on the tube going home, did I feel tired!

MONDAY 30 JULY. An afternoon shift today, and once at Stratford I remembered how to find the special fast track lane from the station into the Park and through screening, specially reserved for "Games Makers", as we volunteers are known. Today, I did not get lost but I found my way directly to our Check-In tent where I was given a bottle of water and a Diary! I soon settled into my assigned task at the Water Polo Arena which was to upgrade spectators who had been given seats with a restricted view, to a better seat. Everyone was delighted, but it was difficult to fathom the expressions of the Croatians whom I found myself reassigning to seats next to the Serbian spectators at the Serbia v. Croatia water polo match. Luckily, there were no fisticuffs, just a lot of shouting and flag waving. It was becoming apparent that



EVERYONE was dressing up for the matches – even us Brits – in our national colours.

TUESDAY 31 JULY. Granddaughter Nina's Bat Mitzvah today so I took the day off and slept in on Wednesday which was a day off anyway!

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST. Really getting into the swing of things now! Enjoying a joke with the two young Fire Warden lads who seem to always be in the Rest

Room when I'm making myself a coffee and eating a banana or an orange. They have come down from Birmingham for the duration of the Games and seem to be enjoying the experience. I am beginning to find that a number of colleagues are either camping in a field nearby or sleeping in a relative's spare bedroom. Everyone is so positive and friendly.

FRIDAY 3 AUGUST. Baz and I have luckily gained tickets for the Athletics today so we were up early to beat the crowds (well, to join the crowds) at the Arena. We got off the Jubilee line at West Ham and walked for 25 minutes along the Greenway route. An amazing experience as here, too, the route was lined with volunteers of all shapes and sizes, merrily greeting us and directing us on our way. It made a dull drizzly start to the day such fun. Walking in to the Park from a different direction gave us a chance to see more of the glorious wildflowers lining the river. The Park was bursting with people and the queues for coffee before the events began were enormous but everyone was smiley and polite and in such good humour. The athletics were good too, in spite of a Dutch supporter sitting in front of me with an orange lion on his head!

SATURDAY 4 AUGUST. I remembered to grab a handful of Cadbury's chocolates as I sign in and not leaving them in my trouser pocket to melt as

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I did on Thursday. Fortunately, our uniforms are made of a fabric made out of recycled plastic bottles and wash every evening like a dream.

SUNDAY 5 AUGUST. Another early start but the overground and the Jubilee Line are doing me proud! Becoming friendly with Margaret who has come up from Kent and staying in her sister's flat in Grove Park. Got chatting with a lecturer from Leeds University during a break and also met a solicitor who has taken a fortnight's break from the office to become a Games Maker. Several youngsters have come straight from University or are between jobs.

MONDAY 6 AUGUST. Am missing my old job which enabled me to sit and watch most of a game or two of Water Polo. Now I am down in the Ticket Resolution Office and today we were really busy, giving people on crutches or in wheelchairs more accessible seats and calming an American lady who had dropped her ticket into the river! Have been given a ticket at the Aquatics Arena to watch the Synchro and meet my sister this evening. Amazing.

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST. Feeling the strain of working four days in a row, but the good humour of the soldiers at Screening and the enthusiasm of everyone is infectious, plus the sun has come out! Continuing to enjoy the fruit, chocolate and Crunchie bars freely available. They really do look after us volunteers.

WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST. Worked hard on my day off, catching up with the washing and putting the house to rights.

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST. My last day at the Olympic Park! Feel quite sad. Collected my gold pin and letter of thanks. Kept saying goodbye to all my new-found friends. Decided to stay on after my shift finished and watch the finals of the women's Water Polo. It was so exciting. I went straight home, fortifying myself with a cup of strong coffee at Waterloo as I completed my last journey home from the London Olympics 2012.



BASIL'S PART

My part in the Olympics was very different but just as important.

I was given Terminal 5 at Heathrow, assigning people to their Transport. I had 2 shifts: one beginning at 6.30 a.m. which meant getting up at 4.30 a.m. and finishing at 2.30 p.m., and the second shift which started at 2.30 p.m. and finished at 11.00 p.m. However, on the second shift I normally finished at 9.30 p.m.

On arriving for each shift, I went to a special office where coffee, tea, water and chocolate were available all through the day. On each shift there were at least twenty volunteers and we were given three different stations. They were Fleet, where the important people i.e. officials of each country were given a BMW car with a driver to take them to their hotel and then on to the Olympic Park. These important officials were welcomed when they cleared immigration and their baggage was collected by special volunteers who were called "Meet and Greet". The main problem was first thing in the morning because the drivers had to go to either Hyde Park Underground Car Park or the Excel Centre, but as the day wore on the situation became easier as we acted as a taxi rank. The drivers booked in and if there was nobody waiting to be driven, they could either go for a cup of coffee or wait in their car to be called. The second station was Arrivals and when the competitors cleared customs and immigration, they waited for the coaches to be called for transport to the Olympic Village. There was a delay because very often, especially with the Spanish and Dutch teams, they were being interviewed by their own reporters in a special part of Terminal 5 that was given over to the media. Some of the competitors on arriving wanted a cigarette and we had to check their accreditation before they

were allowed on the coach. The third station was Heathrow Express which was mainly for the media and we made sure they that they got to London safely. The lifts from Terminal 5 to Heathrow Express were automatic and it was funny to

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FIRENZA

Estelle and Michael Jacobs take us on tour to Florence

Florence is a city with a wealth of art and culture, narrow streets, views, piazzas, churches and a monumental synagogue. The shops are full of beautifully designed clothes, leather goods and jewellery, with



amazing style and prices to match. It is small and intimate, out of proportion to the vast contribution it has made to civilisation and culture in the western world.

For us, the visit to the synagogue was a highlight. It is an impressive complex, set behind high gates with tight security on the street outside. Armed soldiers no less! We went through the gates and the security check point into a grand courtyard. On one side is the school – now a kindergarten – and on the other a memorial

to the 248 Jews deported from Florence by the Nazis. In front of us rose this majestic Moorish style monument with its three green copper domes which can be seen from afar as points on the city landscape. As we entered the synagogue we felt we were in a cathedral, but after looking again and focusing on the Ark, bimah and ladies' gallery we adjusted to our surroundings and, yes, we had arrived in shul.

