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Hello and WELCOME

I am pleased to present to the Kahal the latest edition of our community programme with thoughts from our rabbis on the land of Israel. We have many new and exciting events planned throughout the season and I hope that you will enjoy participating in them over the coming months.

THE WONDER OF ISRAEL

There are events that occur in life that defy imagination. Events that were neither anticipated nor planned have significantly changed the course of history. When seen from a panoramic perspective, the world reveals astonishing twists and turns that quickly become assimilated into matter-of-fact realities. For years the idea that the Berlin Wall could fall was unthinkable. The thought of Communist Russia crumbling was no more than a dream. But it happened, in unexpected ways, as did many such events throughout history.

Life is so much more than what we see and know with our surface perceptions. Beneath it all flows the force of the Creator. It powers the universe and drives it in directions that are so surprising and serendipitous that they cause us to laugh and cry at its unexpected beauty. Those surprises that emerge from beneath the surface reach our souls because they both exist on the same plane. When we learn to allow ourselves to be open to the possibilities of life's stunning path, hope becomes present and we come to know, beyond simple belief, from the countless precedents of its kind, that the world will not falter; and that, while the course it takes to reach its destiny may meander in curious ways, it will ultimately reach its noblest goals. In this sense, hope — tikva, is the single greatest saving grace of human life.

In the same vein, we the Jewish people, after a great deal of wandering, have come home to our land as a sovereign nation. It has been a long and winding road but we have returned and we have travelled the entire way with undying hope in our hearts. Our tikva draws from the Holy One that powers it all and has brought us there. It is easy for us to get stuck in local eras and to think that change is far from reality. But the world moves ever on. In its unfolding, G-d's dreams become realities and we, in knowing this, collapse thousands of years into wonder-filled moments and the span of history rests whole and complete in the depths of the human soul.




Rabbi Joseph Dweck
SENIOR RABBI



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THE S&P SEPHARDI COMMUNITY YOM HA'ZIKARON/ YOM HA'ATZMAUT EVENT

Join us for a communal evening honouring Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror with the S&P Youth followed by a celebration of Israel's Independence with an Israeli style dinner and a talk by Senior Rabbi Joseph Dweck "Jew or Israeli: Has Judaism Become Obsolete?".

ALL WELCOME - At Lauderdale Road Synagogue
Wednesday 11th May
7:15pm

Adults £12
Children aged 3-12 £5



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GREATER COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING



RABBI DWECK ON JEWISH LAW

Laws of Hilkhos De'ot
Weekly Wednesday night class.

Resumes Wednesday 18th May
 8:00pm
 Porat Yosef in Hendon



THE MISCONCEPTIONS SERIES

Join Rabbi Dweck in Hendon for the "Misconceptions" series, dealing with common misconceptions about Judaism. The audio for previous classes is available through our website.

Weekly Wednesday night class.
 Resumes Wednesday 18th May
 9:00pm
 Porat Yosef in Hendon



RABBI DWECK AND FAMILY IN HENDON

R' Dweck and family will be visiting the Hendon community for a Shabbat. Please see local advertising for speaking and lecture appearances.

20th/21st May
 Hendon

To subscribe to the Wednesday night email list please visit sephardi.org.uk/hendonlist

To subscribe to our regular mailing list to receive news and community announcements please visit sephardi.org.uk/newsletter



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ISRAEL AND JEWISH UNITY

Throughout the Middle Ages, Jewish communities maintained a degree of contact with one another, however this became increasingly prevalent in the Early Modern period. Following the Expulsion, many Sephardim travelled eastward, eventually settling in the Ottoman Empire. This was during the period of Turkish expansion and soon the Ottomans came to rule over the Land of Israel.

Sephardi Jews, therefore, also migrated to several cities in Israel – to Safed, to the ancient holy city of Jerusalem and to Hebron. Safed, with several thousand Jews, was the largest of these settlements, becoming famous for its mystics and scholars. However, Jerusalem's Jewish population grew over time and by the 1700s it became the largest community.

