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**the sephardi bulletin**



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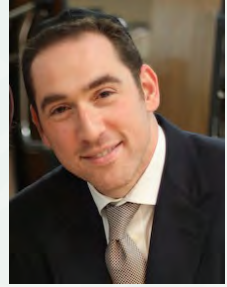
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## Rosh HaShana 5775: Today the World Was Conceived



"What day is it?"  
"It's today," squeaked Piglet.  
"My favorite day," said Pooh.

– A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

After hearing the sound of the shofar on Rosh HaShana, we say "*Hayom harat olam*", which means, "today the world was conceived". Rosh HaShana stands in our calendar as the day we celebrate and acknowledge all of the world's possibilities, dreams, and goals that G-d put into it at its conception. Rosh HaShana, therefore, assumes that the world has a purpose and a future and that all of history is the story of the universe coming into itself.

Knowing that G-d has a plan for the world allows us to see the days of our lives as elements of a continuum. To celebrate Rosh HaShana is to celebrate the idea that existence is comprised of more than just the current moment. Because G-d "announced the generations at the start" we see past and future as realities that exist and that inform our local experiences. It is as Viktor Frankl writes in Man's Search for Meaning:

*'I never tire of saying that the only really transitory aspects of life are the potentialities; but as soon as they are actualised, they are rendered realities...for in the past, nothing is irretrievably lost but everything irrevocably stored'.*

In seeing the world this way, every day becomes a precious piece of a whole life. As we live our days, the degree of care we put into each of them directly affects the quality of the whole. The more we love, care, feel, think, focus, and learn, the more vibrant and vivid the life that emerges. On Rosh HaShana we all take the time to pause and meditate on the path our lives are following. The sound of the shofar awakens us so that we may ask ourselves core questions about the course of our lives. Am I on a successful path? Am I living consciously? Is it time for change? Have I chosen to live my best possible life? Together with the Creator, we make these judgements on Rosh HaShana. On the anniversary of the world's conception we look at our current life superimposed against the backdrop of the life we wish to create.

Rosh HaShana, also referred to as *Yom HaZikaron*, the Day of Memory, brings our past, present and future before us. In our mind's eye we can see ourselves both as children and elderly people simultaneously. We understand that life is like a passing shadow, and there is no day like today to get about the business of making it the best life it can be. May the new year and its blessings begin.  
תחל שנה וברכותיה.

Tizku LeShanim Rabot,

...מ י פעל ועשה קורא הדורות מראש אני ה' - 41:4 Yishaya.



### From Alison Rosen Executive Director

I am excited to have joined the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation at a time of growth and renewal and hope to welcome many new members over the coming months. We look forward to the first year for our new Senior Rabbi Joseph Dweck and welcome him and his family.

We are also delighted to welcome Rabbi Danny Kada as our new Rabbi at Wembley and Rabbi Yitzi David as our new Youth Rabbi based at Lauderdale Road.

### High Holydays

We wish all readers a happy and healthy year and well over the fast.

Full details of our Festival services and related activities have already been sent to all members.

### Programme

The S&P are delighted to have an exciting programme and to introduce Edward Howard as our new Programme Manager.

#### Programme - Bevis Marks

As well as its continuing usage for weekday and Shabbat Services, we are looking forward to a revitalisation in the usage of Bevis Marks as a social and cultural centre aimed, in the main, at business professionals in the city. We hope to be providing a wide range of events and programmes that will attract people, turning Bevis Marks into a hub of Jewish activity in the city.

Please watch this space for all future activity.

#### Programme - Lauderdale Road

##### Pre-High Holy Days Shabbat Afternoons

Rabbi Joseph Dweck will be giving a series of shiurim based on Rambam's Laws of Teshuva 1 hour before Minha on Shabbat in September in the Fattal Succah.

**September 20th** - 5:30pm

Rosh HaShana - Why Judge?

**September 27th** - 5:15pm

Coming Clean on Yom Kippur

##### Shorashim – My Roots with Rabbi Joseph Dweck

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm please join us for the screening of "Coming to America" – How the Age Old Community of Aleppo, Syria settled in the New World.

Refreshments will be provided.

No charge but booking essential – Please contact Edward - [edward@spsyn.org.uk](mailto:edward@spsyn.org.uk) for more details and bookings.

**Hoshana Rabba Breakfast**

The LRSA will be providing a bumper Hoshana Rabba Breakfast immediately following Shahrit which will be from 7:30am on Wednesday 15th October. All members of the community are welcome.

**Communal Succot Lunch**

The LRSA invite you to our communal Succot Lunch on Thursday 9th October 2014  
 Members: Adults £22 Children 12 years and under £12  
 Non –Members: Adults £27, Children 12 years and under £14  
 For tickets please contact Barbara Simon on 0208 450 4476  
 or visit our website: [www.lrsa-events.com](http://www.lrsa-events.com) to book online.

**Friday Night Dinner in the Succah**

Are you engaged or newly married? If so Rabbi Dweck, Rabbi Elia and their families invite you to Shabbat Dinner in the Succah on Friday 10th October following the evening service. Booking is essential. Please contact Diana for more details – [diana@spsyn.org.uk](mailto:diana@spsyn.org.uk).

**Programme - Wembley****Pre-Rosh Hashana BBQ**

On Sunday 14 September we will be hosting a Pre-Rosh Hashana BBQ in aid of the Chaim Pinto Soup Kitchen in Netanya.  
 Adults: £10, Children 3-11 years: £5  
 Booking is essential, please RSVP to [ersassoon@btopenworld.com](mailto:ersassoon@btopenworld.com).

**Succot Kiddush Lunch**

Thursday 9th October – 1st Day Succot, there will be a grand Kiddush lunch in the Succah after the service, all are welcome.

**Besimantob**

We wish besimantob to our Chatanim and their families.

**Bevis Marks:**

Hatan Torah: Howard Martin  
 Hatan Bereshit: Phillip Rosenberg

**Lauderdale Road:**

Hatan Torah: Rabbi Israel Elia  
 Hatan Bereshit: Rabbi Joseph Dweck

**Wembley:**

Hatan Torah: Adam Webber  
 Hatan Bereshit: Rabbi Daniel Kada

**E-Mail communications from the congregation**

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## **Senior Rabbi's High Holy Day Lectures at Lauderdale Road Synagogue**

Rabbi Joseph Dweck will be giving a series of shiurim based on Rambam's Laws of Teshuba 1 hour before Minha on Shabbat in September in the Fattal Succah

September 6th - 6:00pm

Understanding the Pillars of Teshuba: Kapara (Atonement) & Seliha (Forgiveness)

September 13th - 5:45pm

What Does Teshuba Do For Us?

September 20th - 5:30pm

Rosh HaShana – Why Judge?

September 27th - 5:15pm

Coming Clean on Yom Kippur

## **BESIMANTOB**

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome the following:-  
Jeffrey Martin

### **MARRIAGE MEMBERS , HAVING MARRIED UNDER OUR AUSPICES**

Naomi Hayim and Mordechay Goldman

Mia Davis and Jonathan Bloom

Nikki Herman and Daniel Gordon

Evelina Kuchuk and Robert Morris

Danielle Garbacz and Joseph Machta

Jennifer Tricot and David Hoffman

Sophie Baker and Joshua Rosenfeld

Hannah O' Connor and Joseph Bekhor

Alana Richards and Michael Jacob

### **BIRTHS**

Raquel and Yoav Amit on the birth of a daughter

Edna and Joe Sofer on the birth of a grandson

Laura & Lewis Maleh on the birth of a daughter

Nerida & Gary Swabel on birth of a son

Irene & David Zubaida on birth of a son

Lisa & Yoni Garson on birth of a son

Rabbi Eliezer and Elisheva Wolfson birth of a son

Rebecca and Daniel Zubaida on birth of a son

Alex and Sophie Lopes Dias on birth of a daughter

Mark and Melody Salem on birth of a son

Debbie & David Djanogly birth of a daughter  
Grandparents, Vivian & Daniel Ettinghausen and Judith & Cesare Sacerdoti birth of grandson  
Rebecca and Oliver Druce on birth of a son  
Simon & Natasha Goldstone birth of a son  
Lorraine & Michael Mount on birth of a daughter  
Claudia & Darren Shenkin on birth of a son  
Eliot & Leah Alderman on birth of a daughter

### **ENGAGEMENTS**

Engagement of Josh Azouz to Michelle Hecht  
Engagement of Alex Dwek to Amy Taylor  
Engagement of Anna Dangoor to Jeremy Sanders

### **Funerals**

Florence Sargon	Suad Lloyd
David Broomer	Katie Menashy
Isaac Zekaria	Gloria Hillel
Eileen Hakkak	Ronald Martin
Naim Lawy	Jack Silas
Abraham Shalome	Dennis Lefcoe
Ruth Codron	Raymond Hanen
Simon Menashy	Ruby Spitz
Renee Levy	



## **Bevis Marks Synagogue**

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The synagogue continues to hold regular services and attracts visitors from all over the Jewish World who want to experience our authentic S&P services, often taken, with great verve, by our own members and visits from Eliot Alderman and Meir Cohen. We continue to have visitors from synagogue groups and schools as well as increasing numbers who come because of the synagogue's listing as a National Trust Partner.

On 14th June we celebrated Brenda Dias' 80th Birthday with a Shabbat Kiddush to thank her for all the contributions she has made to the synagogue over 60 years.

On 12 July we were joined at our Shabbat Service and Kiddush by visitors from the London Theological Seminary which trains preachers and pastors for multi-faith ministry from all over the world.

The synagogue was full on 16th August for the 'Auf Ruf' of Oliver Martin and we were delighted that Rabbi Dweck came on this occasion for his first Shabbat at Bevis Marks.

The synagogue was asked, by the Board of Deputies, to host the Jewish 'Lights Out' service to commemorate the start of The Great War. It coincided with Tisha B'Av. The synagogue was full for the Tisha B'Av service conducted by Rabbi Dweck and Chazan Eliot Alderman and was followed by the keynote address from Rabbi Dweck, readings from the diary of a Jewish junior officer who died in the trenches and 1st World War poetry. There was mention of Lt Frank de Pass VC who died on 25th November 2014 whose family were members of the Congregation and who is commemorated on the plaque attached to the wall of the synagogue. The S&P choir, conducted by Jason Silver, sang Esa Einai and Eliot Alderman sang a chapter of Tehillim.

The hour ended with the Parnas Presidente, Jonathan Solomons; closing remarks. The whole occasion was lit only by candles in the Bevis Marks tradition.

All who were present could not have failed to be moved by the experience.

S.I.M

August 2014



## BEVIS MARKS ZEMIROT AND HAFTAROT ROTA

<b>Date</b>		<b>PARASHA</b>	<b>ZEMIROT</b>	<b>HAFTARA</b>
25 September 14		ROSH HASHANA 1	ASHER SAMUEL	HOWARD MARTIN
26 September 14		ROSH HASHANA 2	HOWARD MARTIN	MICHAEL BRANDON
27 September 14		HAAZEENU	FRANK MARTIN	LAWRENCE KILSHAW
4 October 14		KIPPUR MORNING	JEREMY SCHONFIELD	FRANK MARTIN
4 October 14		KIPPUR MINCHA		MICHAEL LOEWE
9 October 14		SUCCOT 1	ASHER SAMUEL	JEREMY SCHONFIELD
10 October 14		SUCCOT 2	EZE MENASHY	GIDEON OSEN
11 October 14		CHOL HAMONGED	JEREMY SCHONFIELD	EDWARD ALBUM
16 October 14		SHEMINI ATSERET	JACK SHLOMO	GIDEON OSEN
17 October 14		SIMCHAT TORAH	FRANK MARTIN	MAURICE MARTIN
18 October 14		BERESHIT		
25 October 14	R.H.CESHVAN	NOACH	ASHER SAMUEL	FRANK MARTIN
1 November 14		LECH LECHA	JACK SHLOMO	KENNETH EMMANUEL
8 November 14		VAYERA	EZE MENASHY	LAWRENCE KILSHAW
15 November 14		CHAYEI SARAH	FRANK MARTIN	LEON SASSOON
22 November 14	M.H.KISLEV	TOLEDOT	JEREMY SCHONFIELD	HOWARD MARTIN
29 November 14		VAYETSE	HOWARD MARTIN	JEREMY SCHONFIELD
6 December 14		VAYISHLACH	JACK SHLOMO	EDWARD ALBUM
13 December 14		VAYESHEV	EZE MENASHY	FRANK MARTIN
20 December 14	CHANUKAH	MIKKETZ	FRANK MARTIN	JONATHAN SOLOMONS
27 December 14		VAYIGASH	ASHER SAMUEL	MAURICE MARTIN

## Lauderdale Road Synagogue

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Synagogue opened 1896

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### Lauderdale Road Synagogue Association

The LRSA last reported in February. Since then we held the Purim Party and the annual Friendship Club Tea, an event dedicated to the Nahala of Rose Corré. The LRSA continues to provide Kiddushim after Shabbat morning services.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in May. Suzanne Magnus continues as Chairman of the committee, Barbara Simon is Treasurer and Sylvia Graham Secretary.

The LRSA will be busy over the next few weeks, providing lunch in the Succah and breakfast for Hoshanah Rabah. There will also be a party for Simchat Torah. Please book early to help us plan for the correct number of guests.

We are grateful for any help—please ask any LRSA member how to take part.

### Message from the Welfare Board

“If there be among you a needy man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy land which the Lord thy G-d giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy needy brother. Deuteronomy 15:7-11.”

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Welfare Board continues the work it began over 250 years ago. There are many Sephardi families whose needs cannot be wholly met by State benefits, but the Welfare Board is able to help such families, both in London and the provinces. Jewish families face extra costs at Pesach and Rosh Hashanah. The Board distributes over one hundred grants for each of these festivals, in addition to funding children to attend Jewish summer camps. Occasionally, the Welfare Board is able to help families take a short holiday over the summer.