The ornate décor is stunning but the great size of the building was the overwhelming experience. We sat and soaked up the atmosphere whilst the guide gave a talk. We continued our tour to the museum which was full of interesting exhibits with written explanations and a very enthusiastic guide. The story of the Jews of Florence unfolded. Jewish presence in Florence is documented from the Middle Ages. Around 1437, the first Jewish community established itself on the other side of the Arno River. They mainly worked as moneylenders but there were no restrictions, other than having to wear a distinctive mark, usually

a yellow circle, on their clothes.

Their synagogue was a large room flanked by two smaller ones (probably for the women). Throughout the 15th century, there is evidence of cultural and intellectual collaboration between the Jews and the humanistic circles. However, this tranquillity ended and in 1571 the Ghetto was established in the centre of the city. The Jews were forced to stay within the walls and to limit business activities to trading in used goods and rags. In Rome and Venice the story was similar. The



Ghetto evolved and by 1861 the Jews moved out entirely and settled in other parts of the city. The new monumental synagogue was completed in 1882 after 10 years of planning and building and was a symbol of the re-established dignity of the Jews of Florence.

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see people pressing the lift button. I enjoyed working on the Fleet Cars more than the other stations although everybody was so pleasant and cheerful after a long flight. One day, I greeted the Israeli reporter from Haaretz with the words "good morning" in Hebrew which he seemed pleased to hear! We had plenty of volunteers and arranged our own break times throughout the day.

It was great meeting the volunteers who were people like me, retired or teachers or students, and they came from all over the country staying with friends, etc. I became very friendly with a couple from Scotland - the lady was in a wheel chair and there were other disabled people working as volunteers.

Looking back now, it was a great experience. I was extremely tired at the end but one felt that one had done a good job!



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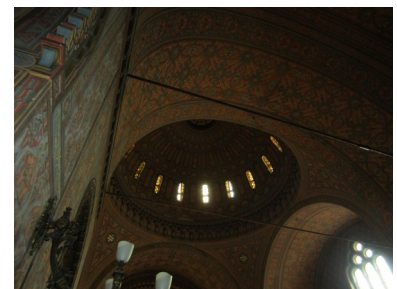
The community flourished and once again participated actively in the city's intellectual and artistic life. However, the decline began around 1920 and the city was impoverished further by deportations to extermination camps during World War II. The building survived Nazi bombs and damage caused by their presence in the building - the Nazis used the synagogue as a garage.

Today, there are 800 people in the community and the services are well attended. We had the pleasure of attending the



service for Shavuot and the memory will stay with us for ever. The lively chatter coming from the ladies' side of the mechitza (mostly, ladies choose to stay downstairs), the fashions (anything from jeans to designer), the vastness and acoustics making it impossible to hear the Rabbi, the sermon in Italian delivered from a "suspended" pulpit and the unique custom, during the Cohanin blessing, for the whole family to huddle beneath their papa's tallit. And the Kiddush. It was a special one for Shavuot but also to celebrate the President and his wife's Golden Wedding Anniversary. As we entered the hall we felt at home at last! People wishing each other Shabbat Shalom with a glass of wine in their hand, waiting and hovering over the long tables laden (Italian style) with dips, smoked salmon, borekas,

salads, fruit, cheesecake and more! There were about 200 people chatting and munching. We were made to feel so welcome by the Rabbi and the community. One family in particular took us under their wing (particularly Michael, literally during the Cohanin blessing!) and invited us to tea that afternoon at their beautiful house in the hills. In their lovely shady garden we met family, extended family and shul friends, including the Vice President, a charming woman, from whom we heard some interesting things about the running of the shul - which all sounded so familiar!



JEWISH GENETIC DISORDERS: IT'S NOT JUST TAY-SACHS

Katrina Sarig, Executive Director, Jewish Genetic Disorders UK

More than just a quirky sense of humour and a fondness for chicken soup, there tends to be a common bond between Jews wherever they meet in the world. Along with the religious and cultural influences on our collective identity, scientists have established a common genetic origin that defines us physically as well.

As a distinct and historically isolated population, the Jewish people have a unique genetic profile. Though there are arguably some great benefits to having 'Jewish genes', it also leaves our community, like every ethnic group, at higher risk of certain genetic disorders.

Scientific research has identified a group of genetic disorders that, while not exclusively Jewish, are more prevalent among people with Jewish ancestry relative to the general population. Some of these conditions involve mild or even no symptoms, yet others lead to chronic disability and shortened lifespan, and a few - like Tay-Sachs disease - are tragically fatal in childhood.

Tay-Sachs disease is widely recognised – but how many of us can name any of the other genetic conditions below that disproportionately affect our community?

There is not a higher incidence of cystic fibrosis (CF) in Jews relative to the general population, however, there are specific CF-causing mutations that are more common.

It is estimated that **1 in 5 Ashkenazi Jews are carriers of at least one Jewish**

genetic disorder. However, Tay-Sachs disease remains the only disorder for which there is any organised community education and for which NHS carrier testing is available to the Jewish population. For all the other disorders, awareness in our community remains very low and testing opportunities are limited.

Jewish Genetic Disorders UK (JGD UK) was established to address the gap between scientific advances and community awareness. Our charity, supported by its expert scientific and medical advisory committee, is dedicated to improving the awareness, prevention and management of Jewish genetic disorders in the UK.

With funding from Jeans for Genes and in consultation with affected families, we have recently developed a service to help people access the best available information, services and support for Jewish genetic disorders. This web-based resource provides details on the disorders, how they are inherited, testing options, and links to further resources and support. It also includes the option of sending individual queries to our specialist genetic counselor who will answer confidentially.

Responding to needs highlighted in a study last year involving over 60 community and health organisations, we are also working to help facilitate access to responsible testing services for the Jewish community within a general awareness-raising programme.