Unfortunately, the Jews in Israel were given only limited economic rights. Furthermore, the Ottomans increasingly taxed these Jewish communities sending many into deep poverty. Their plight became the concern of world Jewry who strove to support them. In the seventeenth century the communities in Israel reached an internal agreement that money raised from the Jewish Diaspora would be split between each community. When Jews settled in Tiberias in the eighteenth century this economic cooperation was expanded to include them as well.

These four places of Sephardi Jewish settlement became known as Israel's 'four holy cities,' otherwise known as the 'yishuv hayashan,' 'the old settlement'. In contrast to this, the later Central and Eastern European Zionist migrations, which began in the late nineteenth century, were called the 'yishuv hahadash,' 'the new settlement.'

From the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries Sephardi Jews throughout the Diaspora gave an annual gift to 'the four holy cities of Israel' through a network of giving coordinated by Jewish officials in Istanbul. These 'pekidim' directed Israel-based emissaries to communities in the East and in the West. The rabbinic visitors informed local Jews about the state of affairs in Israel and encouraged communities and individuals to give accordingly. In so doing, they helped to unite the Jewish world.

Rabbi Shalom Morris
BEVIS MARKS

Their efforts led to greater interconnectivity between Jewish communities with Israel at their centre. This increased cooperation and commitment to Jewish resettlement in Israel ultimately culminated in the political Zionism of modern times. This is important, because whilst the Torah has always unified the Jewish nation in principle, it is our shared commitment to fostering Jewish life in Israel that has helped to unify us in practice.



BEVIS MARKS EVENTS



LIVING JEWISH - A PRACTICAL GUIDE

This monthly series with Rabbi Shalom Morris covers the practical aspects of Jewish law concerning a range of topics.

📅 **Monday 9th May - Sefirat Ha'Omer to Shabuot**

📅 **Monday 6th June - Shabbat Laws**

📅 **Monday 18th July - The Three Weeks and Tisha B'Ab**

🕒 **Reception 6:15pm**

🕒 **Lecture 6:30pm**



YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

Celebrate Israel's birthday after work with Israeli drinks, tasty meat sliders and some Israeli style music at Bevis Marks.

📅 **Thursday 12th May**

🕒 **6:30pm - 8:00pm**

📍 **Book online now**



R' DWECK'S LECTURES AT BEVIS MARKS

Topical lectures given by Senior Rabbi Joseph Dweck with refreshments beforehand.

📅 **Monday 16th May - What is Hilul HaShem? (What is considered a desecration of God's name?)**

📅 **Monday 11th July - Hukat - Is the Torah a Moral Document?**

🕒 **Reception 6:15pm**

🕒 **Lecture 6:30pm**



BACK TO BEVIS SHABBAT LUNCH

Did your family once belong to Bevis Marks Synagogue or has it just been a while since you were actively involved? Join our new rabbi, Shalom Morris, for this special lunch. Reconnect with Bevis Marks and hear more about the rejuvenation taking place in our community.

📅 **Shabbat 21st May.**

🕒 **After Service and Kiddush**



1701: BUILDING BEVIS

In 1701, the London Sephardim, Congregation Sha'ar Hashamayim, constructed their first synagogue away from Bevis Marks. This three-part series looks at London's Jewish development after the 1656 readmission and further development of the community.

📅 **Monday 23rd May - From Readmission to Construction: What Happened From 1656 to 1701?**

📅 **Monday 20th June - Bevis Marks Synagogue: Myth and Fact in its Construction.**

📅 **Monday 25th July - Bevis' First Rabbi: The David Nieto Affair and Anglo Jewish Independence**

🕒 **6:15pm Reception**

🕒 **6:30pm Lecture**



MINYAN IN THE CITY

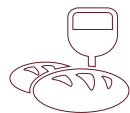
Rabbi Morris and Rabbi Dweck share quick thoughts after weekday Shahrit Services with breakfast.

📅 **Sunday to Friday mornings.**

🕒 **Shahrit service (7:15am Weekdays, 9:00am Sunday)**



BEVIS MARKS EVENTS



SHABUOT LUNCH

Celebrate the holiday of Shabuot with a light dairy lunch and a shiur by Rabbi Morris.