The families we help often have multiple problems, including, in many cases, serious and ongoing health problems. The Board's help is often modest, but remains greatly appreciated. No other charity is able to provide the same range of help.

The Welfare Board is grateful for several generous donations over the past year. However, money is required each year to meet the needs of the Sephardi community. Please contribute what you can to ensure Sephardi families can rely on the Board when in need.

Sylvia Graham, President

### We thank the following for kindly sponsoring kiddushim:

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Treuherz

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Azouz

Mrs. Lys Goldstein

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Magnus

Mr. and Mrs. Cesaré Sacerdoti

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayim

Mr. and Mrs. Howard-Yam

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman

Mr. and Mrs. Sabah Zubaida

### Shabbat Bereshit Service

We are delighted to be hosting a very special guest with details to follow.

The Choral Service is beautiful and elaborate, unique to both Shabbat Bereshit and to our Spanish and Portuguese Congregation. The service will be led by Adam Musikant and the choir, followed by a dinner in the Montefiore Hall.

Friday 17th October

Service at 5:45pm followed by dinner

Places are limited so be sure to book early for this popular event!

Members: £25, Non-Members £30

Children (Under 12): £12

Please contact the office for more details and bookings or visit [www.lrsyn.org.uk/synagogue-events/](http://www.lrsyn.org.uk/synagogue-events/)



## Lauderdale Road Synagogue Association



Invite you to our  
Succot Lunch  
On

Thursday 9th October 2014

MEMBERS TICKETS : Adults £22

Children 12 years and under £12

NON -MEMBERS: Adults £27

Children 12 years and under £14

For tickets please contact Barbara Simon

on Tel no. 0208 450 4476 or

visit our website: [www.lrsa-events.com](http://www.lrsa-events.com)

to book online





# Sha'are Tikvah Hebrew Classes

Shosh Hill

Rosh HaShana 5775

## Exciting Learning

At Sha'are Tikvah Hebrew Classes we believe that teaching should be of the highest standard, ensuring that the learning is exciting and inspiring for all our pupils. We offer a modern and inspiring approach to Jewish learning within a fun yet challenging environment.



## Calling All 4+'s

Our classes begin with children from the age of 4 and continue through to GCSE. If you have a child of school age who does not currently attend our Cheder, please do be in touch with the Synagogue office.



## Curriculum

Our curriculum is continually improving and developing, and this year we are introducing the all-new Tribe curriculum written especially for UK Chedarim and which comes complete with teaching resources and activities. Our GCSE class continues to build on the excellent results of previous years under the tutelage of Mrs Sharon Levy.

## Workshops

We feature a number of 'hands-on' workshops throughout the year to ensure our pupils have a practical understanding of various aspects of Jewish life.

## Hebrew Reading

We offer individual Hebrew reading support for *every child* to help maximise their potential in Hebrew reading. Hebrew reading homework is set weekly and it is our expectation that children complete this work reliably each week.



## Computers

We are very fortunate to have our own fully-equipped IT suite which we use on a very regular basis to explore and enhance our Jewish learning and knowledge.

## STOP PRESS!

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching a special Year 8 Programme in the near future to be led by our very own Rabbi Joseph Dweck ~ watch this space! ~

For more information about the Classes, please email [shosh.hill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shosh.hill@yahoo.co.uk) or contact the Synagogue office on 020 7432 1316.



# CHAZAK

This year sees an exciting new initiative for S&P bringing the Sephardi Youth Organisation Chazak to run all youth activity at S&P!

Chazak's goal is to work alongside and in conjunction with all existing communities and organisations in order to further inspire young British Jews of Sephardi descent with a pride and commitment to their culture, heritage and continuity.

Rabbi Yitsy (of Chazak) his wife Rutý (nee Hassan) and their family will be living on site and will be available for all community members from young children to young professionals; supervising Shabbat services, Shabatonim creating new and exciting initiatives, bringing in and training new Madrichim and really becoming part of the community at large.



R'Yitsy has been successfully involved in informal youth education for over 10 years and has brought a passion and dynamism to his work for Chazak to strengthen the British Sephardi community.

Working for Chazak they have spent the last three years in north west London building the framework for programming in various Sephardi communities and hope to do the same for S&P!

## Youth Services and Activities- Winter Dates

For children and youth in both Jewish and non-Jewish schools. See notice boards for locations.

### **Rosh Hashana**

Services for all ages at 11am (First Day) and 10.30am (Second Day)

### **Kal Nidre (during Selihot)**

Service for school years 4 - 6

Service for school years 7+ (Run by Rabbi Yitsy)

### **Yom Kippur**

Services for all ages after the Shachrit Torah reading

Light lunch for children under Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Games and discussions for school years 5+ at 3pm.

### **Succot, Shemini Chag'Atzeret and Simchat Torah**

Services for all ages after Torah reading (All Festival Days and Shabbat)

Succot Super Sunday 12th Oct - Details to follow

Not to be missed Simchat Torah party after the evening service on 16th October - dancing and desserts.

**Oct 24th** Shabbat UK teens fri night

**Nov 1st** kids Friday night

### **Nov 2nd**

Chazak's Chinese auction @ Lauderdale (Cross-Communal)

### **Nov 16th**

Kids u14s cross communal football tournament

**Dec 14th** Chanuka on ice (only S&P)



# CHAZAK

## Wembley Synagogue

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### Kiddushim

Many thanks for the donation of kiddushim to Haroun Mahgerefteh, George and Moshe Dallal, Malcolm Setton, the Timan family, Jane Azizoff, Ronnie and Eve Sassoon, Mark Sabah and Maurice Rahamim.

### Birth:

Congratulations to Stacey (Album) and Adam Gross on the birth of their daughter Ava Febe, sister to Isabel Scarlet, and to grandparents, Claire and Jeremy Album, Naomi and David Butcher, Gary and Cynthia Scarsholt

### Engagement:

Congratulations to Vivien and Ruben Mazin on the engagement of their daughter, Lisa to Tal, son of Rachel and the late Abraham Shoshan.

### Marriages:

Congratulations to Jackie and Robert Webber on the marriage in Israel of Jason to Dina, daughter of Linda and Johnny Wosner.

Congratulations to Ilana, daughter of Bettina and Trevor z'l on her marriage in Israel to Natan, son of Angela Bull and Simon Leigh, and to grandparents Muriel Fox and Helen and Alan French

We wish both couples many happy and healthy years together.

### Batmitzvah

Congratulations to Freya Setton on her bat mitzvah, and to parents Sara and Malcom, with grandparents Adele Setton and Ralph Setton,

### KKWS

The combined local synagogues, Wembley, Kenton and Kingsbury United, together with Nevei Shalom and Wembley S & P, hold a regular programme of lectures. We hosted Rony Sabah's presentation, "The EU and Jews" and we had two interesting sessions at Wembley United on "Askenazi or Sephardi-What's The Difference?" led by Rabbi Black, of Kenton synagogue and Rev Zvi Amroussi of Nevei Shalom

### AGM

This took place on Sunday evening, May 11th at 6.30pm at the synagogue, followed by supper. There was an excellent attendance with a lively and productive discussion. The Chairman and Committee continue in office. We hope that more members of the Kahal will come forward to join the committee.

### Stories of Jews from Arab Lands

Bob Blackman, MP (Cons) for Harrow East, and his wife Nicola, were our guests at a Seudah Shelisheit in August. Bob, who is a member of the House of Commons "Friends of Israel", had expressed interest in the history of Jews from Arab lands. Three of the Wembley members Aida Zelouf (Iraq), Haroun Mahgerefteh (Iran) and Rony Sabah (Egypt) gave moving accounts of their enforced and traumatic exodus from their countries of origin, also placing their experiences in the present context.

Bob addressed us afterwards, recounting his visit to Israel the previous week with parliamentary colleagues and delegates from Australia. He expressed his great interest in the history and fate of the Jews from Arab lands, a subject which had been kept silent until fairly recently and re-affirmed his support for Israel.

## Yossi Houri

Shavuot marked the last time our Yossi led the service: he retired as the religious leader of our Community in Wembley on 16th June. Although we had known for some time that he was due to retire, the end of that service was an emotional moment for all.

Yossi was an integral part of Wembley for more than 40 years, serving with dedication, understanding, knowledge, and scholarship. His ability to lead a service and read the parasha, in the S&P tradition, is unparalleled. Throughout his period he trained countless boys through to their bar mitzvah, indeed he trained two generations - fathers and sons. He has seen the community grow from its very early beginnings and contributed in no small measure to its development over the years, thus playing an important role in building the strong foundation on which it now rests. Yossi's leaving will be felt for a very long time.

As he will remain in Wembley, we expect, and look forward, to seeing him in our synagogue on many future occasions.

We wish him all the very best for the future and a long retirement full of health and happiness with his family.

## Rabbi Daniel Kada

We are glad to announce that Rabbi Daniel Kada will take over as religious leader of the Wembley S&P Community at the end of August. We most warmly and cordially welcome him, his wife Tammy and daughters Ayala and Sara to our "Wembley family".

Rabbi Kada has extensive experience in Jewish education and youth leadership and he is also an accomplished scholar. In advance of his joining us he has developed ideas for Shiurim and communal activities. By joining Wembley, he has also joined the revamped ecclesiastical staff of the S&P now lead by Rabbi Dweck.

We look forward to Rabbi Kada's inspiring leadership, to his motivation and enthusiasm which will inject vitality and even greater commitment by the yehidim to our Community.

## Parnassim

Sept	Geoffrey Ben Nathan <i>(not including high holidays)</i>	020 8907 1613	g.ben-nathan@sky.com
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Nov	Daniel Sassoon	020 8950 9181	daniel.sassoon@confero.co.uk
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Requests for aliyot should be made to the presiding Parnas of the day well in advance (preferably at least two weeks ahead) and not via any intermediary, to ensure that the appropriate mitzvah is received. Requests can also be made by emailing [parnas@wsps.org.uk](mailto:parnas@wsps.org.uk)

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## ZEMIROT AND HAFTAROT SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2014

DATE	SHABBAT/FESTIVAL	ZEMIROT	HAFTARAH
25 Sept	Rosh Ha-Shanah I	A Rafaeloff	M Sabah
26 Sept	Rosh Ha-Shanah II	J Zelouf	R Sassoon
27 Oct	Shabbat Shuva Ha azinu	A Ben-Nathan	C Ben-Nathan
4 Oct	Yom Kippur Shaharit	J Zelouf	A MacMull
4 Oct	Yom Kippur Minchah	Rabbi Kada	M Ben-Nathan
9 Oct	Succoth I	Rabbi Kada	J Zelouf
10 Oct	Succoth II	M Ben-Nathan	P Zelouf
11 Oct	Shabbat Hol Ha-Moed	C Ben-Nathan	A Rafaeloff
16 Oct	Shemini Atzeret	J Zelouf	Prof M Alpert
17 Oct	Simhat Torah	G Ben-Nathan	Master J Kaye
18 Oct	Shabbat Bereshit	J Zelouf	G Ben-Nathan
25 Oct	Noach	M Ben-Nathan	Master J Kaye
1 Nov	Lech Lecha	Dr A Webber	Rabbi Kada
8 Nov	Va-Yera	C Ben-Nathan	M Sabah
15 Nov	Hayyei Sarah	J and A Ben-Nathan	C Ben-Nathan
22 Nov	Toledot	A Rafaeloff	A MacMull
29 Nov	Vayetzei	M Ben-Nathan	Master S Kaye
8 Dec	Va-Yishlach	G Ben-Nathan	Dr A Webber
13 Dec	Va-Yeshev	Rabbi Kada	
20 Dec	Mikketz, Chanukah	J Zelouf	P Zelouf
27 Dec	Va-Yigash	G Ben-Nathan	A Ben-Nathan
3 Jan 15	Vayechi	C Ben-Nathan	J Zelouf
10 Jan 15	Shemot	A Rafaeloff	M Ben-Nathan
17 Jan 15	Va-era	G Ben-Nathan	Rabbi Kada



## Times of Services

Friday 12th September Minha 5.15 Harris Court

Saturday 13th September Shahrit 8.45 am Minha 6.30pm

Friday 19th September Minha 5.15pm

Saturday 20th September Shahrit 8.45am Minha 6.30pm

Wednesday 24th September Erev Rosh Hashana Minha/Arbit 6.30pm

**(FOR ALL HIGH HOLYDAYS TIMES – SEE INSERT)**

Friday 10th October Minha 5.45pm

Saturday 11th October Shahrit 8.45am Minha 6pm

Friday 17th October Minha/Arbit 5.45pm

Saturday 18th October Shahrit 8.45am Minha 5.45pm

Friday 24th October Minha 5.15pm

**From Saturday 25th October-end of 2014 Sharit 8.45am Minha after kiddush**

Friday 31st October Minha 4pm

Friday 7th November Minha 4pm

Friday 14th November Minha 3.45pm

**Friday 21st November-Friday 30th December Minha 3.30pm**

## Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue Holland Park

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Congregation founded 1910 Synagogue opened 1928

### Minister

Rabbi Abraham Lavi

### Times of Services

Friday Evening

Mincha followed by Arvit. Times to be announced in the Synagogue.

Shabbat Morning

Shachrit at 8.45am. Service followed by Kiddush. Mincha one and a half hours before the end of Shabbat until winter when it shall be recited after Kiddush.

Selichot Service

This will be held on Sunday 7th September at 7.30am and followed by breakfast and we are delighted that Rabbi Joseph Dweck, Senior Rabbi to the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation will be joining us.