Too often people find out they are carriers only after they have a child born with a disease. A carrier is unaffected themselves

Bloom syndrome	Fanconi anaemia (type C)
Breast and ovarian cancer (BRCA 1 and 2)	Gaucher disease (type 1)
Canavan disease	Mucopolysaccharidosis IV
Cystic fibrosis *	Niemann-Pick disease (type A)
DYT1 Generalised dystonia	Tay-Sachs disease
Familial Dysautonomia	Factor XI deficiency



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It is not every day that you will read about an organisation whose membership has an average age of 88, on a recruitment drive but at the Association of Jewish Refugees ("AJR") we are actively seeking to reach out to new members and offer them the extensive services we already provide to hundreds of our members worldwide.



Statue dedicated to the Kindertransport
designed by Frank Meisler (Hook of Holland)

Founded in 1941 by Jewish refugees from central Europe, the AJR attends to the social, welfare and financial needs of Holocaust refugees and survivors. Today, membership is extended to all Jewish victims of Nazi persecution and their families and the AJR counts amongst its members former refugees and survivors from all Nazi-occupied countries.

Our team of dedicated social care workers attends to the day-to-day needs of our members and our regional groups programme offers our members a unique opportunity to meet, socialise and enjoy entertainment. It is at such gatherings that many former friends have been re-united after more than 70 years and we would be delighted to welcome new members.

Alongside these popular groups we also organise week-long holidays in different areas of the country whilst our volunteers' coordinator arranges for visits from a befriender for those members in need of some company. The AJR also looks after the interests of the Kindertransport and the Child Survivors Association and all members receive the highly respected monthly AJR Journal.

The Paul Balint AJR Centre which now meets at the Belsize Square Synagogue serves kosher lunches and offers a wide range of entertainment and activities for AJR members and we arrange for frozen kosher meals to be delivered to members in the London area. The AJR also provides advice and assistance on all Holocaust era compensation and restitution enquiries.

Please do take some time to visit our website www.ajr.org.uk which contains information about all our services and activities as well as details of our forthcoming events. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AssociationofJewishRefugees.

If you have any questions about our work, or to find out more, call us on 020 8385 3070 or email us at enquiries@ajr.org.uk.



Michael Newman
Chief Executive

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

By Olivia Marks-Woldman, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust



'Holocaust Memorial Day isn't for me, really, is it? Of course I know all about the Holocaust.'

'Why do we have Holocaust Memorial Day? We've got Yom Hashoah.'

'I thought the government ran Holocaust Memorial Day. What are you going to be doing?'

These are some of the comments and questions I've received since starting my new job in February 2012. It is a role that is not only exciting and challenging for me, but is with an organisation that impacts on us all. I am now the Chief Executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, a charity set up by the Government in 2005 to take over responsibility for delivering HMD from the Home Office. Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) aims to ensure that we remember the victims and honour the survivors of the Holocaust and Nazi persecution and those from subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and the ongoing atrocities in Darfur.

I am sure many New Ealing Review readers participate in Ealing's HMD civic service and will know that Local Authorities, schools, libraries and others organise commemorative events and ceremonies. You may not, however, be aware of the full extent of HMD across the UK, nor of how we relate to Yom Hashoah commemorations.

In 2005, 266 HMD activities took place; most were commemorative events organised by Local Authorities. This year, in January 2012, over 1,400 activities took place around the country, organised by prisons, police forces, job centres, cinemas, community centres as well as LAs and schools. Activities included film screenings and discussions, choir and orchestral performances, speaker programmes, readings, art exhibitions, photographic displays and tree planting ceremonies. New works of art were commissioned and displayed. HMD was commemorated in Exeter and Aberdeen, Belfast and Brighton.

Each year HMDT produces a theme to provide a focus for the broad lessons of HMD. This year, for HMD 2012, we asked people to **Speak Up, Speak Out** against hatred, prejudice or injustice. Our theme for HMD 2013 is **Communities together: Build a Bridge**. We will ask everyone to learn about the different communities affected by the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, and to consider how they can make connections with communities around us today.

We contribute to activities that are for learning, for commemoration and for increasing understanding between people and communities by helping to create resources (e.g. for school assemblies, factsheets, lesson plans, posters, survivors' stories) and organise workshops around the UK to help activity organisers run their events.

It is a year-round operation to develop materials and encourage more people to run HMD events. Working closely with other organisations such as the Holocaust Educational Trust, the London Jewish Cultural Centre, the Survivors' Centre, the Aegis Trust, the Holocaust Centre and SURF (supporting survivors of the Rwandan genocide), we ensure that survivors' experiences are at the heart of HMD.

Yom Hashoah is a time in the year when the Jewish community remembers our families and our own community. We pray, we honour those who survived and those who are no longer with us. It is a day of mourning and of commemoration.

The answers to the questions at the beginning of this article are best given by Ivor Perl, Holocaust survivor, speaking at Redbridge Holocaust Memorial Day activity, 2012:

'I think "what's the point of talking?" The things are still carrying on, the atrocities. But seeing all these people here, I will have to change my mind and think there is some hope.'



BOARD OF DEPUTIES

An Update by Edward Cohen, Ealing Synagogue's BoD Representative

The summer of 2011 ended where it had commenced, with the culmination of the celebrations to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Board. This took the form of a Gala Dinner at the City Guildhall. The Guest of Honour was HRH The Prince of Wales who gave a stirring oration (written by himself) extolling the virtues of the Board and other Jewish organisations.

The tour of duty of the former Israeli Ambassador ended in August 2011 and he was replaced by Daniel Taub, who was born in Manchester. His Excellency addressed the Board in September and it was clear from the outset that his office is in very capable hands.

Apart from Daniel Taub, there were no other highlight speakers, save at the Provincial Meeting in Newcastle in March this year, when the Plenary was addressed by the Lord Mayor and Chi Onwurah, MP.

