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Detail from the Arch of Titus in Rome, which marks the Roman victory in the Great Jewish Revolt of 66-74 CE



Tisha b'Av Morning Service

Sunday 22nd July at 9.30 am

Led by Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton

(see page 6)

Since our last issue

MOSAIC REFORM

MAZAL TOV TO:

Jane & Nick Prentice on the birth of their grandson, Kit Samuel. Mazal tov also to Doreen & Sam Walport on the birth of their great-grandson.

Antonia & Howard Berger on the birth of their grandson, Doren.

Marilyn & Bernie Belson on the Bat Mitzvah of their grand-daughter, Eden

Lydia & David Safir on the birth of their grand-daughter, Lilah Judie

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Sylvia Berg, 91
Iris Francies, 85
David Gellman, 93
Harry Godfrey, 75
Marie Heymann, 90
Joe Schneider, 75
Bernard Segal, 75
Marianne Snowman, 92
Joseph Jacob, 75
Richard Neulaender, 50

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Hannah & Trevor Pinkus on their 60th wedding anniversary

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Adele Saffer
Jack Sheldon
Lew Leaderman
Danny Green
Tony Holman

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lea Sinclair on the death of her husband, Victor, and Bernard Sinclair on the death of his father.

NEW HOME

Lynn Bulka

HEMS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Gillian & Mark Hartstone on the engagement of their son, Sam, to Fiona Mandell

Reggie Goldner on the birth of her great-grandson in Israel

MOSAIC LIBERAL

MAZAL TOV TO:

Nathan Godleman on receiving S'micha

George and Mary Vulkan on the marriage of their son Daniel to Adina in July

Ursula Warner on her recent 95th birthday

Irving Harris on his recent 95th birthday

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Bernard Barnett
Louis Davis
Stanley Jacobs
John Matlin
Victor Saunders
Jewel Rose
Sylvia Vandervelde

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Alan Solomon
Pam Kauders
Rhoda Kohn



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Next issue

The next issue will be that for Rosh Hashana. This will be distributed on 30th August. Due to holidays, the Copy Date is very soon – please aim to provide copy by 3rd July, to ensure inclusion.

Hospital Visitors

We need people who can visit members of our community in any of the local hospitals – Northwick Park, Hillingdon, Hammersmith, Willesden, Potters Bar Community. Anyone who can help in this way should get in touch with Gay Saunders – our Community Care Co-ordinator.



AGM results

HEMS Trustees, Council and Officers elected at AGM on 10th June

Trustees

Dan Honey – Treasurer, Finance overview

Edwin Lucas – Joint Chair, with special interest in community & welfare, events, logistics, Chevra Kadisha, Masorti links, Mosaic Board Member (voting)

Gill Ross – Joint Chair, with special interest in services, religious affairs including kashrut, education, Masorti links, Mosaic Board Member (deputing vote)

Neil Mendoza – Honorary Secretary – Governance, Community

Simon Glass – Senior Warden Services

Council

Edward Kafka – JJBS and weekly communication, Mosaic board representative for HEMS (voting)

Gillian Lucas – HEMS 20th anniversary events forward planning – 2020 vision

Howard Smith – Public relations and marketing (internal)

Jo Lewis – IT support and Rota Central overview/admin, Council link to Security Officer

Jonathan Fenster – Services Committee Chair, training and religious input, convenor Rabbi Search group, Mosaic Ritual Group HEMS link.

Traci Spivack – Hamakom, Education, Youth

Security Officer
Simon Rutstein

Board of Deputies Representative
Linda Langley



Plenary of Board of Deputies held 17th June

From Michael Reik – Board Deputy for Mosaic Reform

I asked Amanda Bowman – Vice President, Defence Division – how we, and the Jewish Community in general, were going to deal with the Labour Party's refusal to accept the Internationally-accepted definition of antisemitism. The current LP definition includes positions with regard to Israel which are offensive to the Jewish Community.

Dame Louise Ellman made it clear that the Jewish Labour Movement will fight the Labour Party on the appointment of their new Legal

Advisor and the antisemitism definition.

No date has been set for the next meeting of the Board with Jeremy Corbyn.

There was discussion about the Kaddish in Parliament Square and the letter from Yachad. Both were seen by the chairman as an entitled view by an unrepresentative minority.

Concern was expressed at reports on Sky and the BBC of the deplorable casualties in Gaza without any reference to concerns about Israeli casualties.