### Yamim Noraim

Times for all High Holy Days Services will be sent out separately with the Admission Ticket

### Services for the High Holy Days

The Executive Committee welcomes Rev Nissim Ashkenazi who will be assisting Rabbi Abraham Lavi. Both will address the Congregation during the High Holy Days Services. The President, Mr Ramon Benardout together with the Honorary Officers and Executive Committee wish Rabbi & Mrs Lavi, their family and the entire Congregation a very happy and peaceful New Year.

### Pre-Rosh Hashanah Cemetery Visits

These will take place at the following times on Sunday 14th September:

11.00am

Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery

12.00pm

Hoop Lane Cemetery

### Adult Education

Monday

Parasha with Rashi and Pirkei Avot. This Shiur is held in the Little Synagogue at 8.30pm

Wednesday

Shiur at Ealing Synagogue - 8.15pm.

## **With sadness we record the passing of the following members:**

### **Dr Edward Shaoul**

Our beloved Life Elder, Dr Edward Shaoul, passed way in Israel where he and his wife Dr Doreen Shaoul had recently made Aliyah.

Dr Edward served our Congregation with quiet dedication for all of his life, always loyally supported by his wife Doreen. He was a Parnas and Chairman of the Board of Religion Classes, amongst many other roles, happily and generously carried out for our benefit and in recent years he did the same for our sister community of Lauderdale Road.

May the memory of a truly great gentleman become a blessing for us all.

We send our sincere condolences to Doreen, his children Sandy, Monica, Penny, Michael and all the family.

### **Eileen Hakkak**

We send our sincere condolences to our long standing member Ezra Hakkak and his family on the passing of his wife, Eileen.

### **Rene Levy**

The Congregation was saddened by the passing of our beloved Life Elder, Rene Levy, a lifelong member of the Synagogue and great supporter of the Congregation and in particular, the Ladies Guild.

Our sincere condolences to her husband David, also a Life Elder, and to all the family.

### **Richard Dannous**

Our sincere condolences to all the family and in particular, the Dellal family.

*We extend our condolences and wish the families "Muchos Años" and many years free from further sorrow.*

## **Stonesettings**

The stonesetting for the late Clara McInnes will take place at Hoop Lane Cemetery on Sunday 14th September at 12.30pm.

The stonesetting for the late Violet Carmona will take place at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery on Sunday 19th October at 9.30am.

The stonesetting for the late Dganit Medina will take place at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery on Sunday 23rd November at 10.15am.

The stonesetting for the late Saul Kelly will take place at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery on Sunday 30th November at 9.45am.

## **Care Committee:**

The Synagogue has a Care Committee that is available to contact any unwell or vulnerable member of the Kehilla should they wish them to do so. Please contact the Synagogue office for further details.

Any member who would like to assist and join this very worthwhile committee, please contact the Synagogue office.

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## **Besimantov on happy occasions to:**

### **Births**

Mazaltov to Rachel & Jeremy Touboul on the birth of their daughter

### **Batmitzvah**

Mazaltov to Safyr Irwin whose Batmitzvah is on Shabbat 22nd November 2014

### **Engagements**

Mazaltov to Denise & Yaacov Banin on the engagement of their son Adam to Aimée Cohen

Mazaltov to Lynn & Laurence Julius on the engagement of their son Simon to Michal Brotzen

### **Weddings**

Mazaltov to Nicole Baron and Mark Yadid on the occasion of their wedding on 1st June 2014

Mazaltov to Jonathan Sidlin and his parents Natalie & Richard, on his wedding to Ellen Cohen on Sunday 31st August

### **Kiddushim**

If you have a Simcha, birthday or Nahala then why not sponsor a Kiddush? For more information please call the Synagogue office.

### **Donations**

We are most grateful to our members, their relatives and friends and to our visitors for their generous donations, which are highly appreciated.

## **'Or' Torah Chadash Classes**



Learning Aleph Bet



Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut 2014

The Autumn Term will run from Sunday 14th September at Holland Park until the last lesson on Sunday 14th December.

We are currently enrolling for all age groups. You are welcome to join us which will enable your children to preserve the traditions and the Sephardi legacy of our community at Or Torah Chadash Hebrew Classes, which run from 9.30am until 12.30pm on Sunday mornings during term time.

For further information or to enrol your child or children, please contact the Synagogue office.



## Events

On Tuesday 2nd September, Rabbi Joseph Dweck, Senior Rabbi to the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation will be giving a talk at Holland Park Synagogue. This event will commence at 8.00pm. For more information please call the Synagogue office.

A Selichot Service will take place on Sunday 7th September at 7.30am and will be followed by an Isola Bella breakfast in the Suzanne Dellal Hall where Rabbi Joseph Dweck will be joining us. To book your place, please either call or email the Synagogue office no later than Sunday 31st August. Breakfast will cost £15 per person, £5.00 per child under the age of 13 years, payable in advance only.

Lunch in the Succah will be held on the First Day of Succot, Thursday 9th October after the Service. To book your place at a cost of £20.00 per person and £10.00 per child under the age of 13 years, please telephone or email the Synagogue office.

On Wednesday 12th November, Harif will be holding a Book Launch in memory of Rabbi Yomtov Assis at which his son, Rabbi Eli Assis, will give a lecture. Rabbi Joseph Dweck will also be attending and speaking.

On Shabbat 15th November a special AJEX Kiddush and lunch with a very interesting speaker will be held after the Shabbat service.

The Annual General Meeting for Holland Park will be held on Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm.

The Holland Park Synagogue in conjunction with New West End Synagogue will be holding the annual themed Chanukah Party on Sunday 21st December. Details to follow or for more information please contact the Synagogue office.

Please put the date in your diary now – the Holland Park fun-filled Quiz will take place on the evening of Sunday 22nd February 2015.

**For more information on all events please contact the Synagogue office 020 7603 9761 or email [admin@hollandparksynagogue.com](mailto:admin@hollandparksynagogue.com). Alternatively please subscribe to our weekly newsletter.**

## David Ishag Synagogue

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### Times of Services

**Friday Evening:** Approximately 15 minutes after the commencement of Shabbat.

**Shabbat:** Shoharit 9:00 a.m.

Minha, approximately 1 hour before the termination of Shabbat followed by a Shiur and Arvit Motzae Shabbat, although times for afternoon services will vary when there is a Seuda Shlishit.  
Any changes will be announced in the morning on Shabbat.

**Sunday morning:** Shoharit 8:15 a.m.

High holidays timetable – in the following pages.

### **Mazaltov** *The community is delighted to wish mazaltov to:*

Mr. Jonathan and Mrs. Michelle Gabay, on the marriage of their son, Rabbi Joshua Jacob Isaac, to Tehila Green, in Israel.

Mr. Ben Shalom and Mrs. Linda Gentely on the birth of their grandchildren:  
Isaac Daniel, son of Chris and Daliah, and Chloe, daughter of Eitan and Shoshana.

Mrs. Mary Simons on the marriage of her grandson, James, son of Michael and Sally Simons, to Kirsten, daughter of Rainer and Arja from Finland.

Mrs. Carmela and Mr. Victor Crespin on the birth of their grandson, Reno Or, son of Colette and Ithamar Sorek.  
Mazal Tov also to the grandparents Reuven and Yoseffa Sorek in Israel.

Mr. Neville and Mrs. Rosalind Spiers on the birth of their granddaughter, Suri Lielle, daughter of Delia and Ben Bueno de Mesquita, in Jerusalem.

Mr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Ivy Vernon on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Maya, daughter of Darren and Galit Vernon.

Mr. Freddy and Mrs. Souad Khalastchi, on the celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Daniella.  
Mazaltov also to the grandmothers Mrs. Jacqueline Khalastchi and Mrs. Samira Elias.

Mr. Leon and Mrs. Myriam Kamhi on the Bar and Bat mizvah of their children, Rafael and Odelia.  
Mazaltov also to the grandmother Mrs. Esther Kamhi

Mr. Faiz and Mrs. Bushra Khalastchi on the marriage of their son, Raymond, to Navit, daughter of Mr. Ilya and Mrs. Rachel Meyer, from Sweden.  
Mazaltov also to the grandmother Mrs. Jacqueline Khalastchi.

Mr. Chaim and Mrs. Esther Someck, on the marriage of their son, Alan, to Orit, daughter of Mr. Ilya and Mrs. Elena Chachko, in Israel.

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## Achievements:

Robin and Shafit Samra are very proud to announce that their daughter, Monica, qualified this summer in Medicine from University College London.

Abe and Jill Hazan are very proud to announce that their daughter, Gemma, also qualified this summer in Medicine from University College London.

## Announcements:

At the last Annual General Meeting a vote was taken and a new president was elected, Mr. David Rasouly.

We thank Mr. Berto Cohen, the former president, and wish the new elective all the success in his new role.

A list of the executive committee and sub-committees members for the coming year is printed in the following pages.

Following the move of Harvey Sperber, who ran Security for many years, to Southend, this responsibility has now been taken over by Jon Spain and David Rasouly.

## Purim Party:

Stamping feet, noisy whistles, rattles swirling, shouting voices and many fancy dressed revellers filled the David Ishag Synagogue on Saturday, 15th March to celebrate the festival of Purim. It was a lovely evening, where the congregation came together to listen to the Megilah and enjoy a lavish spread of Hamentaschen, sandwiches, sushi bar, savoury dishes, cakes, biscuits and drinks.

Following the Arvit service, our president, Berto Cohen, opened the evening by presenting a silver cup to Harvey and Valerie Sperber, a farewell present after they moved to Southend and signalling their contribution to the community during their membership years.

Berto Cohen continued the ceremony by presenting the Simchat Torah hatanim, Hattan Torah Yehuda Erdman and Hattan Berisheet Murray Rose, each a framed certificate commemorating their contribution and roles during the high holidays service.

To conclude Berto thanked the community and the donors Elliot Myers and Joe Cohen.

This was followed by the Reading of the story of Esther. Rev. Zvi Amroussi read the megilla from a parchment scroll donated to the synagogue by Toni Sullam in memory of her brother Isaac Sacha Amir.



A parade of all the children, wearing their Purim costumes then followed, competing for the best costume prize to be awarded by the appointed judges – Elliott Myers, Arlette Rose and Jack Tamman. The following children were given prizes for their efforts:

David Levy – dressed as a sumo wrestler

Jonathan Cohen – dressed as a ghost buster

Nigel Saidler – dressed as the TV character Mrs. Brown

Everybody who participated was given a prize, making sure no one was left out.

Entertainment for the children was donated by Mr. Albert Dassa and his daughter, Mandy, also known

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professionally as “Silly Milly”, who kept the children occupied during the evening with singing songs games and fun activities. She made the children laugh and dazzled them with her magic tricks.



“Silly Milly” played with the children Musical Statues, Limbo, best dancer and parachute fun. To add to that, “Silly Milly” did balloon modelling in the evening and made the young members fall about laughing with jokes!

Many thanks to everyone who donated, organised and helped during the festivities, making the evening such a success.



## Shavuot Party:

Shavuot was celebrated in high style at the David Ishag Synagogue on the 4th June 2014. Cheese cake and ice cream were in abundance accompanied by sprinkles, strawberries and champagne.

A beautiful dairy Kiddush was organised, comprising of sandwiches, canapés, sushi trays, salads and fruit sticks with a wonderful array of cakes and biscuits.

The synagogue was adorned with flowers, giving a beautiful ambience and festivity to the place. Many thanks to the sponsors of the fabulous Kiddush and Mrs. Gladys Benson who, as in previous years, bought the beautiful flowers displays. Our thanks go to the ladies guild and everyone else who helped organise this special event.

## Charity:

The community extends its thanks for the following generous donations –

- The new beautiful carpets for the ground floor
- The laying and fitting of the carpets on the ground floor

Both donations were made anonymously and we would like to thank the involved families profusely.

## 2014 Duathlon:

Nigel Saidler, who is an enthusiastic junior member of our community, participated in the Norwood Duathlon on Sunday 8th June 2014.

The weather on the day was magnificent; the Duathlon was for a total of 8 miles and included 1.5 miles run, 5 miles cycling and 1.5 miles run. The ride started from Aldenham Country Park and was intended for children of ages 11-16 year old.

With the support of the members of the synagogue, Nigel managed to raise £457 in sponsorship of his participation in the Duathlon, which well exceeded the required minimum sponsorship of £125.





## 2014 Cancer Research UK:

Mr. David Onona completed the "London-2-Brighton challenge 2014" walk in support of Cancer Research UK on 24th -25th May 2014. The challenge covered a walk of 100 Km that could be described as the most difficult London 2 Brighton Challenge. It took David 30 hours (day and night) to complete the challenge. The cold weather conditions of mainly rain, mud and low temperature through fields and hills, did little to help people along the course.

2280 walkers took on this year's London 2 Brighton Challenge, which started in the early hours of the morning, of which only 71% completed the full distance.

We would like to thank all members of the community, who sponsored David in this good cause.



## Shiurim/Education:

### Shabbat Zachor before Purim:

On this Shabbat Rev. Zvi Amroussi spoke about the origin of the Purim festival.

Esther and Mordechai called the festival Purim, after Haman's Pur - lottery - to signify that as long as we Jews live in exile, our survival is, to some extent, dependent on chance. Hashem did promise in Devarim that He will "hide" His face away until, in our exile, we make Teshuvah, and only then will He return us to our land. While on the Purim occasion, the Jews were saved, there will be others when they might not.

Unfortunately, this has happened on many occasions, culminating with the Holocaust.