📅 *Sunday 12th June*

🕒 *After Service and Kiddush*



SHABBAT AFTERNOON TALMUD CLASS

Weekly, an hour before the end of Shabbat, followed by Arbit and Habdalah. This term we will be looking at Pirke Abot and moving onto Rosh HaShanah.

📅 *7th May through 11th June - Pirke Abot*

📅 *18th June through August - Rosh HaShanah*

🕒 *1 Hour before the end of Shabbat*



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

We have a variety of Friday night dinners at Bevis Marks be sure to book soon as many quickly sell out.

📅 *Friday 3rd June - Young Professionals*

📅 *Friday 22nd July - Community Dinner with Guest Speaker*

🕒 *After Service and Kiddush*



SUMMER BBQ SOIREE

Enjoy a fantastic kosher BBQ in the city after work with friends and colleagues in the courtyard at Bevis Marks.

📅 *Tuesday 21st June*

🕒 *6:30pm - 8:00pm*

📍 *Book online now*



TISHA B'AB

Evening reading of Eicha

📅 *Saturday 13th August*

🕒 *10:20pm*

Shahrit with Kinnot led by Nachshon Rodrigues Pereira of Amsterdam. Each kinnah is chanted with a unique melody.

📅 *Sunday 14th August*

🕒 *9:00am*



SHABBAT AT BEVIS MARKS

Would you like to spend Shabbat at Bevis Marks? We would love to welcome you! There are many different hotels within walking distance of the synagogue. For meal hospitality please contact Rabbi Morris. All services followed by Kiddush.

📅 *Friday Nights*

🕒 *7:30pm Friday Night Service*

📅 *Shabbat Day*

🕒 *8:30am Shahrit.*



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Monday 20th June

Monday 25th July

6:15pm Reception

6:30pm Lecture





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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrates the Declaration of Israel's Independence in 1948, eight hours before the end of Britain's Mandate of Palestine.

Centuries of exile were suddenly over; Diaspora Jews had learned to be resourceful and resilient - to bounce back from the blows of social exclusion and outright persecution. But the murder of one third of world Jewry created a new type of Jew —a Jew prepared to train, to fight, to win if possible and to die if necessary. Many wars would follow immediately after Independence and in the years after but the quiet resignation of the ghetto Jew as he fought back his tears had gone. The free Jews of Israel would simply fight back.

The Declaration of Independence was initially drafted by lawyers, then politicians came in to resolve conflicts. A key issue was the phrase "placing our trust in the Almighty"; religious Jews favoured this while secular Jews opposed it. It was decided that the phrase "Rock of Israel" would be used, to be interpreted as referring either to G-d, or to the land and traditions of Eretz Israel.

It is important to recognise that both interpretations spring from the Torah. G-d is our father, our king. The Torah also contains the passport, visa and lease allowing the People of Israel to re-enter the land from Egypt.

Like any nation, Israel has made mistakes but it has corrected most – leaving today a land of democracy, hard work, innovation and maturity. In 2011, OECD ranked Israel the second most educated country in the world behind Canada. In 2015, Israel ranked sixth-healthiest country and among the top 18 nations on the UN Human Development Index above France.

Israel sets an example of ambition that rightly matches the national task, to be a "light unto the nations." All of Israel contributes, the more religious, the less religious, Israeli citizens, even those in the Diaspora.

Without independence we could not have thrived as we have. So we celebrate with our families in Israel, with our friends in Israel, with all bearers of the light, those with a hand on the torch, strong and weak, seeking in its glow our ultimate redemption.



Rabbi Israel Elia
LAUDERDALE ROAD SYNAGOGUE



THE SUMMER TABLE: A COOKING DEMONSTRATION

A new and exciting cooking demonstration at Lauderdale Road with Margalit Dweck and Linda Dangoor. Wonderful light dishes to complete your summer table accompanied by a delicious summer punch.

