



# HaMakom

Summer Term 2016/ 5776

### Festivals at HaMakom

You will notice from the HaMakom diary that there are several weeks where we will not be meeting on a Sunday, as well as several Sundays where we will be celebrating specific festivals. Some will be for the whole family whilst others will just be for the children at HaMakom.

#### Pesach April 17th

This will be a whole family morning. There will be lots of different sessions being run by our rabbi and teachers on different topics related to Pesach.

These will range from cooking and craft, why we do what we do to learning old and new songs and ways to run a family friendly Seder. Everyone is welcome.



Pesach 1st night April 22nd



Yom Hatzmaut May 12th

Shavuot June 12th



### Adult Learning Sessions

We have been running Hebrew reading sessions for adults for a while now. Everyone comes to this at different levels of ability but we always try to accommodate all levels and run the course depending on who attends. The sessions are weekly at 11.30—12.30.

Rabbi Michael is running a series of study sessions on CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH TEXTS COMPARED. They will be on May 8th & 22nd, June 19th and July 3rd. They start at 10.40 so you could do both!

### Farewell

This will be my last Newsletter as Head teacher at HaMakom.

I have been privileged to have led the first Cheder to be made up of Masorti, Reform and Liberal children. There have been challenges along the way and, as in any school, there will always be more to come.

I have been lucky to have had great teachers and teenage assistants to help me, not only in the last 4 years but previously when I was at Kol Chai. A big thank you to all of them and a very big thank you to Pete who has always supported me and helped me in more ways than I can say.

I have also been lucky to have come into contact with so many great children, who are even happy to come and say hello to me now they have children of their own

I will be sad to go but I am looking forward, after 45 years of getting up early on a Sunday morning, to relaxing in bed with the Sunday papers.

I wish my successor and HaMakom good luck for all that the future brings.

Shalom

### Tzedakah

Part of the aims and ethos of HaMakom is "to imbue the pupils with a clear sense of positive and life enhancing ethical values, by way of learning such as sharing, generosity, compassion and fairness" This term there will be several Tzedakah projects. Please encourage your children to participate in all of these.

#### May 22nd

Big Bagel lunch for World Jewish relief.

We will again be selling filled bagels. Please pre order.



Bar and Bat Mitzvah coming soon.

#### A big Mazel Tov to:

- ☺ Remy Marsh at Mosaic Reform
- ☺ Connor Buchalter at Hatch End Masorti
- ☺ Sophie Scholl at Kol Chai