### Rabbi Kamhi anniversary:

At the annual memorial service for the late Rabbi Dr David Kamhi, his son Leon gave a devar torah in his memory. As the nahala this year fell between the parashiot of Tazria and Metzora, he spoke about the biblical disease Tsaraat (commonly but erroneously translated as leprosy), focusing in on the story of Naaman the Aramean military leader who himself was struck with Tsaraat. The biblical tale relates that Naaman a highly arrogant man was humbled by how Elisha the prophet of Israel cured him by asking him to dip seven times in the river Jordan. He was also very impressed by how Elisha refused to receive any gifts at all for delivering the remedy. The good impression he created was to no avail as Gehazi Elisha's servant secretly without knowledge of his master, ran after Naaman and asked for payment saying Elisha had changed his mind. Shortly after, Aram (we expect led by a disillusioned Naaman) were again besieging Israel's cities causing a severe famine and soaring food prices. Elisha proclaimed to the scorn of an Israel government official that the price would come straight back down the following day. Indeed through a miracle, the Arameans fled, the siege was lifted and wheat and barley prices came down sharply. The government official lost his life as the people trampled him in the rush for food just as Elisha had predicted. Leon then sought to derive messages for us today. These included the importance of respecting and not undermining our religious leadership and always behaving in a way that puts Judaism in a good light as it surely deserves. By doing so, we will have a chance of achieving peace and harmony with one another and the world at large.

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## Neveh Shalom Shabbat leaflet

Rev Zvi Amroussi is circulating a Shabbat bulletin that covers the themes in the coming weekly parasha, broken by the seven aliyot (call ups to the sepher).

This covers the story in the parasha, the relevant Mitzvot that are being taught and famous midrashim relevant to the text.

It also includes a synopsis of the weekly haphtarah from the prophets, explaining the link to the weekly parasha.

Rev. Amroussi also includes a separate bulletin when a festival occurs on that week, covering the source of the festival, explanation of its name and the main customs linked to that festival.

The distribution is done by email. If you wish to subscribe to these bulletins please contact Mr. Elliott Myers at [elliottmyers@nevehshalom.com](mailto:elliottmyers@nevehshalom.com).

The following is an extract from the Shabbat Balak bulletin:

In this week's Parashah, Balak, King Balak of Moab retains the sorcerer Bilaam to curse the Jewish people. Instead of curses, only blessings come out of his mouth—including prophecies concerning the Messianic redemption. Moabite women entice some of the Israelites to sin, resulting in a plague amongst the Jews. Pinchas zealously kills two of the high-ranking offenders, and the plague comes to an end.

The Israelites have just conquered the Emorites and the Bashanites, the two mighty neighbours of Moab. Balak, king of Moab, worries that his nation would be the Israelites' next victim. He sends messengers to the Land of Midian, to Bilaam, a famed non-Jewish prophet and sorcerer, asking him to come and curse the Jews. G d appeared to Bilaam that night and instructed him not to go to Moab. "You shall not curse the people because they are blessed!"

Bilaam sent word with Balak's messengers that G d doesn't permit him to go with them. So Balak sent more prestigious messengers to Bilaam, promising him great riches in return for his services. Once again G d appeared to Bilaam. This time G d allowed Bilaam to go - provided that he only speak the words which G d dictates to him.

Bilaam leaves together with the Moabite dignitaries. G d sends an angel with a drawn sword to block Bilaam's path. While Bilaam couldn't see the angel, the she-donkey he was riding did, and refused to move onwards, causing Bilaam to strike her. The donkey miraculously speaks, admonishing Bilaam for striking her. Eventually, G d "opens Bilaam's eyes," and he sees the angel. A conversation between Bilaam and the angel ensues, wherein Bilaam is chastised for his behaviour towards his donkey, and again he is reminded only to say what G d dictates to him. After this humbling episode, Bilaam arrives in Moab where he is greeted by Balak.

Following Bilaam's instructions, Balak builds seven altars and offers sacrifices to G d. G d "chances" upon Bilaam, and dictates to him the words he should repeat to Balak and his ministers: "From Aram, Balak the king of Moab has brought me, from the mountains of the east: 'Come, curse Jacob for me and come invoke wrath against Israel.' How can I curse whom G d has not cursed, and how can I invoke wrath if the L-rd has not been angered?..." Bilaam then proceeded to shower the Israelites with beautiful blessings and praises. When Balak responds angrily to the blessings, Bilaam reminds him that he can only say that which G d tells him to say.

Balak takes Bilaam to another location, hoping that this new venue would be more inauspicious for the Israelites. They again build altars and offer sacrifices, and again G d dictates blessing for the Israelites which Bilaam repeats. "G d does not look at evil in Jacob, and has seen no perversity in Israel; the L-rd, his G d, is with [Israel], and he has the King's friendship..."

The entire process repeats itself once again, Balak takes Bilaam to another place, hoping that Bilaam can curse the Jews from there. For a third time they build altars and bring offerings, and for a third time, only blessings issue from Bilaam's mouth: "Mah Tov u ohalekha Yaacov, Mishkenotekha Israel" – "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel! ... G d, who has brought them

out of Egypt with the strength of His loftiness He shall consume the nations which are his adversaries ... Those who bless [them] shall be blessed, and those who curse [them] shall be cursed.” At this point, Balak despairs of accomplishing his goal, and sends Bilaam on his way.

Before leaving, Bilaam prophesies about the end of days: “I see it, but not now; I behold it, but not soon. A star has gone forth from Jacob, and a staff will arise from Israel which will crush the princes of Moab and uproot all the sons of Seth...” He also speaks about the eventual destruction of Esau, Amalek and Assyria. Following Bilaam’s unsuccessful attempt to curse the Jewish nation, Moabite and Midianite women seduce many Israelite men. In the course of their seduction, they also entice the Israelite men to worship the Baal Peor deity. G d commands Moshe to execute the guilty people, and simultaneously a lethal plague erupts amongst the Israelites. An Israelite leader, Zimri, publicly displays the Midianite princess with whom he was consorting. Pin’has, Aaron’s grandson, kills them both, and the plague is halted. Altogether 24,000 died.

This week’s Haftarah comes from Micah ch 5/6, and mentions the incident of Balak the king of Moab hiring the sorcerer Bilaam to curse the Beneh Israel- the main topic of this week’s Torah reading. The prophet Micah prophesies about what will occur after the war of Gog and Magog, the war which precedes the coming of the Messiah and the Final Redemption.

“And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples - like dew sent by G d, like torrents of rain upon vegetation that does not hope for any man and does not wait for the sons of men.” The prophet describes how G d will remove the idols and sorcerers and how He will destroy the Jews’ enemies.

The prophet Micah then goes on to rebuke the Jewish people for not observing G d’s commandments, calling as witness the “mountains and hills” - a reference, according to our Rabbis, to the Patriarchs and Matriarchs - and reminding them of the great things G d had done for them. He took them out of Egypt and replaced the curses that Bilaam son of Beor wanted to utter against them with blessings.

The Jewish people respond by saying that they do not know how to serve G d and ask for guidance. The prophet reminds them of the Torah, and that all they need to do is contained within it: “He has told you, O man, what is good, and what G d demands of you: but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your G d.”

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## Condolences:

*We extend our deepest sympathy to:*

Mrs. Judy Sitton on the passing away of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Dutch.  
Mrs. Margaret Erdman on the passing away of her father, Mr. Yakov Baruch, in Israel.  
Mr. Albert Harrison on the passing away of his mother, Mrs. Emily Abouharon.  
Mrs. Arlette Hanen and her children Victor and Lina on the passing away of their husband and father,  
Mr. Raymond Hanen.

We wish them and their families a long and peaceful life.

## **The life of Yakov Ben Zion Baruch [z"l] 1922-2014 (father of Margaret Erdman of the David Ishag Synagogue)**

Yakov came from Mumbai and married Nancy David when she was just 16. After the partition of India and Pakistan and following the establishment of Israel in 1948, they sailed to Israel where they lived in a Ma'abara (a tent camp) near Hadera and had four children, Margaret, Stephen, Dina and Albert. Yakov was a hard-working man and did his best to provide for his family during the early years of Israel when conditions were very difficult.

In 1957 they moved to London to join Nancy's brothers and sisters, but soon afterwards Yakov and Nancy split up and were divorced. Yakov returned to Israel and settled in Shkumat Hatikva, Tel Aviv, and married Yafa. They had three children and became very religious. In London Nancy's young children grew up in Norwood, and later she married Ellis and had another son.

Yakov was devoted to his family in Israel and his children looked after him after Yafa died. He ended his days living with his daughter near Hebron and died aged 92. He had been blessed with a long life and many grandchildren both in Israel and abroad.

## **Mr. Raymond Hanen 1925-2014 – as given by Rev. Zvi Amroussi at the funeral**

So here we all are to say goodbye to our friend Raymond Hanen. For me, and I am sure for many of us, it feels unreal, because although he had been in and out of hospital for a couple of years, we expected him to recover. Only last Sunday, we were sitting with him in hospital, talking about this and that. He looked his jovial, happy self, speaking in that booming voice of his, which I can still hear. And yet here he is now on his final journey to that better world. As King David writes in Psalm 103, about the futility of life on this earth: "Days of Man", he says "are like grass, like a flower that blossoms in the field, a wind passes through it, and it's gone". Notice though, he does not say man is like grass. Rather, it is his days that are so ephemeral. Raymond's memory will last, for many years to come, and his place in Gan Eden is everlasting. As I was saying, last Sunday we were talking. We were reminiscing about one of Raymond's favourite subjects - our Synagogue, of which he and Arlette, were founder members. We were talking about the early days of the Synagogue in Windermere Avenue, which I recall very well. I remember them constantly being there helping in every way they can and Raymond, with his very good hands, fixing everything that needed fixing, from plumbing to electricity. Earlier, in 1958, when the original Wembley Sephardi synagogue opened, he and Arlette helped in everyway they could, including personally travelling to Paris to bring over a Sepher Torah, which later was transferred to our Synagogue. With his experience in the British Army, in which he served during the second world war, as a Sergeant Major, he was a good organizer, and cool under pressure. He and Arlette continued to play a major part in our synagogue, and some 10 years ago they started the Neveh Shalom club, which grew from strength to strength, and is still going strong today. When I first came to the community as a young boy, he, Arlette, Lina and Vic, and his mother Simha, treated me like a member of the family. I became a regular visitor in their house and witnessed for myself their remarkable hospitality. There were often there people of all races, Jews, Christians or Moslems. It did not matter what your name was, whether Ali, Shimon, Prince or Chris, you were welcome. It was indeed a Noah's ark of humanity. Some even called him "Dad". And do you know something, I have never heard him moan about anything or anybody. No Lashon Harah (לשון הרע), no whining about what was hurting, which in the past year has been very much indeed. And you ask yourself, how does he do that? How can he

present a face of complete contentment and wellbeing, confronted by such challenging affliction? The answer had to be because he was Tokho KeVaro his inside was like his outside. You know the Hebrew word for face is Panim, but the word also means inside. Our face, our Rabbis say, should reflect our inside. Except as human beings we are able to hide our inner feelings, presenting to the world an acceptable outer face. And that dichotomy between real inner feelings and false outer ones, will sooner or later be noticed. Raymond's face must have reflected exactly what he was feeling, because of his constant kindness and hospitality. He was indeed a gentle giant. Whenever I phoned and spoke to him, his obvious delight at hearing my voice was so touching, making me feel so important to him. And it was not just me, but everyone I spoke to, told me the same thing. When he was healthy enough to go shopping, queuing in the Post office, many would call out to him Hi Raymond, how are you? Was there ever a time that you rang to say you were popping in, when he sounded inconvenienced or irritated, let alone refusing, altogether. On the contrary, he would always say "Merhaba" (مرحبا), welcome. And you know he meant it. And when you were there, you were treated by him and Arlette as a VIP. Our Rabbis ask: Who is rich? Their answer: Someone who is happy with his lot. By that yardstick, Raymond was a billionaire.

In this week's Parashah we will be reading about the death of the original lover of peace, Aharon Hacoheh, who did not just love peace, he pursued it to the nth degree, bringing peace between people and their fellows, and between husbands and wives. When he died, he was mourned by more people, than those who mourned for Moses himself.

Raymond's Hebrew name is Shalom, which of course means peace, and as you can see it was perfectly apt for a man who made sure, together with his dear wife, Arlette, that in a world where baseless hatred is becoming overwhelmingly prevalent, his baseless love and tolerance shone like a beacon at 24 Coniston Gardens.

There is a prayer at the end of our morning service, where we say: Hashem yevarekh et ammo bashalom - May the L-rd bless His People with Shalom - peace. Well I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone here, when I say that our own community has been blessed for over 40 years by Shalom, this Shalom Hanen who spent his life looking exclusively at the positive side of life, seeking and pursuing peace and tolerance for all around.

Well, Raymond - Shalom - G-d Himself loves peace. In fact, our Rabbis say, that is one of His nicknames. And so I say to you, while you are going to be intolerably missed in this world, you are going to peace in Gan Eden, where peace, tranquillity and serenity, reign supreme.

May the Alm-ty give strength to your dear wife Arlette, Lina, Victor, grandchildren and daughter in law, to find the strength to continue living in a way that he has forged, so that his great work is perpetuated for many generations to come.

May his soul be bound in the roll of life, Amen.

### **Kiddushim and Seudot:**

Mrs. Jacqueline Khalastchi and her children Mmes. Bushra Khalastchi and Brigitte Hikmet and Mr. Freddy Khalastchi in memory of their husband and father Mr. Haron Khalastchi.

Mrs. Sue Khazoom in memory of her mother Mrs. Daisy Peress.

Messrs. Robin and Sam Samra in memory of their mother Mrs. Mounira Samra.

Mr. Yariv Yehuda in memory of his father Mr. Shaul Yehuda.

Mr. Jeff Solomon in memory of his mother Mrs. Rachel Solomon.

Mmes. Joyce Cohen, Edna Harrison, Aimée Leon and Myrna Doppelt in memory of their mother Mrs. Fortunée Dwek HaCohen.  
Mrs. Jacqueline Khalastchi, Mrs. Suad Sebt and Mr. Jamil Khazoom in memory of their mother Mrs. Suzanne Khazoom.