Monday 6th June
7:30pm - Tickets £25
At Lauderdale Road Synagogue
In the Fattal Succah

Please book online at sephardi.org.uk





LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



NEWLY MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES DINNER

Rabbi Elia hosts a delicious dinner for newly married and engaged couples.

📅 **Friday 6th May**

📍 **Email diana@sephardi.org.uk for more information**



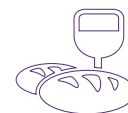
THINK PINK - TALK ON BREAST CANCER

With proceeds going to Chai Cancer Care. Speakers include Prof Justin Stebbing: Consultant Oncologist, Miss Joanna Franks: Consultant Breast and Oncoplastic Surgeon, Mr David Floyd: Consultant Plastic Surgeon.

📅 **Tuesday 10th May**

🕒 **8:00pm**

📍 **Book now via sephardi.org.uk**



LAUDERDALE LUNCH CLUB

A special Shabbat lunch for young families in the Fattal Succah after Kiddush, please book online. Continuing throughout the year.

📅 **Shabbat 14th May**

🕒 **After Kiddush**

📍 **Book now via sephardi.org.uk**



LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



SENIOR RABBI'S COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

We will be reading secular books of fiction and non-fiction and examining them from a Torah perspective – for more details, see the weekly S&P news.

📅 **Thursday 30th June - The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal.**

🕒 **8:00pm**



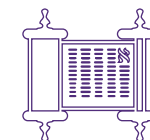
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📅 **Monday 6th June**

🕒 **7:30pm to 9:30pm**

📍 **Class will take place in the Fattal Succah.**



TIKKUN LEIL SHABUOT

Joint Tikkun Leil programme with St John's Wood Synagogue featuring Rabbanim from both synagogues.

📅 **Saturday 11th June**

🕒 **TBC**

📍 **Will take place at St John' Wood Synagogue with Shahrit at Lauderdale Road to follow.**



R' ELIA'S LEAD FROM THE FRONT

Want to lead services and read Haftarah in Synagogue? Come and learn with R'Elia, open to all levels, a fortnightly class.

📅 **Monday 9th May**

📅 **Monday 16th May**

🕒 **8:00pm**



SHABBAT SHIUR PROGRAMME

The Shabbat Shiur Programme with R' Dweck at Lauderdale Road features a shortened Shabbat morning service followed by a special shiur and a deluxe Kiddush.

📅 **Shabbat 14th May**

📅 **Shabbat 18th June**



R' ELIA'S BRINGING IT HOME

Monthly classes with R' Elia on how to conduct various life-cycle ceremonies in the home, such as Kiddush, Havdalah and lighting the Menorah.

📅 **Sunday 15th May - How is Shabuot different?**

📅 **Sunday 19th June**

🕒 **9:30am**



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENT

S&P Sephardi together with TAL plan to host an exciting event for Young Professionals in June - More details to follow.

📅 **June TBC**



SUMMER SHABBBAT LECTURE SERIES

A two-part series Shabbat afternoons with Rabbi Joseph Dweck.

📅 **Shabbat 11th June - Why Do Our Kings Come from Sodom and Gemora?**

📅 **Shabbat 25th June - Why is Lashon Hara so Serious an Offence?**

🕒 **1 Hour before Mincha**



SHABUOT TEA AND TORAH

Rabbi Joseph and Margalit open their home to the Kahal to join them from 4pm on the second day of Shabuot.

📅 **Monday 13th June**

🕒 **4:00pm**



LAUDERDALE LUNCH CLUB

A monthly Shabbat lunch for young families in the Fattal Succah after Kiddush, please book online. Continuing throughout the year.

Shabbat 14th May

Please book online now at sephardi.org.uk/events



LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



MADE IN HEAVEN

A five-week series of workshops for engaged couples with Rabbi Israel Elia.

- 📅 *Tuesday 14th June*
- 📅 *Tuesday 21st June*
- 📅 *Tuesday 28th June*
- 📅 *Tuesday 5th July*
- 📅 *Tuesday 12th July*



MIZRAHI SHABBAT SERVICE

Rabbi Dweck will lead the Shahrit service as well as read from the Torah in the Mizrahi style along with the S&P Choir.