Plenary meetings have mostly been devoted to considering the work and reports of the four sub-Boards, namely, Finance, Community Issues, Defence and International. Readers are no doubt familiar with the usual topics which crop up, such as Shechita, Brit Milah, Anti-Semitism and Israel, to name but a few. In addition, other matters were brought to the floor of debate. These included the release of Gilad

Shalit, the Pro-Palestinian demonstrations against the visit of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in September last year, attempts by some Deputies to persuade the Board to pass a motion to boycott the Guardian newspaper (for its generally perceived anti-Israel approach) and against the Co-Op stores (for imposing a boycott of certain Israeli goods). The attempts failed.

Learning lessons from the IPO visit, the Board and the Zionist Federation organised successful anti-boycott demonstrations against Palestinian objections to the performance of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Globe Theatre in May this year.

Late spring and early summer saw the Board's participation in the Jubilee celebrations and triennial elections. Vivian Wineman and Laurence Brass were elected unopposed as President and Treasurer respectively. The three Vice Presidents elected after a fiercely fought contest were Laura Marks (Senior Vice President with responsibility for Community Issues), Jonathan Arkush (Defence and Group Relations) and Alex Brummer (International). The July Plenary saw elections of Deputies to these Boards with an amazing amount of fresh, younger blood. The Board faces the future with renewed optimism.

TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY...

A basic overview of buying and selling a property in Israel

By Peter Young

Buying and selling property in Israel can be easier than you might think. The difficult bits lie somewhere in the middle. It all depends where you buy. You probably know Barbara z"l and I bought a flat in Ashkelon where the conversation goes a bit like this: "Where do you live?" "I live in Ashkelon". (West Acton/Ealing). "Where's that? Isn't that where the port is?" "No you're thinking about Ashdod" "Oh that's a long way away." I explain saying, "Yes, that's right. Ashkelon (Acton) is near the prison (Wormwood Scrubs)". This confirms your questioner's worst fears about the place and the person they suspected you to be.

Do you remember the old days when you went to your dentist and sat in the waiting room in hope that you could get in to see him, or her, quite soon – without an appointment? Well, twenty years ago in Ashkelon, going to see your lawyer was the same, even with an appointment. I am told it is much better today. Then, in the waiting room, the only thing missing was the fish tank and the other "patients" were slightly more, shall we say, "animated". Having been advised to use a local lawyer and not one from Tel Aviv, who clearly would know nothing of local legal conditions, your 10.30 a.m. appointment proceeds on time at 11.15 a.m. and it won't be too intense because of the interruptions – other clients more important than you or with significant business bursting into your meeting every 5 minutes. Even your lawyer tires of this in the end, giving instructions for "no more interruptions" – which lasts about 6 minutes!



Of course, if you buy in a proper place such as the Ra'anana-Herzlia-Tel Aviv corridor or Jerusalem, none of these idiosyncrasies manifest themselves. Everyone knows where those places are – your lawyer could be British or even speak to you in English. Anywhere else in the country is inevitably "too far away". Indeed, you may have to hone your Ivrit. This is not

that they can't speak English, rather that they *won't* speak English – too much trouble. In any case, it's much more polite to try to speak Ivrit and at least you know they have stitched you up rather than thinking they may have.

Wherever you buy or sell, however, the process is straightforward, just like in the UK but without the "survey" and the "searches" – after all, it is basically British law. As much of the land is virgin territory so to speak, Israel is still in the process of registering land at the Land Registry and it can take some years before this procedure is actually completed. With new builds Land Registration is very unlikely. So you find somewhere you like and agree the price. Your contract stipulates the payment schedule. You exchange contracts and the buyer puts down 10% deposit, which can be forfeited on failure to complete. There may be an interim payment and about a month or less after exchange, you complete with the final payment. Simple.

What of the bits in the middle? These are for the next issue of the magazine. The Editor's on my back to keep this short.



The official picture of the Queen on her accession to the throne in February 1952. (Getty Images)

In this year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympic Games, over the next few pages some members have very kindly agreed to share their reminiscences of where they were at the Queen's Coronation in 1952 or at the 1948 London Olympics.



SOME THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE OLYMPICS

By Ella Marks

Last year, I was lucky enough to be able to join a small group of London U3A members on what is known as a "Shared Learning Project", the subject of which was Anglo-Jewry's involvement in the Olympics. The object was to create a travelling exhibition for the Jewish Museum, but the Museum has never been able to utilise all the information we gathered. This is, sadly, a missed opportunity to show what part Anglo-Jewry has played in the Olympic movement.

At the beginning of our project we all knew about Harold Abrahams' and Ben Helfgott's achievements, but through trawling through archives many more fascinating figures emerged.



Sir Adolphe Abrahams

Did you know....that in the 1908 Olympics in London, the team captain of the British Rugby team was Barney Solomon who, with his brother Bert, played for the Cornish team which represented Great



Britain? Sadly, they lost in the final to the only other team taking part in the games—Australia. There are not many Jewish rugby players, and certainly not many from Cornwall. Incidentally, Bert was also well known locally as a pigeon fancier. Not many Jews do that either!

I have already mentioned Harold Abrahams but did you know....that his older brother Sidney competed in the long jump in the 1912 Olympics held in Stockholm and his oldest brother Sir Adolphe Abrahams was knighted for his services to sports medicine?

The 1912 Olympics had a Welsh Jewish athletic representative, David Jacobs, who won gold in the 100 metres relay race. While we're talking about track events, there was also Edward Ralph (Teddy) Smouha, a Manchurian whose family originally came from Iraq, who won a bronze medal for the 100 metres relay in 1928 Summer Olympics in Amsterdam.

I must, of course, mention the Paralympic Games which first took place in Toronto in 1972 and its founding father Dr Ludwig Guttman. But, did you know....that the concept had started in 1948 at the time of the London Olympics with the Stoke Mandeville Games which comprised two events—archery and basketball?

These are just a few of the athletes who have represented Britain over the years. In nearly all of the various sports there has been some Jewish involvement including sailing, fencing, wrestling and swimming. If we had tried hard enough, we might even have found a Jewish horse rider.

I have a great many other bits of fascinating information, useless, other than for use in supper quizzes. I am sure the fact that in 1908 Britain won 56 gold medals and the USA won 22, and in 1948 at the London Olympics, Britain won 23 gold medals and the USA won 84 will get me lots of brownie points at some point in the future.