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Mmes. Rosy Cohen, Joyce Tamam and Claudy Huttner in memory of their mother Mrs. Jacqueline Fiss.

Mr. Ben-Shalom Gentely in memory of his father Mr. Zevulun Gentely.

Mr. Freddy and Mrs. Souad Khalastchi, on the celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Daniella.

Messrs. Saleh, Zaki and Elie Ishag and Mrs. Mimi Dwek in memory of their mother Mrs. Oro Dwek.

Mmes. Betty Ishag and Freda Myers and Messrs. Leon and Berto Cohen in memory of their mother Mrs. Marie Cohen.

Messrs. Elliot and Eyal Myers and Mmes. Alice Levy and Ilana Hebert in memory of their father Mr. Mayer Myers.

Mr. Maurice Madjar for two seudot in memory of his mother, Mrs. Celine (Sarah) Madjar and in memory of his father, Mr. Jacques Madjar.

Mr. David Judah for a seuda in memory of his mother Mrs. Rachel Judah.

Mrs. Esther Kamhi and family for a seuda in memory of their husband and father Rabbi Dr. David Kamhi.

Mrs. Marie Del Monte, Mrs. Sally and Mr. Richard Del Monte for a seuda in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Sydney Del Monte.

Rev Zvi Amroussi for a seuda in memory of his father Rabbi Orani Amroussi.

Mr. Judah and Mrs. Michelle Gabay on the semicha of their son, Joshua, to a Rabbi in Israel.

Mrs. Jacqueline Khalastchi and her children Bushra, Brigitte and Freddy in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Haron Khalastchi.

Mrs. Sue Khazoom in memory of her mother Mrs. Daisy Peress.

# DAVID ISHAG SYNAGOGUE HIGH HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE 2014 - 5775

**WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER****Erev Rosh Hashanah**

MORNING SERVICE	6.30 a.m.
<i>(Including Selihot &amp; Hatarat Nedarim)</i>	
Festival begins	6.39 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.45 p.m.

**THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER****First Day Rosh Hashanah**

MORNING SERVICE	8.30 a.m.
<i>Tashlikh</i>	6.00 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.30 p.m.

**FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER****Second Day Rosh Hashanah**

MORNING SERVICE	8.30 a.m.
<i>Shabbat commences</i>	6.34 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.45 p.m.

**SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER****Shabbat Shuvah**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.30 p.m.
<i>Shabbat terminates</i>	7.38 p.m.

**SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER****Fast of Gedaliah**

MORNING SERVICE	8.00 a.m.
<i>Fast terminates</i>	7.26 p.m.

**FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER****Erev Yom Kippur**

MORNING SERVICE	6.30 a.m.
<i>(Including Selihot &amp; Hatarat Nedarim)</i>	
Festival and Fast begin	6.18 p.m.
<b>Kol Nidre</b>	6.30 p.m.

**SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER****Yom Kippur**

<i>Zemirot</i>	8.30 a.m.
<i>Shahrit</i>	9.45 a.m.
<i>Sepher</i>	11.30 a.m.
<i>Musaph</i>	12.45 p.m.
<i>Minha</i>	4.00 p.m.
<i>Hashkavot</i>	5.45 p.m.
<i>Neila</i>	6.15 p.m.
<i>Shofar</i>	7.22 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER****Erev Souccot**

<i>Festival begins</i>	6.07 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.15 p.m.

**THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER****First Day Souccot**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.15 p.m.

**FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER****Second Day Souccot**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
<i>Shabbat commences</i>	6.03 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.15 p.m.

**SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER****Shabbat Chol Hamoed**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat terminates</i>	7.06 p.m.

**SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER****Chol Hamoed**

MORNING SERVICE	8.15 a.m.
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**MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER****Chol Hamoed**

MORNING SERVICE	6.30 a.m.
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**TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER****Chol Hamoed & Erev Hosha'anah Rabbah**

MORNING SERVICE	6.30 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE & LIMMUD	8.00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER****Hosha'anah Rabbah**

MORNING SERVICE	6.15 a.m.
<i>Festival begins</i>	5.52 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.00 p.m.

**THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER****Shemini Atseret**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.00 p.m.
<i>Simhat Torah Hakaphot</i>	7.00 p.m.

**FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER****Simchat Torah**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
<i>Shabbat commences</i>	5.47 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6.00 p.m.

**SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER****Shabbat Beresheet**

MORNING SERVICE	9.00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	5.45 p.m.
<i>Shabbat terminates</i>	6.52 p.m.

**SERVICES DURING THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:****FRIDAY EVENINGS**

approx. 15 minutes after commencement of Shabbat;

**SATURDAY MORNINGS 9.00 am;****SATURDAY EVENINGS**

approx. one hour before termination of Shabbat;

**SUNDAY MORNINGS 8.15 am;**

ROSH HODESH AND FAST DAYS 6.45 am.

For security reasons, you are kindly requested:

1. Not to park in the vicinity of the Synagogue nor congregate outside the front of the building **at any time**;
2. To be vigilant; to report anything suspicious to the Security Officers and to cooperate fully with them.

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TIZKOO LESHANIM RABBOT!

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2014-15

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Elie Myers  
The Ladies Guild +

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## **The Neveh Shalom Club:**

The club, which is open to all synagogue members and their friends, meets regularly every Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00pm and on the first Sunday of every month from 1:00 to 4:00pm. New members are always welcome.

Please contact the following members of the committee for details of any activities:

Mr. Cesar Benson – on 020 8904 3009 or via email [gladysandcesarbenson@gmail.com](mailto:gladysandcesarbenson@gmail.com)

Mr. Alphonse Salem – on 020 8904 4205 or via email [alphonse.salem@gmail.com](mailto:alphonse.salem@gmail.com)

## **Up and coming events:**

The entertainment committee is inviting members to come forward with ideas for occasions such as functions, events or parties to raise funds for the synagogue.

Please contact Mr. Jack Tamman via email at [jack@tamman.co.uk](mailto:jack@tamman.co.uk).

## **Children's service:**

A special children's service is organised by the 3G society and is held at the synagogue in the Victor Saleh lecture room on the first Shabbat of every month as well as on festivals.

Young children or grandchildren of the community members are most welcome to join and help establish the next generation of our congregation.

## **Library:**

All those wishing to borrow books from the Synagogue library lending section are very welcome to do so.

Please remember to note the details of the book, your name and contact information in the blue file which is kept in the library.

This way the librarians, Mr. Yehuda Erdman and Mr. Jack Sitton will know where these books are. Thank you for your co-operation and enjoy your reading!

## **Parnasim**

Anyone wishing to be called to the Sepher (aliyah) and on any other matter concerning the wardens should contact the following members:

- Mr. Ben Gentely on 020 8908 3065 or via email at [gentely@hotmail.com](mailto:gentely@hotmail.com)
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- Mr. David Rasouly on 07740 635 707 or via email at [davidrasouly@gmail.com](mailto:davidrasouly@gmail.com)
- Mr. Jack Sitton on 020 8422 2653 or via email at [jack@yomans.co.uk](mailto:jack@yomans.co.uk)

## **Note:**

A central diary of events is held by the secretary, Mr. Elliott Myers, who can be contacted on 020 8346 8744 or via email at [elliottmyers@nevehshalom.com](mailto:elliottmyers@nevehshalom.com).

Anyone wishing to sponsor a regular Kiddush or arrange a special Kiddush should contact Mrs.

Monique Arazi on 020 8959 4606 or 07951 273 504 or via email at [moniquearazimail@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:moniquearazimail@yahoo.co.uk).

Anyone wishing to hold a special function at the synagogue should contact Mr. Albert Harrison on 07976 632 515 or via email at [harrison644@btinternet.com](mailto:harrison644@btinternet.com).

Anyone wishing to have an announcement included in the bulletin should contact Mrs. Liza Yehuda on 020 8908 2261 or via email at [yariv\\_yehuda@hotmail.com](mailto:yariv_yehuda@hotmail.com).

For any information regarding social activities and events at the Neveh Shalom Community please contact Mr. Jack Tamman on 020 8958 0475 during the day or via email at [jack@tamman.co.uk](mailto:jack@tamman.co.uk).

Anyone wishing to have an announcement on the website or receive general announcements from the Neveh Shalom Community by email should contact Mr. Jon Spain via email at [jonesse@ntlworld.com](mailto:jonesse@ntlworld.com).



## Rambam Sephardi Synagogue

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### Service Times

#### Shabbat Morning Services

Rooms 5, 6 & 7 at Allum Hall on Allum Lane, over the bridge  
toward Elstree, opposite the Elstree/Borehamwood  
First Capital Connect Train Station.

Zemirot	9.00am
Shaharit	9:45am
Parasha	10:15am
Children's Services	10:30am
Sermon & Musaf	11:15am

Followed by Kiddush with a L'Haim

Rambam Sephardi Synagogue qualifies for the “attendance point” system (CRP) for admission purposes at many Jewish schools.

We use the premises of Allum Hall primarily for Shabbat morning services. If you wish to be included in our email list, please enter your details on our website. [www.rambam.org.uk](http://www.rambam.org.uk)

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## High Holiday Service Times (all services at Allum Hall unless otherwise indicated)

1st Eve Rosh Hashana	-	18:30	Wed 24th September
1st Day Rosh Hashana	-	8:30	Thurs 25th September
2nd Eve Rosh Hashana	-	18:30	Thurs 25th September
2nd Day Rosh Hashana	-	8:30	Fri 26th September
Shabbat Shuvah	-	9:00	Sat 27th September
Eve Yom Kippur	-	18:15	Fri 3rd October (Yavneh College)
Yom Kippur	-	8:30	Sat 4th October (Yavneh College)
1st Eve Sukkot	-	18:00	Wed 8th October (50 Cardinal Avenue)
1st Day Sukkot	-	9:00	Thurs 9th October
2nd Eve Sukkot	-	18:00	Thurs 9th October (50 Cardinal Avenue)
2nd Day Sukkot	-	9:00	Fri 10th October
Shabbat Hol HaMoed	-	9:00	Sat 11th October
Eve Shemini Atseret	-	17:50	Wed 15th October
Day Shemini Atseret	-	9:00	Thurs 16th October
Eve Simhat Torah	-	17:50	Thurs 16th October
Day Simhat Torah	-	9:00	Fri 17th October
Shabbat Bereishith	-	9:00	Sat 18th October

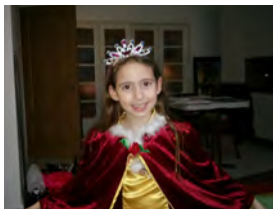
## **HATANIM 5775**

B'Siman Tob to Davide Halfon (Hatan Torah) and to Natan Servi (Hatan Bereishith). We wish them and their families a wonderful year as our Hatanim.

## **EVENTS**

### **16th March – Purim Play:**

Rambam Sephardi players performed our first amateur Purim play on the afternoon of 16 March (see photos). Many thanks to Rivka Azair & Dani Cohen for their enormous efforts as producer & director! Congratulations to our young actors & actresses, the Rabbi's Ravers, the stage hands and prompters and to Danine Irwin for sourcing the Purim Seudah. Stay tuned for future productions where volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. Please direct enquiries to [amdram@rambam.org.uk](mailto:amdram@rambam.org.uk)



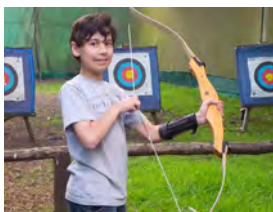
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## 1st-3rd June – Camp Rambam:

An ambitious group of outdoors-lovers camped overnight from 1st – 3rd June at the Well End Campsite. Children aged 5 and above (and some adults) experienced, some for the first time, food cooked on hot coals, sleeping in tents, hikes in the nearby woods and archery. An enormous effort went into setting-up and breaking down the campsite. Special thanks to Rivka David, Lea Misan and Dani Cohen for creating this unique opportunity for our children.



## Recent & Upcoming:

7th September	-	End-of-Summer BBQ
9th October	-	Communal 1st Day Sukkot Lunch
12th October	-	Wine & Film Evening 'Ushpizin'
26th October	-	Sunday Shaharit & Breakfast
6th November	-	BICOM Evening in Borehamwood
23rd November	-	Sunday Shaharit & Breakfast
14th December	-	Sunday Shaharit & Breakfast
20th December	-	Hanukkah Storytelling for Children

## Rambam Sephardi & Jewish Care:

Reinforcing the Jewish axiom that 'Actions speak louder than Words', from September, Rambam Sephardi will be working with Jewish Care ([www.jewishcare.org](http://www.jewishcare.org)) to host activities for elderly and disabled residents in our area.

We continue our former activities with Tikun Kitchen ([www.tikun.co.uk](http://www.tikun.co.uk)) to prepare meals once a month for homeless or needy persons across Hertfordshire. Jewish youth (12+) and adults of any age, male or female, are welcome to help cook the meals which will be distributed the next day.

Our enormous thanks to Danine Irwin who has successfully run the Kitchen since last February! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danine on 07989 743 357 or email her at: [Tikun@rambam.org.uk](mailto:Tikun@rambam.org.uk).