- 🕒 *Shabbat 25th June*



EVENT IN AID OF ZICHRON MENACHEM

Fun filled evening with food, music and dance to entertain Zichron Menachem Children from Israel.

- 📅 *Tuesday 26th July*
- 🕒 *TBC*



TISHA B'AB SHIUR WITH RABBI ELIA

Topical Shiur with Rabbi Elia on the afternoon of Tisha B'ab.

- 📅 *Sunday 14th August*
- 🕒 *1 hour before Mincha (TBC)*



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club meets on a Wednesday afternoon and provides a warm, happy and friendly atmosphere for the more senior members of the community.

- 📅 *Wednesdays*
- 🕒 *12:30pm to 3:00pm*



LITTLE LAUDERDALES

Baby and toddler group with separate morning and afternoon sessions.

Please visit sephardi.org.uk/ll for more information.

- 📅 *Thursdays*



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S&P SEPHARDI YOUTH

We have a great deal going on throughout the community for youth of all ages, we hope there is something for everyone, don't hesitate to be in touch if you would like to know more about our youth programme. Watch this space throughout the term as we announce more exciting events and programmes for the S&P Sephardi Youth.



YOM HA'ZIKARON SERVICE

Many of our youth will be involved in the communal Yom HaZikaron Service which precedes the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration.

📅 **Wednesday 11th May**
🕒 **7:30pm**



SHABBAT EXTRAVAGANZA

Monthly expanded and interactive children's services with special themed Kiddush, raffles and prizes (From toddlers to teens).

📅 **Shabbat 14th May**



For the most up to date information please consult our website and weekly emails.



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LAG B'OMER BBQ & FIREWORKS

BBQ and Fireworks at a nearby venue to Lauderdale Road.

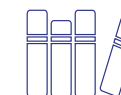
📅 **Thursday 26th May**
🕒 **TBC**



SHAARE TIKVAH SUNDAY CLASSES

Weekly Sunday morning classes for children ages four to GCSE year. For more information contact rabbimorris@sephardi.org.uk

📅 **Every Sunday**



SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH RABBI DWECK FOR BAR/BAT MITZVAH AGED STUDENTS

R' Dweck meets with Bar and Bat Mitzvah aged students at his home every other Sunday morning to discuss the principles of Judaism. Breakfast is served.

📅 **Please call the office for more info**



SHABUOT PROGRAMME

Ice cream & chocolate Kiddush – Shavuot Day 1 – for all children. There will also be youth services.

📅 **Sunday 12th June**



YOUTH MINYAN

Contact R' Yitsy for more details
Open to post Bar/Bat-Mitzvah.

📅 **TBC**



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WHAT ISRAEL MEANS TO ME

Israel is never far from our minds. We do not have a single prayer throughout the year without some sort of mention of Jerusalem or Sion. Regardless of one's geographical location one always faces Israel for prayers. We conclude the Pesah Seder and the Simhat Torah services with a fervent request to be in Jerusalem the following year. As a couple begins their new life together they are reminded, through shattering a dish, of the Temple that stood in Israel. We have always, and still have, a strong attachment to her.

Reciprocally, Israel too has always had an attachment to the Jewish people. She has stayed loyal to us even at times when we have not been loyal to her. When our ancestors deserved to live in the land of Israel she accommodated them and produced such abundance that she was metaphorically named the land 'flowing with milk and honey'. But when our ancestor's accommodation in Israel was no longer justified and we were exiled, she stayed devoted to us and remained desolate for our enemies who attempted to cultivate the land. Mark Twain, following a visit to Israel in 1867, famously wrote about Palestine in *Innocents Abroad*:

"A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse... a desolation... we never saw a human being on the whole route... hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country."

Israel means many things to many different people. But what our Mesorah, tradition, teaches is that Erets Yisrael is designated for the Jewish people. The Land is cultivated only when we are living on its soil. Israel cries out for a Jewish return.