I was only eight at the time of the Coronation, but I was the Poetess Laureate of my first school and wrote a piece of verse about it which was put up on the classroom wall.

My mother made new skirts chequered in red, white and blue for Isabel and me and took us round to our Aunt Stella to watch it on her television – something unusual in those days.

We had as souvenirs a biscuit or cake tin with a picture of the Queen and Prince Philip, and a smaller tin, which I think was for sweets. I also remember that my parents had a book or booklet entitled 'Came the Fair Young Queen', describing the reigns of Elizabeth I, Anne and Victoria. And I had a picture of the Queen which I kept in my room, not so much from royalist feeling as because I liked the picture very much. *Helen Feldman*



We were at School in South Africa (in Johannesburg and Durban) when the Coronation took place. Being part of the Commonwealth (even though we were on the other side of the world from Britain), we were each given a glass Coronation mug with the place and date printed next to the Royal Coat of Arms—treasured possessions! *Doria and Jimmy van Dellen*

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was notable in my young mind for two reasons. The first was that we had a day off school. This new monarch had already made a good impression. But, what to do with a free day? We lived near Manchester so a trip to see the event was unlikely. We did not have a television because my mother said "We are NOT having a television – the children will not do their homework and will not pass the 11 plus" (For younger readers, the 11 plus was the exam which, if you passed, you went to a Grammar School; if you didn't pass, you went to a Secondary Modern School.) However, we were invited by some friends of my parents to watch the Coronation on their television. This was the second notable feature of the day – it was the first time I had watched television – maybe the first time I had seen a television.

In those days, televisions were housed in large wooden cabinets and had tiny screens – 13 inches from memory. They took ages to warm up and when the picture eventually appeared, it was fuzzy, dim and, of course, in black and white. Curtains had to be drawn to see it all.

Sometime later, the whole school went to the local flea pit to see the Coronation film – this time in colour and on a big screen.

A day off school and a free trip to the pictures – God save the Queen. *Robin Preston*





1948 Olympics. As an 18 year old in my last year at school and preparing to do National Service, I had tickets for all the football games and one session of athletics but was also booked for the Brady Boys Club Camp at Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight. After much heart searching, I gave away all my football tickets and spent ten days soaking wet on the Downs in the Isle of Wight under canvas between Yarmouth and Freshwater.

We had a great time and heard some reports on the radio, when we could escape to the local. This year, I will be at home and particularly if it is as wet as I seem to remember it was in 1948, I will be in an armchair watching on a colour TV.
Simeon Arnold



We lived in a flat over the shop but the kitchen and dining room were downstairs behind the shop. During the day the dining room doubled as the fitting room. Instead of remaining in the upstairs sitting room or my bedroom I played, dressing my paper dollies in model dresses and inventing plays for my paper actors to perform in my cardboard theatre, in the fitting room/ dining room lest I missed out on any interesting action in the shop.

My parents were furious about this as customers were wont to say, "I won't try this dress on now because I will disturb your little girl". Not too good for trade!



In the weeks leading up to the Coronation, I abandoned my other activities to concentrate on building my cardboard Coronation Procession, complete with the Queen in her golden Coronation coach, horses and riders in splendid Household Cavalry uniforms, Grenadier Guards, coaches containing the other members of the Royal family, Army, Navy and Air Force officers marching along (metaphorically speaking as they were only cardboard cut-outs). By 2nd June my procession encircled the room.

On the day, a public holiday, the shop was closed and we sat in the centre of the dining/fitting room watching the Coronation on our newly acquired 12 inch black-and-white television. It had to be the centre of the room in order not to disturb my cardboard procession. I followed the Royal procession to Westminster Abbey in step with my own procession cut-out each day from the News Chronicle Junior Page. As the Queen spoke the Coronation Oath, I took it too, in clear confident tone at 4, Earls Hall Parade, Westcliff on Sea.

Little did any of us know that one day I would receive a Royal Warrant signed by the same Queen, appointing me as a Judge, referring to me as "our trusted and well-beloved Dawn Angela Freedman."

Dawn Shestopal



July 1948 found a 9-year-old child feeling quite miserable having missed the end of the school year with measles and, just recovered from what was then a fairly nasty illness, to less than 10 days later developing a fresh crop of spots, alas this time it was chickenpox!

But consolation was at hand. The Olympics.

My parents had recently installed a television in our living room; compared to today's enormous screens ours was miniscule in, as I recall, a very sturdy box like casing, but I was mesmerised. None of our friends or family had televisions. Chickenpox was overlooked. Family, friends and even some of my father's favoured patients were allowed to crowd into our small living room and watch on the tiny black and white screen.

Great highlights included Fanny Blankers-Koen winning four gold medals and Dorothy Manley, an athlete who carried the British hopes on the track. I believe she won a silver medal.

Fast forward to 2005. Great euphoria! The Olympics Games 2012 was awarded to London. Near hysteria engulfed many people, particularly those living in London. The great British public was bombarded with facts and figures and an almost daily diet of Olympic "news". The media had a great time.

The Olympics are two days away as I write this. I applied for tickets for Edward and myself. Needless to say I received nothing! My children and grandchildren are in a state of high excitement; between them they have tickets for many and various events. I even applied to see the torch arriving in Walpole Park. Also unlucky there.

At about 3.00 p.m. on the afternoon of 23 July I received a telephone call from my bank, as they were sponsors of the Games. Would I care to be

their guest at the ceremony in Walpole Park that evening? I accepted. We walked past Ealing Green into the park; families waiting for the torch to arrive were picnicking on Ealing Green, the High Street was lined with excited folk waving flags and various favours handed out by sponsors. This was nothing to what greeted us in the park: thousands of people, a carnival atmosphere, amusements for the children, ice-cream and other foods of every conceivable taste.

We made our way into the enclosed area for ticket holders where the centre piece on the stage was a golden cauldron waiting for the moment of lighting. At the side of the stage was a giant screen on which was a montage of clips from the 1948 Games. The stage show comprised young tumblers, acrobats and dancers, all of them exuberant and lively. The music was loud with the Chariots of Fire theme tune played many times.