Parashat Ha-Shavuah

Weekly Study Group

A request has been made for a weekly parashat ha-shavuah study group to meet on a week day morning or afternoon (depending on demand) for about an hour to read and discuss the upcoming parashah of the week.

Please contact Rabbi Middleton by email or via the office, if you are interested in joining such a group. Proficiency in Hebrew is not required; anyone who is interested is welcome.

Please do also get in touch if you are interested in occasionally teaching a parashat ha-shavuah session.

Community Shabbat dinner

With children from Nitzaney Rishon

6th July, 6pm

Please join us for Friday night dinner followed by Shabbat service and candle lighting. We will be entertaining 10 Israeli children with special needs, aged 8-18, along with their carers. They all attend Nitzaney Rishon, a day centre in Rishon Lezion that provides all the needs for children unable to attend mainstream school. A trip abroad is arranged for them every two years – this year, for the first time, they will be in London and are very excited to be spending their Friday night with Mosaic.

£8.00 per adult, £5.00 per child. Tickets must be bought in advance via www.choosemosaic.org or through the Mosaic office, no later than 2nd July

Shabbat Shira

14th July

Rabbi Kathleen invites everybody – young and old – to Shabbat Shira at 11.00 am on Shabbat 14th July. Singing, music, Torah service followed by Kiddush. Early arrivals will be treated to an informal singing session before the service.

ON THE COVER

Tisha b'Av Morning Service

Sunday 22nd July at 9.30 am

Led by Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton

Please contact Rabbi Middleton if you are interested in reading/chanting a chapter of Echa (Lamentations) on the day – rabbimiddleton@mosaicreform.org.uk or via the Office



Mosaic JACS Programme



July – August 2018

All events are on Tuesdays and start at 14:00

10th July My time as a Tiller Girl

24th July Antiques – mine and yours:

Michael Laiken. You are welcome to bring along something you would like to have valued

7th Aug Jack Alvarez – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

21st Aug Jerusalem's Botanic Garden – Barbara Sherling

Film Mosaic

Double Bill

A Kid for Two Farthings (1955)

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The Bespoke Overcoat (1955)

Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7:45pm

These two Classic black and white films released in 1955, are being shown back to back in a unique Film Mosaic Double Bill.

A Kid for Two Farthings (Directed by Carol Reed and written by Wolf Mankowitz) shows a nostalgic glimpse of life in the East End.

The Bespoke Overcoat is also from the pen of Wolf Mankowitz.

These are lovely movies invoking a "sense of Jewishness", humour, spirituality and warmth.

N.B Because of their combined running time (130 minutes) we will be starting at 7:45pm. Donations for our chosen charity would be appreciated.

Friendship Club

Entertainment for the over-60s

Mondays: 11:00 to 14:30

Tel (on the day): 020 8423 2903

JULY

2nd Lynda Styan entertains

9th Vocalist David Peace

16th Return visit of Stevie Permutt

23rd Joanna Berns entertains

30th Harry's choice of taped favourites

AUGUST

6th Jane Rosenberg presents Jewish Musical Memories

13th Popular entertainer Bill Smith

20th Singer/keyboard player Roy Blass

27th CLUB CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY

Joint Erev Shabbat Service

20th July

Continuing the alternating monthly arrangement, Mosaic Reform will be joining the Mosaic Liberal Erev Shabbat service upstairs in the Liberal sanctuary. Yahrzeit will be observed for both Reform and Liberal members. Next month (August 17th) the joint service will be led by Mosaic Reform downstairs.

Split Synagogue

by Steve Levinson



There are about 100 members, but all of them from mixed marriages.

It is not a large place, but very warm and intimate and the ark at one end, facing Jerusalem, is built into the Western Wall of Diocletian's palace – the wall that dates from 305AD.

The synagogue has been in this location since about 1500, when Sephardi refugees from Spain and Portugal fled here. Its current appearance dates from 1728. But the Jews of Split go back much further and were known as Romaniotes. Their symbols and artefacts, such as carved menorahs and shofars, have been discovered deep inside the Roman palace and date from the 3rd and 4th century AD. These discoveries, found in chambers destroyed by fire in 1507, are believed to indicate there was a synagogue inside the palace for a thousand years before the current one was built. There is no space here to go into the incredible story of the Jews of Split, but if you visit the town and nearby Dubrovnik, make sure to take time to search out the ancient synagogues in the alleys.