It warms my heart when I hear of someone making Aliyah and giving up a certain lifestyle to go and live in Israel. I see the emigration of Jews to Israel as our nation coming back to its spiritual roots. During the 5 years I spent studying Torah in Israel I felt as though I was taking part in the spiritual re-awakening of the land. Although I am proud of my national identity, I have a strong affinity to Israel and await the day where Israel will be fully cultivated by our people.

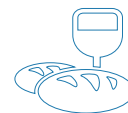
In the words of Rabbi Yehuda Ha-levi, a 12th century Spanish philosopher: "My heart is in the East, and I in the uttermost West".



Rabbi Danny Kada
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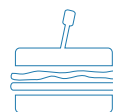
WEMBLEY EVENTS



YOM HA'ATZMAUT ISRAELI STYLE KIDDUSH

Join us to celebrate the birthday of Israel with an Israeli themed Kiddush.

Shabbat 7th May



BINGO EVENING WITH NY DELI

Come and try your luck at the first ever Wembley Bingo evening. With New York Deli style food (salt beef sandwiches and latkes), will you be calling line or house? Good fun for all the family.

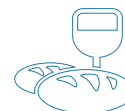
Sunday 22nd May
 7:15pm



R' DWECK VISIT WEMBLEY

R' Dweck and family will be spending a Shabbat at Wembley, including a Friday Night Dinner.

Shabbat 3rd/4th June



SHABUOT LUNCH

There will be a communal lunch on Shabuot, all welcome.

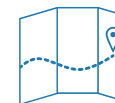
Sunday 12th June
 After the service



LADIES SHIUR "A HEARTFUL PRAYER"

The first in a series of lectures for women on prayer, hosted by Susan Howard.

Sunday 19th June
 6:30pm



R' ELIA AND FAMILY VISIT WEMBLEY

R' Elia and family will be spending a Shabbat at Wembley, including a Friday Night Dinner. There will be a special Friday night and Shabbat Kiddush.

Shabbat 24rd/25th June



WEMBLEY EVENTS



THE BEAUTY WITHIN YOU: LADIES EVENING

A special evening on beauty in Judaism for ladies.

Sunday 3rd July



FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

There will be a Friday night service on the first and third Shabbat of each month followed by a hot kiddush.

First and Third Shabbat of each Month



R' KADA'S MONTHLY Q & A

R' Kada takes questions from the Wembley Congregation on the third Shabbat of each month instead of a sermon. Please forward your questions to rabbikada@sephardi.org.uk

Third Shabbat of the month



R' KADA'S LECTURE SERIES

R'Kada will be giving a lecture on keeping Kosher. Why Keep Kosher? An understanding of the mitzvah of eating Kosher and laws of keeping meat and milk separate.

Sunday 17th July

6:30pm



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There will be a children's service on first and third Shabbat of the month.

Third Shabbat of each month



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What Israel Means To Me : Guest Debar Torah

When we come to this time of year with the dual celebrations of Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim we should thank Hashem that we are able to live in such times and thank Him for the miracle of our return to Israel after 2000 years.

I remember vividly, almost twenty five years ago, I was a student at Yeshivat Hakotel in Jerusalem and we had been told to stop our learning and go to the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem to be a part of something remarkable – to help welcome and look after the thousands of Ethiopian Jews who had just been rescued by the Jewish state.

Every day we daven 'v kabzenu m arba knafot ha aretz' 'and you will gather us from the four corners of the world.' Here I was, a witness to that tefillah being answered. That day demonstrated for me the central idea of kol yisrael areivim zeh ba zeh – all Israel are responsible for each other – played out on a national scale. It showed me the miracle of the modern State of Israel and it demonstrated to me the incredible story of the Jewish people.

There is, of course, a third day during this time of year - Lag b Omer, does this also link into the Religious Zionist narrative? The best known reason for the celebration of Lag B'Omer is that Rabbi Akiva's students stopped dying. It is difficult to understand why we celebrate just because they stopped dying.