## PASTORAL

### Congratulations & Mazal Tob:

To all the students who received their A-Level exam results

To Myriam Alexander on receiving her PhD from Cambridge University

To Laurence Hasson for winning gold in the 2014 British Association of Barbershop Singers

To Shoshana Alexander who celebrated her 4th birthday

To Guy Dabby-Joory for celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on Parshat Korah

To Sophia Berger for celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on Parshat Hukat

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To Eliana Levy for celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on Parshat Pinhas  
To Neveh Yacob Afirghan for celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on Parshat Shoftim

To Ilana Fox & Natan Leigh who were married in Israel in August  
To Abe & Annette Wahnnon who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary  
To Jeremy & Lisbeth Gilmore who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary  
To Albert & Irene Alizade who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary  
To Charles Silas on becoming a great-grandfather in Glasgow

## **Get-well Wishes:**

We wish a continuing Refuah Sheleimah to Albert Alizade, Shalom Barukh ben Breinah Leah, Aharon Yehuda ben Gitel, Yacov Kopel ben Rivka, Yacov Pesah ben Esther Shoshi, Amos ben Esther Halfon, Breinah Leiya bat Zishla, Liron Efrat bat Vered, Elka bat Esther Shoshi, Talya bat Mira, Gaby bat Irene, Irene bat Mary, Nava bat Vicky and Naomi Joy bat Hanina.

## **Long Life:**

The community wishes hayim arukhim to Melanie Arazi and her family on the loss of their grandfather the Late Morris Springer; and to Debbie Somers on the loss of her grandfather the Late Michael Sherbourne. We also wish long-life to those who recently observed a nahala; including Raph Setton (mother) and Jennifer Brooke (father).

## **THANK YOU**

### **Kiddush Sponsors:**

2014

5th April - Carl & Danine Irwin - Aden's Bar Mitzvah  
17th May - Stephen Saady - Friend of Rambam  
24th May - Natan & Corrine Servi - Rafael's birthday  
31st May - Abe & Annette Wahnnon - 19th Wedding Anniversary  
7th June - Albert & Irene Alizade - 50th Wedding Anniversary  
28th June - Berger Family - Sophia's Bat Mitzvah  
5th July - Gottlieb Family - Moishe's Birthday  
26th July - Alexander Family - Myriam's PhD  
26th July - Misan Family - nahala for Rabbi Elazar Abuhaseira  
9th Aug - Natalie & Neville Levy - Eliana's Bat Mitzvah  
30th Aug - Michal & Natan Afirghan - Neveh Yacob's Bar Mitzvah  
6th Sept - Arik Barr - Leaving to study at yeshiva in Israel

To book a Kiddush please contact Michie Berger Tel: 020-8386-4386

### **Other 'Thank You's:**

#### 31st May – Scholar-in-Residence

Sincere thanks to Rabbi Jonathan Solomon who served as scholar-in-residence on Shabbat Naso. His talk on Sephardi Minhagim (Customs) was much appreciated by a larger than usual audience, and left us with much food for thought in the days just before Shavuot.

#### 3rd June – Special Shavuot Evening Service

Many thanks to Maurice Martin and his choir, including Neville Levy, Daniel Decent and Frank Martin, who helped bring in Shavuot on the evening of 3 June. Those who attended were treated to a brilliant musical service.

#### 28th June – Jointly-held Service

Our thanks go to Rabbi Boruch Boudilovski and his wardens for allowing us to conduct a jointly-held Ashkenaz-Sephard service on Shabbat Hukat at Yavneh College. Coinciding with the Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Berger, nearly 200 adults attended.

#### 12th July – Chazak Shabbaton

Sincere appreciation goes to Rabbi Yitsy David of Chazak who organized a Sephardi Shabbaton in Elstree/Borehamwood during Shabbat Pinhas. As well as holding a Friday night gathering for local Sephardi teens, Rav Yitsy gave a wonderful talk during services on Shabbat morning. The event was celebrated with a special Kiddush.

## 26th July – Hazanim Eliot Alderman & Gedalya Alexander

On behalf of the Honorary Officers and the entire Rambam Sephardi community we wish to thank Hazanim Eliot Alderman & Gedalya Alexander for leading the services and reading the parasha on 26th July. Eliot is a dear friend of our community. We wish him and wife Lea well and we look forward to their future visits.

## Monthly – Sunday Shaharit & Breakfast

We thank profusely our Guest Speakers Mr. Edgar Samuel and Mr. Esra Kahn who joined us, respectively, in June and July, for our monthly Sunday Morning Shaharit & Breakfast. Sincere thanks to Ralph Levy for organizing the speakers and to Brian Kaye, Juliet Levy, Lea Misan and the Ladies Guild for arranging the food.

## Volunteers Taking Services

Over the past few months volunteers have helped read services or parts of the parasha. We wish to thank the following: Gedalya Alexander, Eliot Alderman, Prof Michael Alpert, Joe Arazi, Rabbi Amos Azizoff, Shlomo Biton, Mr. Bengigi, Daniel Carmel, David Chriqui, Mr. Coriat, Freddy David, Joe Ekareb, Sammy Ezrahi, Michael Fuer, Oliver Hazan, Anthony Kent, Neville Levy, Ralph Levy, Michael Loewe, Maurice Martin, Eli Meshulam, Stephen Saady, Michele Sabakh, Charles Silas, Gary Somers, Abe Wahnnon and Sammy Zerubaveli.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Get Well List:**

Prayers are recited every Shabbat morning for Refuah Sheleimah in front of the Echal. To be included please send to the Rabbi the English and Hebrew names of the person(s) concerned.

### **Shabbat Children's Services:**

Rambam Sephardi offers weekly Shabbat children's services. The programme is created and supervised by Lea Misan, a facilitator & programme developer for youth engagement, jointly with Rivka Azair, who was head of Chelsea Synagogue Cheder for 8 years.

### **Requests for Aliyot & Volunteers to Take Services:**

Members are asked to please advise Uri Kamara ([uri.kamara@ntlworld.com](mailto:uri.kamara@ntlworld.com)) or the Rabbi before Shabbat if they wish to be called to the Sefer for a Simha or a Nahala. We enthusiastically welcome volunteers to read Parasha, Haftarah or to take Tefillah. Musical support is available upon request.

### **Classes/Shiurim:**

On Wednesday nights from 8:30-9:30pm the Rabbi offers an adult education class on Parashat HaShabuah in his home at 50 Cardinal Avenue, WD6 1ER. On every second Tuesday night from 8:30-9:30pm there is a class on Tefillah – Shabbat prayers. Refreshments are served, all are welcome, discussions are accessible to beginners and more advanced students alike.

### **Membership:**

Rambam Synagogue is affiliated to the Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation in London. A full-membership pack which includes a special rate for a limited period, can be obtained from our membership Secretary Brian Kaye at [membership@rambam.org.uk](mailto:membership@rambam.org.uk)

## **YOUR HELP**

### **Permanent Premises:**

The Rambam Sephardi Building Sub-Committee continues the search for a suitable permanent premise in Borehamwood. We welcome any and all advance donations into our dedicated Building Fund. Please send cheques to Rambam Sephardi Synagogue, c/o Honorary Secretary Ralph Levy, 68 Theobald Street, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 4SU or call Derek Sheena on Tel: 0772 080 5796 should you wish to assist our efforts going forward. Donations can also be made via our website [www.rambam.org.uk](http://www.rambam.org.uk).

### **Please Help Us Spread the Word:**

Our community is situated in Hertsmere, one of the fastest developing Jewish areas since the 2001 census, where property prices are lower than the north-west London market. We have an Eruv, kosher restaurants & shops and a mikveh. Several Sephardi families who used to live close to Maida Vale have recently moved into our area.

Please let your friends and family know there is a warm, caring Sephardi community to welcome them in Elstree/ Borehamwood. Congregants from other S&P communities have already come to visit. Hospitality is available for Shabbat and Festivals but kindly let us know your plans in advance.



## The Sephardi Congregation of South Manchester – Shaare Hayim

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Congregation founded 1997

Sha'are Rahamim opened 1927 Sha'are Sedek opened in 1924

### Eve of Shabbat Services Times

26th Sep	See Times of Service card	7th Nov	3.45pm
3rd Oct	Kol Nidre	14th Nov	3.45pm
10th Oct	See Times of Service card	21st Nov	3.40pm
17th Oct	See Times of Service card	28th Nov	3.30pm
24th Oct	5.15pm	5th Dec	3.30pm
31st Oct	4.00pm	12th Dec	3.30pm

Shabbat Morning Services: Zemirot 9.15 a.m. Nishmat 9.30 a.m. Sepher 10.00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 7.25am; Sunday & Bank Holidays 8.30am

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SHABBAT	MINCHA	SEUDA SHELISHIT	SHABBAT TERMINATES
27th Sept	6.30pm	7.30pm	7.45pm
4th Oct	YOM	KIPPUR	
11th Oct	5.45pm	6.45pm	7.11pm
18th Oct	5.30pm	6.30pm	6.56pm
25th Oct	5.15pm	6.15pm	6.41pm
1st Nov	4.00pm	5.00pm	5.28pm
8th Nov	3.45pm	4.50pm	5.16pm
15th Nov	3.45pm	4.45pm	5.06pm
22nd Nov	3.45pm	4.40pm	4.58pm
29th Nov	3.30pm	4.30pm	4.52pm
6th Dec	3.30pm	4.30pm	4.49pm
13th Dec	3.30pm	4.30pm	4.48pm

Rosh Hashanah 25th September : Yom Kippur 4th October : Succot 9th October :

Shemini Atzeret 16th October : Simchat Torah 17th October

1st Day Chanukah 17th December

**It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing away on  
3rd June / 5 Sivan of Esther Ellituv, dear wife of Rabbi Shlomo  
and mother of Rabbi Amir.  
May they be spared any further sorrows.**

## **CONDOLENCES:**

Gayle Shalom & Warren Heyman on the death of their mother Rosalind.  
Anne Hodari on the death of her brother Michael Radnor.  
Albert Doweck on the death of his brother Raymond.  
Joe Shaoul on the death of his brother Edward.  
Anne Frieslander on the death of her mother Estelle.  
June Churba on the death of her sister Serina.  
Sharon Sasson on the death of her mother Judith.  
Vera Bolchover on the death of her son Andrew.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

### **Births:**

Ann and Harry Rosenblum on the birth of a grandson.  
Toni and Maurice Horwich on the birth of a great grandson.  
Hayley and Paul Goldsmith on the birth of a son.  
Shelley and Frank Goldsmith on the birth of a grandson.  
Vera Cohen on the birth of a great grandson.  
Rebecca and Lee Feddy on the birth of a son.  
Sula and Anthony Leon on the birth of a grandson.  
Deborah and Nathan Ezair on the birth of a son.  
Ruth Linton and John Linton on the birth of a grandson.  
Jake Ezair and Sheila Ezair on the birth of a grandson.  
Eve Labaton on the birth of a great granddaughter.  
Gerald David on the birth of a grandson.  
Esme David on the birth of a great grandson.  
Vanessa and Clement Goldstone on the birth of a grandson.  
Jack and Mahvash Ellis on the birth of a grandson.  
Ashraf Mofarah on the birth of a great grandson.  
Grace Kachani on the birth of a great granddaughter.

### **Engagements:**

Charlotte Todd to Jacob Rokeach  
Oliver Cohen to Rachel Haas.  
Adam Sher to Anna Lawton.

### **Wedding:**

Jessica Jayson to Robert Talalay.

### **Barmitzvah:**

Zak Betesh

### **Bat Chayil:**

Ateret Ellituv  
Hannah Elias

### **New Members:**

Joanne Brown  
Michael & Galit Ozon

*Continued overleaf..*

Our Annual Quiz Evening took place in February. Natalie Vallance and Mike Khodadad organised the event with Mike acting as Question Master. Our thanks go to them, together with their helpers on the night, for putting together an entertaining evening.

We celebrated Purim in the traditional manner with the reading of the Megilla followed by our superb Persian Dinner. Our thanks go to Igal Farshi and Mike Khodadad and their team for organising the evening.

In May Rabbi Joseph Dweck, Senior Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation in London, visited our community. He addressed us at the home of Rabbi Amir Ellituv in Hale, responded to various questions and was warmly received by the many congregants attending.

## **Elections:**

The following were elected for the forthcoming year:

**President:** Michael Khodadad

**Chairman:** Anthony Sultan

**Treasurer:** Stephen Elias

**Hon.Secretary:** Ros Farshi

## **Members of the Council:**

Reuben Solomon, Alan Hodari, Lesley Sher, Jonathan Shasha, Michael Mesrie and Ros Farshi

## **Wardens/Parnassim:**

Michael Sherbourne, Reuben Solomon, Maurice Hakim and Victor Hassan

## **Lady Members of the President's Committee:**

Jennifer Cohen, Ros Farshi and Natalie Vallance

## **Manchester Shechita Board:**

Renee Hodari

## **Board of Deputies of British Jews:**

Barbara Simon

## **Book Launch**

On Sunday 20 July we officially launched Basil Jeuda's new book 'World War One and the Manchester Sephardim'. This has been published by Shaare Hayim to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

Interesting historical photographs formed part of Basil's presentation with other congregants reading past members' recollections from the book.

Basil was thanked by the President Mike Khodadad for a most stimulating and informative morning.

Copies of the book priced £9.99 can be obtained from Shaare Hayim on 0161 445 1943 or [shaarehayim@clara.co.uk](mailto:shaarehayim@clara.co.uk)

## ESTHER ELLITUV

On the Eve of Shavuot Rebbetzen Esther Ellituv, or Esther as she was so affectionately known by those who knew her, passed away. Esther was born in Israel in 1954 and was a seventh generation Israeli, she married Rabbi Shlomo Ellituv in 1976 and in 1977 they moved over to Manchester to be the minister of Shaare Sedek. Esther together with Shlomo caused a revolution in the way how a rabbinical couple acted and were viewed. They were the first Rabbinic couple in South Manchester to open their home to the masses, hosting many guests over the chagim and Shabbatot. Her table was always graced not only by the many guests but also the wide array of delicious foods, and her miraculous pot of Chamin that always had enough to feed so many people. She was the first rebbetzen to give shiurim in South Manchester, and the amount of people that she touched was immense. Her advice to people was treasured, the couples that she taught kept on reminiscing her different statements so full of wisdom. To a mother in law she would say, "Your role is to open your purse, and close your mouth". Who ever entered her home was treated as family, and those who knew her well felt as if their mother had passed away.