As the torch neared the park, the screen showed the final runner in the street and entering the Park, the cheering increased in volume to a crescendo as he ran up the steps onto the stage for the countdown to the lighting of the cauldron.

As the count began, babies and small children were held aloft. One mother of an eight month old baby said to me later, "I will be able to tell him he was part of the Olympic experience".

Once the flame had been lit, a choir took to the stage and the choir master encouraged everyone to join in. The atmosphere was good natured with folk from all walks of life and all corners of the world united in a feeling of good will and enthusiasm.

The Olympic torch had come to Ealing!

Marian Cohen



SHABBAT 9 JUNE 2012 EALING SYNAGOGUE'S DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCH



Joan Michaels



All set up for lunch

On Shabbat 9 June over 50 people attended Ealing Synagogue's Diamond Jubilee lunch. Cherna Crome spoke about her childhood with her father, the sculptor Benno Schotz, who was appointed Her Majesty's Sculptor in Ordinary for Scotland in 1963. Very appropriate for the occasion. Neil Shestopal sang the National Anthem in Hebrew. And the food was very good too, shul-cooked by members of the Guild. Our thanks and congratulations go to Joan Michaels, Joyce Frankal and everyone who helped to make this another Ealing Synagogue social success. (The photos were taken on Friday 8 June).



And yet more tables!



Joyce Frankal & Michael Mars



Since we have taken up residency in our new shul building, Ealing Synagogue has been very busy. Below is an article by **DAWN SHESTOPAL** which appeared on the United Synagogue's You&US website in July this year and has been updated.

Ealing Synagogue's new hall has been much in use recently, as the community hosted the first Civic Service (Shabbat 12 May), attended by Councillors and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant in the new Synagogue followed by Kiddush in the hall. The Mayor was presented with a signed copy of the Chief Rabbi's book, "The Great Partnership" and in response expressed the Borough's appreciation of the relationship with the Jewish community and picked up on the theme of leadership in the week's Sidra reading (Emor). As usual, the guests had paid closer attention than the members!

This event was closely followed by a Shabbat "Jubilee lunch" (9 June), catered in the stunning kitchen by both men and women members of the Guild. The National Anthem was sung in Hebrew by resident Cantor Neil Shestopal, and Cherna Crome, daughter of Benno Schotz, Sculptor in Ordinary to the Royal Household in Scotland, gave a light hearted speech recalling memories of growing up in an artistic home with famous friends dropping in regularly and childhood accidents with valuable works of art.

Shabbat 30 June, being designated as Armed Forces Day, the Chief Rabbi's prayer was read

in English and Hebrew by Tony Hitman, who had served in the forces, and he later spoke to the congregation about the Jewish Brigade and the bravery of the airmen of Bomber Command to whom the Memorial had been opened the previous day. Appropriately Chazan Shestopal again rose to the occasion with a spirited rendering of Adon Olam to the tune of "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines".

Beyond the precincts of the Synagogue, two members of the Community held exhibitions of their Art. Dr. Michael Mars who created the ceramic tablets of the Ten Commandments which hang over the Ark, exhibited his works in ceramic, including golden etrog containers at Kensington and Chelsea College. Liora Tchiprout, daughter and granddaughter of members, whose twin sister is serving in the I.D.F. had an exhibition of portraits and landscapes in the foyer of the Questors Theatre.

Ealing may be among the smaller communities, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in talent!

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EALING SYNAGOGUE CARES

An Update by Alison Shindler, Ealing Cares Coordinator

Since my last report in the Pesach edition of the magazine, we have held community lunches in May and July, delivered Pesach parcels and had an outing to Kew Gardens as a trial event. We continue to keep in touch and offer assistance as required (by telephone and visits) with members who value contact.



The lunches remain popular, with an increasing number of members of the local community coming together in the new shul hall to enjoy good food, company and entertainment. The latter has included an amusing insight into life as a judge from His Honour Judge Cohen as well as high class musical entertainment from Maya Robinson and Lia Joffe (fabulous singers in English and Yiddish) and Jess Shindler-Glass and Deborah Harris (performing a selection of flute duets).

Lunch in May, with a subtle Jubilee theme (well, the serviettes had union flags on) had 27 guests and in July there were 37 of us. In celebration of their wedding anniversary,



Judith and Brian Robinson donated salmon, which was enjoyed by all. The lunches involve a lot of work by many members and I am grateful for the efforts that have been made to ensure their success. We hope we have achieved our aim of helping some of our members who are less involved in the community feel comfortable and at home; we have extended invitations to those who are not members of Ealing shul but who live locally and we know that they have been enjoying meeting and mixing with one another. Our next lunch is planned for Thursday 4th October and this will be held in the Succah. If you would like to join us, please let me know as we need to ensure we

have plenty of food and chairs. If you need help with transport, that can be arranged.

In June, nine of us went to Kew Gardens and took a trip on the Kew Explorer. Despite the threatening weather, and not a few misgivings, we set off under leaden skies. During the short journey we experienced some monsoon-style rain but on arrival, the blue sky was making an appearance. The Kew Explorer whizzed us through the gardens and, apart from a few bumpy bits, we felt remarkably safe. The flowers planted to make the Olympic rings and the close up sighting of a golden pheasant were particular highlights. Fortunately, we were inside when the heavens opened once again. We all left feeling lucky to live so close to such a fantastic place and some of us took the opportunity to take home some plants. We have been encouraged by the feedback and hope to arrange a similar trip again.



Another initiative which we trialled for the United Synagogue for a few months was a community phone network. This involved a conference-style call once a week between up to five people and a facilitator; the aim was to provide an opportunity to socialise, particularly for those unable to get out as much as they would like, perhaps due to mobility difficulties or caring responsibilities. Although the group is no longer running, it has led to some friendships developing which are continuing directly between the participants.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20 November 2012:

Mitzvah Day with the Residents and Carers of St David's Home

Saturday 12 January 2013:

Melave Malka with the Shabbaton Choir

Ealing Cares Lunches:

Every 6-8 weeks

Contact Alison Shindler for details

Guild Meetings:

Please contact Joyce Frankal for details of meetings and how you can get involved

AJR Meetings:

First Tuesday in every month.