The Gemara, in fact, alludes not to a plague but to the followers of Rabbi Akiva who were soldiers in the ill-fated insurrection of Bar Kokhba against the Romans. In this view, the "plague" refers to a series of disastrous military defeats and Lag B'Omer marks a victory, which was at least a temporary source of hope and cheer.

This is why the death of Rabbi Akiva's students was so cataclysmic: with the crushing of the Bar Kokhba rebellion, the messianic expectation came crashing down to earth.

A severe demoralization set in—a demoralization that threatened to overwhelm the generation and bring about despair for the future of Torah and the Jewish People. We were exiled, a long exile, seemingly without end. Against this background, Lag B'Omer represents the reassurance that "tomorrow is another day." There will eventually be a new beginning.

Rabbi Akiva heroically started over again, teaching five new students. R Yehudah, R Meir, R Nehemiah, R Yossi and a certain Rav Shimon bar Yochai – the very same who died on Lag B Omer.

R Akiva, despite all that had happened, his world destroyed – he rebuilt, he had hope. How perfectly does Lag B'omer of old therefore fit into the Religious Zionist dream of the last 60 or so years? It is a day of hope - Hatikvah – in the middle of a month that is now a realization of those age old dreams.

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CALENDAR

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Please use the following calendar for more details about all our upcoming events. The key above will help you to identify the various venues for each of the events on the calendar.

* = Birkat HaHodesh (Blessing the new month)

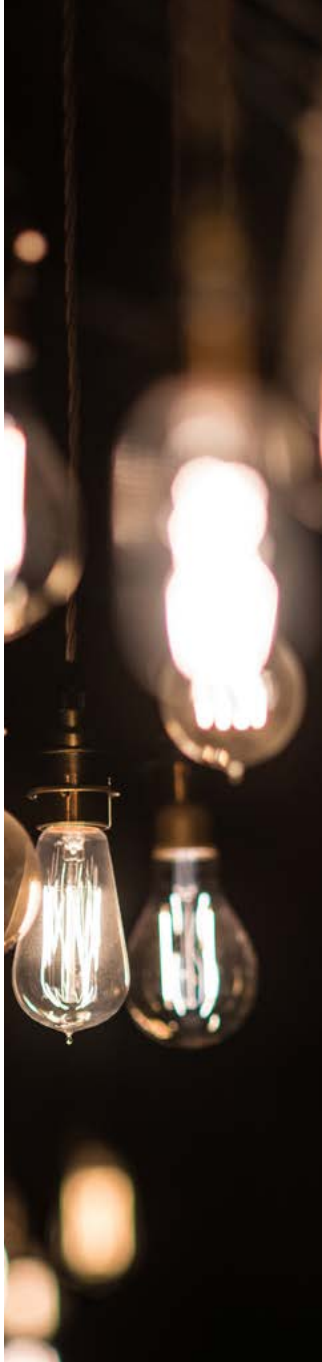


MAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Friendship Club	5 Little Lauderdale	6 Friday Night Services Young Couples Dinner Shabbat Begins 8:17pm	7 Ahare Mot* Yom Ha'Atzmaut Kiddush Shabbat Ends 9:29pm
8	9 RSM Living Jewish 6:15pm RIE Lead From The Front 8:00pm	10 RJD on Rambam LRSA - Think Pink 8:00pm	11 Yom HaZikaron Friendship Club Communal Yom HaZikaron / Yom HaAtsmaut Event	12 Yom HaAtzmaut Little Lauderdale Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration 6:30pm	13 RJD on Rambam Shabbat Begins 8:29pm	14 Kedoshim Youth Minyan Shabbat Shiur Programme Lauderdale Lunch Club Shabbat Ends 9:42pm
15 RIE Bringing It Home 9:30am	16 RJD Lecture Series 6:15pm RIE Lead From The Front 8:00pm	17 RJD on Rambam	18 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm	19 Little Lauderdale	20 RJD on Rambam RJD and Family in Hendon Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 8:39pm	21 Emor RJD and Family in Hendon RDK Monthly Q&A / Children's Service Back to Bevis Shabbat Lunch Shabbat Ends 9:54pm
22 Bingo Evening with NY Deli 7:15pm	23 RSM 1701: Building Bevis 6:15pm	24 RJD on Rambam	25 Friendship Club Cooking with M & L 8:00pm RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm	26 Lag B'Omer Little Lauderdale Youth BBQ & Fireworks	27 RJD on Rambam Shabbat Begins 8:48pm	28 Behar Shabbat Ends 10:06pm
29	30	31				



JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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5 Yom Yerushalyim	6 RSM Living Jewish 6:15pm The Summer Table Cooking Demo 7:30pm	7 RJD on Rambam	8 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
12 Shabuot I Communal Shabuot Lunch Communal Shabuot Lunch First Day Ends 10:23pm	13 Shabuot II RJD Tea and Torah 4:00pm Yom Tob Ends 10:24pm	14 RJD on Rambam Made In Heaven	15 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
19 RIE Bringing It Home 9:30am	20 RSM 1701: Building Bevis 6:15pm	21 RJD on Rambam Summer BBQ Soiree 6:30pm Made In Heaven	22 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
26	27	28 Made In Heaven	29 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Little Lauderdales	3 RJD on Rambam YP Dinner Friday Night Services RJD and Family visits Wembley Shabbat Begins 8:56pm	4 Behukotai* RJD and Family visits Wembley Shabbat Ends 10:15pm
9	10 RJD on Rambam Shabbat Begins 9:02pm	11 Bemidbar/Ereb Yom Tob RJD Shabbat Afternoon Shiur Joint Tikkun Leil Shabuot Shabbat Ends 10:23pm
16 Little Lauderdales	17 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 9:06pm	18 Nasso RDK Monthly Q&A / Children's Service Shabbat Shiur Programme Shabbat Ends 10:27pm
23 Little Lauderdales	24 RJD on Rambam RIE visits Wembley Shabbat Begins 9:08pm	25 Beha'alotekha RIE visits Wembley Mizrahi Style Shabbat Service RJD Shabbat Afternoon Shiur Shabbat Ends 10:28pm
30 Little Lauderdales Community Book Club 8:00pm		





JULY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 9:07pm	2 Shelah* Shabbat Ends 10:26pm
3 The Beauty Within You: Ladies Evening	4	5 RJD on Rambam Made In Heaven	6 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm	7 Little Lauderdales	8 RJD on Rambam Shabbat Begins 9:03pm	9 Korah Shabbat Ends 10:20pm
10 RIE Bringing it Home 9:30am	11 RJD Lecture Series 6:15pm	12 RJD on Rambam Made In Heaven	13 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm	14 Little Lauderdales	15 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 8:57pm	16 Hukat RDK Monthly Q&A / Children's Service Shabbat Ends 10:12pm
17 R' Kada Lecture Series 6:30pm	18 RSM Living Jewish 6:15pm	19 RJD on Rambam	20 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm	21	22 RJD on Rambam Community Dinner Shabbat Begins 8:49pm	23 Balak Shabbat Ends 10:01pm
24 Fast of Tammuz Begins 2:34am Ends 9:54pm	25 RSM 1701: Building Bevis 6:15pm	26 RJD on Rambam Zicrhon Menachem Event	27 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm	28	29 Shabbat Begins 8:39pm	30 Pinehas Shabbat Ends 9:49pm
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AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1	2	3
7	8	9	10
14 Tisha B'Ab RIE Shiur at Lauderdale Road Special Tisha B'ab Service Tisha B'Ab and Fast Ends 9:12pm	15	16	17
21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 8:28pm	6 Matot/Masei Shabbat Ends 9:35pm
11	12 Shabbat Begins 8:15pm	13 Debarim Fast Begins 8:27pm (Tish B'Ab) Shabbat Ends 9:20pm
18	19 Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 8:01pm	20 Vaethanan RDK Monthly Q&A/Children's Service Shabbat Ends 9:04pm
25	26 Shabbat Begins 7:46pm	27 Ekeb Shabbat Ends 8:48pm





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