She taught Ivrit in Manchester Jewish high, King David and Yavneh, her pupils said how she was the lady that they would look up to, the person who made them proud to be Jewish, her fellow colleagues described her as the bridge between the Jewish and non Jewish staff.

As a mother of 6 children, she knew how to instill a love of Judaism and the community, but at the same time ensure a privacy of her home, coupled with an immense wisdom that however busy Esther and Shlomo were, their children were always the priority, and she made sure we were brought up in the best possible manner. As a grandmother of never enough grandchildren!! She showered each and every one of them with a huge amount of love, the community always enjoyed seeing how she would sit next to them in synagogue on Shabbat and pray together.

4 years ago she was told that she had cancer, but never shared the news with anyone, when it spread, she never wished to burden anyone with the tragedy, but wished everyone to be happy in the different happy occasions that we were all having, only 3 years ago did they share the news, and throughout this difficult period, she never once complained. She accepted everything with love, as that is how she lived her life, with an abundance of love. Whoever saw her always saw her as a person with great dignity and a special aura. She shone through her actions and her appearance. Never did she ever wish to be seen not at her best. Indeed, only three weeks before she passed away, she was able to attend her oldest granddaughter's bat mitzvah in Queenston Road synagogue, and seeing her radiant, no one would have ever thought that there was anything wrong. But as dignified as she was through her life, so was she at her death. She had all her children around her together with her devoted husband who throughout this difficult time, ensured that her dignity was constant to the very last moment. Her funeral started in the Synagogue Hall, and continued to Har Hamenuchot in Jerusalem where she was buried. Over 2,000 people attended her funeral, shiva house and services. A testament to a lady who was the queen of our community and family.

The motif on her tombstone was "With wisdom she built her home, with understanding and kindness she built a community, and through her silent outlook was her glory" May all her family and community not suffer any further sorrow, Amen.

## Servicemen given Mitzvot I Lauderdale Road Synagogue between 13 February 1915 and 21 April 1919

As the centenary of the start of World War I approaches, it may be interesting to see a record of honours given to members of the congregation who served in the armed forces.

The Mitzvot books for the years 1915 to 1919 record the names of about 40 servicemen (one in the navy) who were called on Shabbat or Holy Days at Lauderdale Road Synagogue. They carried the Sepher, assisted with the bells, cloak and bands or were called to the Torah.

The entries sometimes note that those called up were in khaki, or in one case naval uniform.

Two, Eliezer (Ellis ) Paiba and Robert (Joseph) Sebag-Montefiore, were given Mitzvot on Rosh HaShanah in 1915. The record says "both about to leave for the Dardanelles." Sadly, shortly afterwards they met their deaths at Gallipoli.

Masood Afriat	18/4/1916
Jacob Benazon	31/3/1915, 19/5/1915, 6/10/1917
Abraham de Raphael Benzecry	30/3/1915, 1/5/1915, (5/6/1915) 13/11/1915, 20/1/1917
Solomon de Raphael Benzecry	5/6/1915 he replaced his brother Abraham who had been inoculated, 18/9/1915, 4/3/1916, 18/3/1916, 18/4/1916, 2/9/1916, 7/10/1916, 13/1/1917, 23/6/1917
Alexander de JN Castello	24/4/1916, 2/8/1916
Daniel de Manuel Nunes Castello	18/9/1915
Joseph Conquy	29/9/1915
Samuel de Daniel Finzi	12/10/1916, 19/10/1916, 29/12/1917
Asher de Abraham Menahem Gaster	10/1/1918
Aaron Shelomo de Yehudah Gubbay	12/10/1916
Baruch Harris	6/11/1915, 23/6/1917
Eleazer de Isaac Hassan (naval)	31/3/1915
Isaac de A Hassan	18/4/1916, 25/4/1916, 10/1/1919
David de Judah Israel	28/3/1918
Melech de Jehudah a-Levy Langner	18/9/1915
Michael de Hisquiau Lange	30/3/1918, 10/1/1919 anniversary of Bar Mitzvah
Naphtali de Nathan Laski	11/3/1916, 25/3/1916, about to return to active service, 7/6/1916, 28/7/1917
Abraham Nathanael de Moshe a-Levy	7/10.1916
Joshua de MA Levy	3/6/1916
Mesod de Haim a-Levy (from Gibraltar)	8/6/1916
Benjamin de Elias Almosnino Lindo	30/3/1915, 23/10/1915, 18/4/1916
Jacob de Elias Almosnino Lindo	23/9/1916



Eliyahu de JN Martinez	18/4/1916
Jacob Mercado	10/4/1915
Shelamo de Abraham Bueno De Mesquita	23/12/1916
Eliyahu de Abraham Mocatta	3/6/1916 on leave from the front after many months, 7/10/1916, 21/4/1919
Eliezer de David Paiba	30/3/1915, 4/9/1915, 9/9/1915 about to leave for Dardanelles
Baruch de H Pinto	3/6/1916
Haim Abraham de Baruch Pinto	30/3/1918
Raphael de Baruch Pinto	19/5/1915
Yedidya de Baruch Pinto	20/11/1915, 13/5/1916, 28/3/1918, 1/6/1918
Joseph de Daniel Piperno	24/4/1916, 20/1/1917
Abraham de David Rodrigues	28/3/1918
Eleazar de David Anidjar Romain	18/9/1915, 18/4/1916
Isaac de Jacob Moses a-Levy Rubens	13/1/1917
D de I Salzedo	13/2/1915 prisoner of war returned from Berlin
Eliyahu de --- Sebag-Montefiore	8/4/1916
Joseph de Abraham Sebag-Montefiore	30/3/1915
Robert de Abraham Sebag-Montefiore,	9/9/1915 – about to leave for Dardanelles
Mordechai de Abraham Sebag-Montefiore	28/3/1918 ` 17/1/1919
Zebi de Abraham de Sebag-Montefiore	10/4/1915, 25/3/1916, 10/1/1919
Joseph of David Solomon	2/10/1915
Major Shonfield	5/5/1917
----- Valentine	12/5/1917

## Dates:

30,31/3/1915	Pesach 1,2
9/9/1915	Rosh HaShanah
18/9/1915	Kippur
18/4/1916	Pesach 1
25/4/1916	Pesach 8
7,8/6/1916	Shabuot 1,2
7/10/1916	Kippur
12/10/1916	Succot 1
19/10/1916	Sh'mini Atzeret
28,29/3/1917	Pesach1,2
21/4/1919	Pesach 7

# Edinburgh House

Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Home for the Aged  
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Our residents have enjoyed various lovely tea parties and entertainment provided by our many friends and we are especially grateful to Ohel David Synagogue and Lauderdale Road Synagogue Association for Purim teas. Thank you also to the students from the North West Yeshiva who regularly come to visit and read the Megillah which is much appreciated.

Outings in the last few months have included visit to Brent Cross shopping centre where we enjoyed lovely refreshments, kindly offered by Margaret Ben Nathan, at Kanteen where the Staff were very welcoming and helpful. We also visited the Regents Park Rose Garden and Harris Court Residents greatly enjoyed a very hot day at Westcliff. The Mayor of Brent invited some of our residents for tea in the Parlour. There was lively discussions including complaints about the state of the pavements and the Mayor immediately called on the Leader of the Council to answer these points. We also attended a 'living music' concert at the Wigmore Hall and a lunchtime concert in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Regular activities run by our Activities Organiser, Carolyn, and her volunteers include the weekly discussion group. Lesley Temple is helping to introduce a new Poetry reading group supported by the Readers Group organisation, weekly singalong with Leon Winsky, and our weekly piano recitals kindly provided by the family of Morris Benaim.

The Friedel Radbil Day Centre runs twice a week and is gaining in popularity. Hilda Gerrard, one of the longest serving volunteers (for over 40 years) is now a very welcome resident in Edinburgh House where she continues to receive visitors on a regular basis for card games. One of the Day Centre members recently held her birthday party at the Centre and relatives came from as far as New Zealand to celebrate this event.

Our residents love to have visitors to help or just to chat.  
Please contact Carolyn Mitchell on 0208 908 4151

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The Synagogue will have morning services at 8.00 am on the following days:

1st Day Rosh Hashanna	Thursday	25/Sep/14
2nd Day Rosh Hashanna	Friday	26/Sep/14
Kal Nidre	Friday	3/Oct/14
Yom Kippur	Saturday	4/Oct/14
1st Day Succot	Thursday	9/Oct/14
Hosha'ana Rabba (7.00 a.m)	Wednesday	15/Oct/14
Parashat Noach (R.H. Heshvan)	Saturday	25/Oct/14
Parashat Toldot (Mahar Hodesh)	Saturday	22/Nov/14
Parashat Mikketz (Hanukah)	Saturday	20/Dec/14
Parashat Va'era	Saturday	17/Jan/15
Parashat Terumah	Saturday	21/Feb/15
Shushan Purim (Evening)	Thursday	5/Mar/15
Megilla reading and Purim party		
Parashat Vayikra (R.H. Nissan)	Saturday	21/Mar/15
Pesach (1st Day)	Saturday	4/Apr/15
Pesach (7th Day)	Friday	10/Apr/15

The services are followed by Kiddush

In addition to the above, the Synagogue holds Friday evening services approximately once a month courtesy of Kehilat Yedidya, 12 Nahum Lifshitz, Baka.

Details of these services are available by e-mail only.

# Report from the Sephardi Kashrut Authority

Shanah tovah!

5774 has been another busy year for the Sephardi Kashrut Authority. Here are my personal highlights:

JW3 opened in September last year to great public acclaim, and we have certified its restaurant (Zest) whilst also giving Kashrut advice to other sections of the building including the nursery. It was a pleasure to visit with Dayan Amor and Rabbi Dweck to help the nursery chef Sarah Gedalia and the manager Ms Sheldon plan for Passover. Over 80% of the children are Jewish and it is important that the Kashrut standards are taken as seriously as Davina Sasha, the Hospitality General Manager for Zest, takes the standards for the restaurant.

In November, our director Rabbi Steinhof and Dayan Amor visited the McCain's factory in Scarborough and certified its new production line for jacketed baked potatoes. Another first was that the Jacket Potatoes were approved for use during Passover. There are now several certified McCain products (though sadly not all for Passover) – chips, wedges, microwave chips, smiles, and the Jewish favourite “hash browns”, that we call latkes, which incidentally in Poland are also called latkes - so please check the website for the complete list ([www.sephardikashrut.org](http://www.sephardikashrut.org))

In August the Director, Dayan Amor and Rabbi Dweck will be going to inspect frozen vegetable production. At that time of year it will be the end of the pea season and the start of green beans. After a tramp through the fields, it is important to know if insects will be a problem. A full and tiring factory visit is made up every stairway and gantry including checking the blast freezing process. Every year an inspection is made so that at Passover the SKA can say which vegetables are suitable for Passover. Among the SKA achievements is that approval is given for frozen rice. Over six times the grains are checked to make sure that they contain only rice grains, and so thoroughly does the factory check the grains of rice, that there is no need to check the frozen rice oneself. The rice is sold via M & S, again check the website to see what is approved and available for Passover.



Dayan Amor and Rabbi Dweck harvesting green beans.

At Passover Dayan David dealt with the selling of chametz forms, which all went smoothly. Rabbi Steinhof visited Sam Stoller's in Temple Fortune to kosher their facilities for Passover and visited the SKA Smoke Salmon factory with Dayan Amor.

This year the new purpose built factory of Great Foods based in Milton Keynes was inspected and approved for Passover production as well as year-round production by Dayan Amor and the SKA Director. This was the first time that Mediterranean and Moroccan falafel balls were available for Passover as well as a huge range of other products.

Over in Birmingham, the SKA granted a license to the caterer 'Eat Me Events' working in the Birmingham Synagogue and holding events in that area, and for student events all over the Country. They are now also operating in the London area.

We also launched our new website, which is clearer and more complete than it used to be. Look at [SephardiKashrut.org](http://SephardiKashrut.org) for the latest news on our work.

One of our goals as an organisation is to make to make kashrut affordable and so we aim not to turn a profit. We finished our financial year on 31 October with a small surplus, which we gave as a grant to the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue.

Looking ahead, Rabbi Dwek has great plans for the future of the SKA – but all will be revealed in good time.

Very best wishes for the New Year

Danny Kessler.



# **UJIA & Spanish and Portuguese Synagogues – Supporting the Children of the South of Israel**

In response to the conflict in Gaza, UJIA formulated an appeal to support the children in the south of Israel who have endured weeks of anxiety and could not live normal lives. The Spanish and Portuguese communities assisted in helping thousands of Israeli young people get through the day, by supporting the delivery of hot meals and day camps to be run in shelters across the south, as well as in northern Israel.

Through offering this vital respite we seized the chance to give Israel's children some of the peace of mind they have been deprived of, and ensured that they knew they were not alone.

The communities' response was inspiring. In one day of fundraising with hundreds of volunteers manning the phones, calling people from across the UK, UJIA raised over £130,000. Now, after a few further weeks, we have raised £238,795 towards hot meals and activities for the Children of the South, thanks to you.

Your donations have gone towards the Ashkelon Foundation, providing hot meals and activity kits for children confined to shelters, the Jewish Agency For Israel, providing full days of programmes and activities for the children of Ashkelon, facilitated by trained professional staff from projects funded by JIA in the 1980s, and also Kibbutz Eshbal, supporting respite camps and activities in UJIA's infrastructure in the north for children of the south. More than 2,500 children have participated so far in these camps.