Contact Leslie Sommer for details

Israeli Dancing:

Every Tuesday evening at 8.00 p.m.

Ealing Liberal Synagogue

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Please remember that we are here to help as much as we can. If you would like to volunteer or require some assistance, please contact me (alisonshindler@aol.com) or leave a message with Michèle Gilford in the synagogue office on 020 8579 4894.

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LEON GERLIS'

ALTERNATIVE JEWISH ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Questions

It is natural and normal for children to ask questions but while most parents respond by telling their curious offspring to, “*Shut up; or else*”, Jewish children are positively encouraged to ask questions, with the object of graduating in the subject at an early age by asking four successive questions, in both Hebrew and their secular language, at a family gathering at Passover. The resulting applause leads to an unceasing torrent of questions. It has been estimated that the mean-lifetime-question-output of Jewish men is 285,004, approximately. It is considerably higher in Jewish women, especially if they are married and even more so if they are mothers.



It has been said (*by whom?*) that it is a characteristic Jewish habit to answer a question with another question. So what is wrong with that?



Quiz

An organised competition session of questions to individuals or groups. Answering these questions with other questions is futile, as the whole object is to gain points by giving correct answers. Quizzes are very popular; they are held in pubs and in clubs, in school halls and in shul halls and they are prominently featured on television. Some offer prizes of fabulous wealth whilst elsewhere you can earn the distinguished title of “Mastermind”. Nobody has ever won a fortune at a synagogue quiz but there is always hope from the raffle.



Qualifications

A few letters after your name and, maybe, a title or honorific in front of it used to be a great help in the job market but this is not necessarily so nowadays and a great number of well-qualified youngsters remain unemployed. This is not really a Jewish problem but many Jewish people are affected by it. Even clever ones!

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“Queen’s Counsel”. Now, here are a couple of top-class letters to have after a name; a qualification from Her Majesty the Queen! The ultimate “Kvell” (or “qvell”). But only barristers need apply. Note: QCs do not usually have employment problems but their clients may.



VOLUME “Q”

Quaggas

Although exceedingly rare, these strange African animals are easily recognizable as the front half has markings similar to a zebra whilst the rear end looks like a horse. Like other members of the *Equus* genus, quaggas do not have cloven hooves or scales so they are not *kosher* for eating. They also have a unique condition of inherent *shatnes*, but this should not give rise to concern as these animals officially became extinct in 1870 when the last known example died in the Zoological Gardens in Regents Park, London. Note: Not many Jewish encyclopedias mention “Quaggas”. You are very fortunate.



Quails

These small migratory birds are undoubtedly edible and also *kosher*, otherwise *Hashem* would not have delivered them, in bulk, to the Israelites in the wilderness of Sinai (thus demonstrating that there is such a thing as a free lunch). Maybe it was because of the very short “use-by” time in the absence of refrigeration, but they never became popular ingredients in Jewish cookery.



Quotations

These are extracts of spoken or written words which have previously been used by somebody else. They are often used in speeches and in published writings to demonstrate how knowledgeable and wide-read the user is. Useful sources are the Bible, Shakespeare, Dickens, Churchill, Rashi, Hillel, anything in Greek or Latin, Margaret Thatcher and U.T. Copley et al. It is not really necessary to read the various books and speeches as you can buy or borrow ready-made collections of quotations. Nobody will know; nobody will care.



Quarter

A “quarter” is a fraction representing a fourth part of something; it is equivalent to 25 per cent, or 0.25 in decimals. However, if you are a tourist or a visitor to a town, you may wish to see the historic Jewish “quarter”, only to find that it consists of only about five or six buildings out of a total of many hundreds. Some “quarter”. Ha! Is this a subtle form of anti-Semitism? Be safe — never trust a fraction.



THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIBERS WISH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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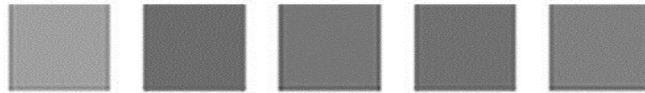
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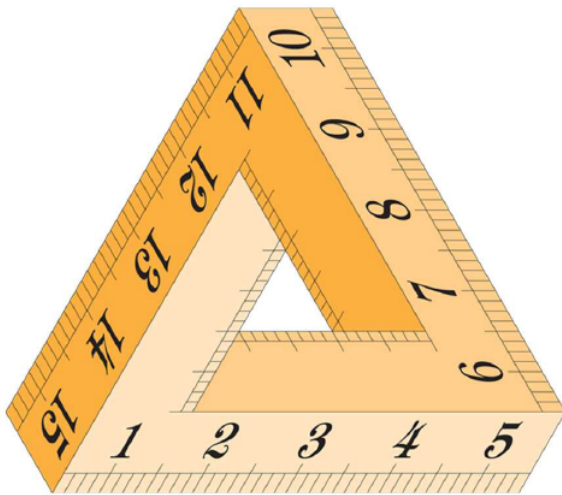


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Ruth Freedman
with
Hannah and Adam Levy
and Joshua
wish all their dear friends
in the Ealing Community
a very Happy and Healthy
New Year

**Happy New Year
to the
Whole Community
from
the Mars family**

*Marianne and Ray Temple
wish the
Ealing community
and their families
a Happy, Healthy and
Peaceful New Year
and well over the Fast*

Cherna Crome and Amiel Schotz
would like to thank the
Ealing Congregation
for all their good wishes
and wish everyone
Shana Tova,
Chag Sameach,
and Well over the Fast

Best Wishes

Joan and Tony Hitman

*Dawn and Neil Shestopal
wish the Community
a Happy and Peaceful
Year*

*Michael Lawton and
Elise Bittenbinder,
Clive Lawton, together
with Anna and Evie*