Praying at the Western Wall is something of which all Jews are aware. The automatic assumption is that the Wall in question is in Jerusalem and is the remains of a construction from Roman times.

But this is not the only ancient Western Wall Jews pray at. There is another place of Jewish worship at a Roman Wall built in 305 AD by the Emperor Diocletian in what is now the Croatian city of Split.

On a recent trip to Croatia my wife Viv and I discovered Split's beautiful synagogue tucked away up an alley in what was the Ghetto. A sheet of A4 paper pinned to a door up another set of steps said "Synagogue". We tried an anonymous doorbell, and the non-descript door immediately opened. A local man, who turned out to be the warden, ushered us inside where we discovered a stunning, and lovingly restored old synagogue.

There were elaborate murals and ceiling decorations, a highly polished dark wood bimah and pew, intricate lanterns and sculpted stairs to the women's gallery. This synagogue claims to be the oldest Sephardi synagogue in continuous use in Europe.

Visit by Mohamed Fahili

Right: Rabbi Kathleen with Mohammed Fahili, Director of the Sir Charles Clore Jewish-Arab Community Centre in Akko – one of the recipients of MR's High Holyday Appeal. The Centre services deprived families in Akko; offering first class education, subsidised music and dance tuition, summer camps and educational support. It was a privilege to have Mohamed with us on 9th June and to hear his optimistic and pragmatic message of hope.



Gottfried Fuchs (1889-1972)

One of two Jewish players in the pre-war German national team

by David Wyman

By the time you read this article England's attempt to win the World Cup may well have ended in tears. If indeed this is the case, then they could well have done with a player of the calibre of my late mother's (née Fuchs) first cousin – Gottfried. He was a club player for Karlsruher FV.

In 1910 at the age of 21 his team won the German championship. A year later he was selected to play for the German national team. He was one of two Jewish players. The other was Julius Hirsch, a KFV teammate.

1912 saw Gottfried playing in the Stockholm Summer Olympics in one of the most remarkable games of football history. The German national team won the game 16:0 against the Russians, Gottfried scoring 10 goals! Czar Nicholas was so angry that the Russian players had to pay their own way home. Altogether Gottfried played in 6 international matches, scoring a total of fourteen goals.

During World War I, Gottfried served as an artillery officer and suffered several wounds. After the war, and despite his injuries, he played again for KFV, retiring in 1920.

In 1937, his family decided to leave Nazi



Karlsruhe FV team 1910. Gottfried is in the 1st row, far left. Julius Hirsch is 2nd from the right



Gottfried with Pelé

Germany – they found refuge in France. Gottfried Fuchs' forefathers originated from Alsace but were still required to become German citizens following the Franco-Prussian War in 1870/71. Thus, in France in 1939, he was labelled an "enemy foreigner" and detained.

As German troops marched into Belgium, Fuchs and his family managed to escape to the UK and eventually Canada, where he changed his name to Godfrey E. Fochs. Julius Hirsch was not as fortunate as he was murdered in Auschwitz.

In July 1971, before a FC Santos match in Montreal,

Gottfried Fuchs greeted world famous football star Pelé. To commemorate his ten-goal game in 1912, Fuchs was given the honour of kicking-off the match.

A 1939 edition of The Kicker Almanac – a popular German football magazine – contained records of all the national players from 1908, but unsurprisingly failed to include both Julius Hirsch and Gottfried Fuchs!

Three years ago, I met Gottfried's granddaughter who showed me his scrapbook full of newspaper cuttings of his football exploits. She has since donated it to the Jewish Museum in Berlin.

Heed the warning signs!

by Alan Solomon

So there I was in Israel in March – aged 78, fit and healthy (or so I thought), seeing our youngest son and his family, taking the grandchildren out, being taken for a walk by their rather large dog, and walking around Masada (although taking the lift up and down). I’ve always been very active, playing various sports in my younger days, working out at the gym, and walking – including being a member of the Mosaic Walking Group, all without any problems.



On 10th April, three weeks after our return, we were moving, leaving our house in Pinner where we’d lived for 46 years (!) and downsizing to a nearby chalet bungalow. It was then that I began to feel a slight discomfort (not pain) in my chest. I had the common sense to fix an appointment with the GP, who arranged for me to go to the Chest Pain Clinic at St. Mary’s Hospital, Paddington on 27th April. After various tests there, I was told I needed an angiogram, which would be at Hammersmith Hospital on 23rd May, preceded by an echocardiogram at St Mary’s the day before. The letter about the angiogram said I shouldn’t go home by public transport, so we took the car and Janet would drive me home afterwards.