*Wish all their friends
and members of
Ealing Shul*

*Shana Tova Um'tuka
and well over the Fast*

The Kochan and Lorch families
wish everyone in the Community
a Healthy, Peaceful and Joyful
New Year

Wishing the Ealing congregation
a very Happy New Year and
well over the Fast

Ilana, Menashe,
Avy and Margalit Tahan

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW BORN

Eileen and Malcolm Brookes on the birth of a new grandson
Rodney Coleman and Trudy Coleman on the birth of a new grandson
Kate and Stephen Hirst on the birth of a new grandson.
Mollie Phillips on the birth of her eighth great grandchild
Aviva and Robin Preston on the birth of a new granddaughter



BAT MITZVAH

Marion and Edward Cohen on the Bat Mitzvah of their grandson **Joshua Daniels**
Penny and Basil Mann and **Margaret and Peter Freedman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Nina Freedman**
Judith and Brian Robinson and **Ruth Sandler** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter **Zoe**
Rabbi Hershi and Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Sara**



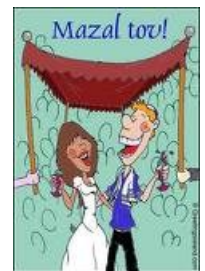
BIRTHDAYS

Hilary Rose on her **60th Birthday**
Michael Jacobs on his **70th Birthday**
Brian Wiseman on his **70th Birthday**
Ros Eger on her **75th Birthday**
Arthur Mayer on his **75th Birthday**
Bertram Mindell on his **80th Birthday**
Diane Whistler on her **80th Birthday**
Joan Michaels on her **83rd Birthday**
Jeff Corne on his **83rd Birthday**
Greta Rubens on her **83rd Birthday**
Alan Amias on his **83rd Birthday**
Martin Kingsley on his **90th Birthday**



WEDDINGS

Doria and Jimmy van Dellen on the marriage of their son **Jonathan** to **Laura Nightingale**
Hilde Stern on the marriage of her grandson **David Drapkin** to **Faige Glaser**
Deborah Cowen and Jonny Leigh on their marriage



CONDOLENCES

Malcolm Brookes on the passing of his brother **Lewis (Len) Brookes z"l**
Leon Gerlis on the passing of his brother **Albert z"l**
Arnold Edward and Jeanette Lichman on the passing of their brother **Leon Edward z"l**
Phillipa Reid on the passing of her mother **Stella Gold z"l**
Hilary Rose and Sarah Rose on the passing of their husband and father **Charlie z"l**
Linda Temple-Harris, her sister **Louise** and brother **Laurence** on the passing of their mother **Lilli Temple z"l**
Maisie Wallach on the passing of her sister **Lillian Fuchs z"l**

TIMES OF SERVICES 2012/5773

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday 9 September

Selichot 8.00 a.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday 16 September

Selichot 8.00 a.m.

Yom Tov 6.56 p.m.

Mincha/Maariv 7.00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH—1ST DAY

Monday 17 September

Shacharit 8.30 a.m.

Reading of the Torah 10.10 a.m.

Rabbi's Sermon 11.00 a.m.

Shofar 11.15 a.m.

Children's Service 11.30 a.m.

Musaf 11.30 a.m.

Tashlich at Walpole Park 6.45 p.m.

Mincha/Maariv 7.25 p.m.

2nd Day Yom Tov begins 7.58 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH—2ND DAY

Tuesday 18 September

Shacharit 8.30 a.m.

Reading of the Torah 10.10 a.m.

Rabbi's Sermon 11.00 a.m.

Shofar 11.15 a.m.

Children's Service 11.30 a.m.

Musaf 11.30 a.m.

Tashlich at Walpole Park 6.45 p.m.

Mincha/Maariv 7.05 p.m.

Yom Tov ends 7.58 p.m.

Friday 21 September

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6.45 p.m.

SHABBAT SHUVA

Shabbat 22 September

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv 7.00 p.m.

Shabbat ends 7.48 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday 25 September

Mincha 2.00 p.m.

Fast begins 6.35 p.m.

Kol Nidre 6.45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday 26 September

Shacharit 9.45 a.m.

Reading of the Torah 12.15 p.m.

Children's Service 12.30 p.m.

Rabbi's Sermon 1.00 p.m.

Yizkor 1.15 p.m.

Musaf 2.00 p.m.

Mincha 4.30 p.m.

Neilah 6.20 p.m.

Fast ends 7.39 p.m.

SUCCOT



EREV SUCCOT

Sunday 30 September

Yom Tov begins 6.24 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv 6.30 p.m.

1ST DAY SUCCOT

Monday 1 October

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv 6.35 p.m.
2nd Day Yom begins 6.25 p.m.

2ND DAY SUCCOT

Tuesday 2 October

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv 6.35 p.m.
Yom Tov ends 7.25 p.m.

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUCCOT

5 October

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.
Mincha 6.10 p.m.
Shabbat ends 6.55 p.m.

HOSHANA RABBA

Sunday 7 October

Shacharit 8.00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv 6.10 p.m.
Yom Tov begins 6.10 p.m.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday 8 October

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.
Yizkor 11.00 a.m.
Mincha 6.20 p.m.
Maariv/Hakofot 7.00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to a Reception in honour of the Chatanim and Eshet Chayil immediately following Hakofot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday 9 October

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.
Hakofot
Mincha/Maariv 6.15 p.m.
Yom Tov ends 7.10 p.m.

SHABBAT BERESHIT

22 October

Shacharit 9.30 a.m.
Mincha 6.10 p.m.
Shabbat ends 6.59 p.m.

In recognition of their dedication and hard work for the community, we are pleased to honour the following members of the Ealing congregation:

חַתָּן תּוֹרָה : Alan Sierota

חַתָּן בְּרֵאשִׁית : Basil Mann

אֵשֶׁת חַיִּל : Joyce Frankal

Pesach 2013/5773

At the end of this Rosh Hashanah edition of the New Ealing Review, we are thinking about the Pesach edition.

We are always in need of articles, photographs, anecdotes, etc.

In fact, anything that would fill the pages. And it's never too early to start submitting them. All contributions will be gratefully accepted. Please help to make this your magazine!