Imagine my shock when I was told after the angiogram that my arteries were severely blocked – up to 75 per cent – and that I needed a triple heart bypass. And no, I wouldn’t be going home that day, but needed to stay in so

that they could keep an eye on me until the operation. Not exactly what I was expecting! After all, I was fit and active. These things happen to other people!

After 13 days of wearing a portable heart monitor, having my blood pressure and temperature checked every four hours day and night, and regular ECGs and blood tests, I had my bypass on 5th June. This ended up as a quadruple, and I was also told I had a collapsed lung (I gather not uncommon). But this was fixed as well, and I was able to come home on 10th June. I am now (mid-June) taking it easy in our new home, and fully realise that it’ll be at least three months before I’m back to normal.

The care and treatment I received during my stay at Hammersmith was first-class, and I have nothing but praise for the NHS when, as in my case, there is something seriously wrong.

Why have I bothered to write this account of a personal medical problem? It is a plea to anyone reading this to do what I did: on first thinking that something was not right, even though there may be no actual pain, to see your doctor. I was told my problem was probably caused by family history, so my own apparent fitness was of no consequence. I am just thankful that I had the common sense to take action when I did – otherwise the consequences do not bear thinking about...

Many thanks to all our friends at Mosaic for their kind wishes over the last few weeks.

EVERY WEEK **July | August**

- Monday 11am** – Friendship Club
- Every other Thursday 2pm** – Singing Seniors
- Sunday (term time) 9.45am** – HaMakom

Unless otherwise stated, all events take place at 39 Bessborough Road, Harrow HA1 3BS.

The times/locations of weekly services are as below, unless otherwise stated: Mosaic Liberal: Bessborough Road: Friday 19:00 Saturday 11:00

HEMS: Girl Guide Headquarters (GGHQ), Hatch End: Saturday 09:30
Mosaic Reform: Bessborough Road: Friday 19:00, Saturday 10:30

JULY

Sun 1 st	Fast of Tammuz
	09.45 HaMakom
Tue 3 rd	Copy date for Rosh Hashana Kehila
Wed 4 th	20.00 Council meetings
Fri 6 th	19.00 Contemplative service
	18.00 Friday evening with children from Nitzaney Rishon
Sat 7 th	Shabbat Pinchas
	09.30 Parashat haShavuah with Rabbi Frank
Sun 8 th	09.45 HaMakom – term ends
	15.00 Tea party for over 80s
Tue 10 th	14.00 JACS – Tiller Girl (see p 7)
Sat 14 th	Shabbat Mattot-Mase
	11.00 Shabbat Shira
Wed 18 th	12.30 Lunch Club
Fri 20 th	19:00 Joint erev Shabbat service
Sun 22 nd	09.30 Tisha b’Av service (see front page)
	14.00 Stone-setting – Michael Wallace – Cheshunt
	14.45 Stone-setting – Joan Burns – Cheshunt
	15.30 Stone-setting – Henry Richardson – Cheshunt
Tue 24 th	14.00 JACS – Antiques (see p 7)
Sun 29 th	09.30 Cook-in for Sufra
Tue 31 st	19.45 Mosaic Film – Double Bill. Note new time this month only (see p 7)

AUGUST

Sat 4 th	Shabbat Ekev
Tue 7 th	14.00 JACS – Hearing Dogs (see p 7)
Sat 11 th	Shabbat Re’eh
Fri 17 th	19:00 Joint erev Shabbat service
Sat 18 th	Shabbat Shof’tim
Tue 21 st	14.00 JACS – Jerusalem’s Botanic Garden (see p 7)
Sat 25 th	Shabbat Ki Tetze
Thur 30 th	Kehila Distribution
Fri 31 st	18.30 Mosaic Liberal at Sufra

Brainteaser
Compiled by John Ashmele

If 355 equates to 524 and 1235 equates to 2521, then what does 850 equate to?

Answer to June Brainteaser
The wise old Bedouin adds his camel to the 17, bringing the total to 18. The camels are then divided as follows: one-half of 18 equals 9 camels for the first son, one-third of 18 equals 6 camels for the second son, one-ninth of 18 equals two camels for the third son. After each son takes his camels, the wise old Bedouin’s camel remains, so he remounts it and rides off.

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