The appeal also supported the work of Tel Hai College's Community Stress Prevention Centre and Resilience Mobile Unit, which provides emergency trauma treatment for individuals and families suffering from post-traumatic stress caused by living under rocket fire. Also the Rashi Foundation and Orr Shalom Children's Homes (offering further respite programmes for youth at risk) received funds from the appeal.

The responses from those involved in Israel were touching. Here are a series of quotes that reflect the experiences of participants and madrichim (leaders) involved in the relief activities and respite programmes. They were provided by UJIA's Kibbutz Eshbal affiliate youth movement HaNoar HaOved VeHalomed.

Sivan, a participant from the south on a respite programme in Ein Sarid, said, "I had an incredible experience over the past two days. The residents of Ein Sarid didn't stop coming to the youth club with huge bags of snacks and food, and of course smiles. The community kept checking in to see how we're doing and if we needed anything at all.

During our respite visit, we got to know the incredible youth from the community. We had many joint programmes which were so much fun. They kept us constantly entertained and busy—we went swimming at the pool in Ein Vered and had lunch at the home of a lovely family. These are all normal things we couldn't dream of doing since the beginning of Operation Protective Edge.

We are so grateful for all the love and support, for the wonderful hospitality we received and for all the families who opened their homes and their hearts. These past two days have meant the world to us!"

The young leaders involved in delivering the programmes were also a source of inspiration. Saar Ross, a Youth Coordinator from Rehovot said, "Our seminar prepared madrichim for their upcoming work with children from the south and provided practical tools for running activities in shelters and during respite trips. We are so proud of our madrichim. They have showed tremendous leadership over the past two weeks and have helped make life a little better for thousands of children in the south."

Finally, Yuval, just 16 years old and from Mazkeret Batya, a leader on a respite programme, knew that it was important to show an example to the vulnerable young people in her programmes. She said, "I know I need to show the kids that I am strong, especially during these difficult situations."

I hope this sheds some light on how your community has made a difference to Israelis in their time of need, so on their behalf, thank you.

Your support for Israel is so important, not just during times of conflict, but always.

## **Book Review by Vivian Labaton**

# **WORLD WAR ONE and THE MANCHESTER SEPHARDIM** **by BASIL JEUDA**

*Published and Distributed by Shaare Hayim Synagogue 2014 (£9.99)*

*Funded by the Dwek Family Charitable Trust*

When fellow members of Shaare Hayim were searching for an appropriate way of commemorating World War One, they not surprisingly turned to another member, writer Basil Jueda. Basil is a well-known local historian and author of books on a variety of subjects, including railways and canals in the North West, but is also recognised as the most authoritative historian of Manchester Sephardi Jewry. He has produced this important book on the contribution of Manchester Sephardim to the war effort (the community being a microcosm of British Jewry).

While the role of British Jewry to World War Two is of recent memory and well known, the part played by a previous generation is less well recognised. This book covers the origins and state of the Manchester Sephardi community at the outbreak of the War, the War and those who served in the armed services, restrictions placed on Manchester Sephardim, and how the community reacted to the War.

Chapter 1 gives a valuable picture of the settlement of Sephardim in Manchester at the beginning of the 20th century, and the place of origins of congregants (in 1912/13 the largest group being Syrian, 37%).

Chapter 2, by far the longest section of the book, covers the outbreak of the war, and conduct of the war on the Western Front and in the Middle Eastern Theatre. Major battles and trench warfare are vividly described, including reference to the battle of the Somme, during which Sephardi servicemen were killed. Recruitment of Jews into the army is illustrated with a picture taken in 1914 outside a Manchester synagogue, showing Jewish volunteers for the Manchester Regiment (the Manchester PALS), the Lancashire Fusiliers (the Salford PALS) and other regiments.

The heart of the book is taken up with the Manchester Roll of Honour (produced under the auspices of the Conjoint Board of Elders), which lists the 61 names of Spanish and Portuguese Jews who served in the European war; a later revised list brought the figure to 67. (Nearly 700 of the much larger Ashkenazi community served in the forces. The Sephardi community numbered about 1000, approximately 3% of the total Jewish population in the Manchester area).

A very moving part of this section lists and describes those killed in action, and the tributes paid to them by their commanding officers for outstanding bravery. Famous family names appear in the fallen, and it is clear that many would probably have gone on to have distinguished careers in law or science, or been successful in business. The most famous of those in the Roll is Isaac Leslie Hore-Belisha, who entered politics after the war, and as a Minister of Transport introduced the Belisha Beacon for pedestrian crossings. The Roll further indicates the cosmopolitan nature of the Sephardi community, and their duties, which ranged from the Seaforth Highlanders to the Royal Flying Corps. Several served in the Army Medical services, and the hospitals set up in well-known Manchester buildings to deal with the wounded.

Chapter 3 deals with the restrictions placed on the Manchester Sephardim under the Aliens Restriction Order, and occupies about a quarter of the book, a sad reflection of the times. A significant number of the community suffered, depending on which province of the Ottoman Empire they came from, and whether categorised into friendly enemies or enemy. This policy particularly affected Jews from Greece, Turkey, Baghdad and Aleppo. The London based Board of Deputies became involved in the legal fine points of who might be affected by the Act. The Manchester Conjoint Board of Elders entered the dispute, with the aim of getting exemption for members from Baghdad and Aleppo of long residency and with sizeable sureties.

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In spite of some success, several Sephardim were interned in the Isle of Man internment camps, which are graphically described in the book (a portent of aliens interned in World War 2). Other restrictions, which adversely affected some members of the community, included limitations on personal movement to 5 miles from their registered place of business. The passage in the book covering the Petition of Twenty Baghdad Merchants and subscription to the War Loan, while of legal interest is perhaps a little lengthy compared with the main story in Chapter 2.

Chapter 4 on the actions of the Sephardi community during the war includes reference to Special Services and a Special Prayer composed by Haham Moses Gaster, to be read in Sephardi synagogues on Yom Kippur, and reproduced in the book. Also described are attempts to extend relations with the London Sephardi congregation, which failed, and the “difficult” relations between the two Sephardi congregations in South Manchester, only finally resolved decades later.

Chapter 5, a Postscript, covers some events that followed the War, including the peace treaties, and repercussions of the partition of the Ottoman Empire. One feature of note is the “signing on” by aliens at police stations which continued (Mrs Freha Leon was still doing so in 1929, the year before she died). Their war-time experiences encouraged many Sephardim to become naturalised.

As would be expected with this author, the book has been well researched, producing a fascinating picture of the era, and the text is ideally complemented by a large number of evocative pictures and reproductions of maps and documents.

It should be of interest to all Sephardim including the Manchester Diaspora, especially to London, and to the wider Jewish population. It might also demonstrate to the non-Jewish population the strong patriotism of British Jews.

## BOOK REVIEW by LYN JULIUS

### A Bath of Wine for the Sabbath by Lucien Gubbay

Gubbay ISBN 978-0-9527006-5-4. 95 pages, 38 illustrations. Lucien Gubbay. From Jewish bookshops in London, from the Montefiore Librarian (2 Ashworth Road W9 1JY) and shortly from Amazon. £7 paperback edition.

It looks and feels like a Sotheby's Catalogue for a Judaica auction - but none of the precious artefacts, silver, Torah rimonim, mantles, books and manuscripts are up for sale: they are part of the Montefiore Endowment collections.

*Lucien Gubbay's A Bath of Wine for the Sabbath* was commissioned by the trustees of the Montefiore Endowment to coincide with the 2013 Montefiore festival in Jerusalem. It is a spectacular assembly of photographs of the treasures of the Montefiore Endowment, as well as letters, petitions and testimonials received by the great philanthropist during his missions to help oppressed Jews. Gracing the front cover is a massive silver testimonial - now on display at the V&A - presented by the Board of Deputies to Sir Moses after he had interceded with the Ottoman Sultan following the Damascus Affair of 1840 on behalf of wrongly-imprisoned Jews.

When the 'most famous Jew in history' died childless in 1885 aged 100, the Board of Elders of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation initially assumed responsibility for his College, synagogue and assets, which later became an independent charity, The Montefiore Endowment.

The book is an eminently readable work: Lucien Gubbay describes each item selected, taking care to fill in the historical context or provenance.

The unusual title comes from a letter sent from Safed to Sir Moses by Yosef of Brisk. Yosef once prepared a bath of wine for the German Kaiser. He offers to prepare a luxurious bath of wine for the Sabbath for Sir Moses. We do not know if Sir Moses accepted Yosef's offer.

Sir Moses may have hobnobbed with sultans and princes, but he also busied himself with the great unwashed, doling out Spanish silver dollars to the poor. The most interesting documents in the book are the Petitions addressed to Sir Moses during his seven visits to the Holy Land. Jewish widows, orphans, merchants who have fallen on hard times, even rabbis, send their begging letters to the legendary Sir Moses. Pleading for help are victims of disasters both natural (epidemics, the 1834 Safed earthquake) and man-made (attacks by Druze tribesmen). A surprising number of letter-writers allude to forced conversions to Christianity.

Not all petitioners are in dire financial straits: a letter in French from the three sons of the fabulously wealthy Raphael Farhi requests Sir Moses's help in recovering debts owed by two Jerusalem convents after a brush-off from the French Consul-General. The letter ends with the brothers asking Sir Moses to forgive them for their audacity.

There are effusive words of praise for Sir Moses in rabbis' testimonials delivered to Sir Moses, mostly on his 100th birthday. Every so often the real-life hardships faced by these 19th century Jews rise to the surface - notably the 'great troubles' many faced in Tsarist Russia.

Over 35 years, Sir Moses Montefiore compiled several censuses of the Jewish inhabitants of the Holy Land, as well as Alexandria, Sidon and Beirut in order to base plans for the future development of each community. The book tells us that fewer than one percent voiced the Biblical objection to 'counting the people'. It is interesting that the censuses separate Ashkenazim from Sephardim, then divide Ashkenazim into groups corresponding with their Kollel (community) membership. The Montefiore Censuses have been uploaded onto a database. In a single year they attracted over 36,000 visitors - historians, genealogists, sociologists, linguists.

The Endowment's trustees are to be commended for making their purposes and treasures more widely known in this attractive book. Sir Moses would have approved.



## BOOK REVIEW by LYN JULIUS

### How to be a heroine by Samantha Ellis

(Chatto & Windus, 2014) £16.99



Samantha Ellis is homesick for Baghdad. Except that Samantha has never been to Baghdad. She will never be able to go there. And yet, like in the song Hotel California, she can never leave.

The author of *How to be a heroine* and playwright, born in London and is still only in her thirties, internalises the emotional scarring suffered by relatives who fled Iraq in the early 1970s. A cousin was executed. Her mother transmits to Samantha her fear of having her hair touched, and her dislike of watermelon. Both reminded her mother of her interrogation in jail after she was stopped at the penultimate checkpoint on her escape from Iraq. Samantha's grandfather, moping around his London home in his pyjamas, is perennially 'sad, because of what happened in Iraq.'

Growing up, Samantha is torn between two worlds: the suffocating, sheltered Iraqi-Jewish world, and what lies beyond her Wembley doorstep: a world tugging her towards freedom, feminism, a career as an artist. Her closeted Iraqi-Jewish community expects her to be a good girl, a dutiful daughter, a domestic goddess and wife.

"I didn't want to win my community's game, I didn't even want to play it," she writes.

In *How to be a Heroine*, Samantha Ellis has hit on a ingenious literary device: this is an autobiography told through the book heroines who influenced her as a child, whom she re-visits as an adult. Each heroine corresponds to an aspect of her character, a particular stage or need in her life.

*Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights* (Cathy Earnshaw) *Pride and Prejudice* (Lizzy Bennet), *the Little Mermaid*, *Gone with the Wind* (Scarlett O'Hara), *Romeo and Juliet*, *Anne of Green Gables*, parade like a recommended reading list for 12-year-olds. Sylvia Plath, Germaine Greer and raunchy feminist characters later shape Samantha as a young adult. Each inspires Samantha to be independent, assertive, and choose her own man - or remain single.

One by one Samantha breaks every taboo: goes away to university, eats a prawn, has boyfriends her parents would not have approved of, decides to make her life in the theatre. But Baghdad keeps tugging her back. Her relationship with a Kurdish oud player, with its 'frisson of star-crossedness' 'felt like home'. She writes a play about Gertrude Bell, who fell in love with Iraq.

In the last chapter Samantha arrays her cast of characters: who will be her heroine of heroines? She chooses Scheherazade – Middle Eastern, a storyteller, a feminist. Not a born heroine, she becomes one. But Samantha pays her final tribute to her refugee mother, who managed to re-write the story of her uprooted life.

If this funny, brilliant book suffers from a drawback it is that *How to be a heroine* at times reads like a Cambridge Lit Crit essay. Samantha Ellis is forced to give a sometimes irksome summary of the plot of each book for the benefit of readers less well-read than herself. But those who share her background will chuckle at Iraqi-Jewish foibles described with wit and zest.

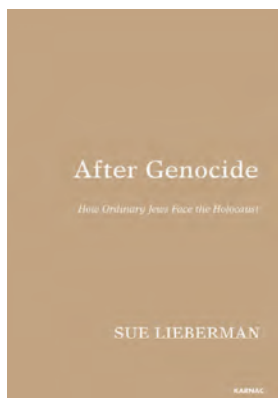
For instance, the temperature in her family home ("we were not big on the outdoors") was kept "Baghdad-hot."

"In a five-minute call about yoghurt my grandmother (using the Iraqi-Jewish endearment *Fudwa* – 'I will die for you') will offer to die for me ten or fifteen times."

Samantha Ellis mocks her mother's superstition of sewing packets of salt into her clothing for luck. Yet she stuffs salt all about her, including her bra, in preparation for a crucial interview.

You take the girl out of Iraq, but you can't take Iraq out of the girl.





## AFTER GENOCIDE How Ordinary Jews Face the Holocaust

BY SUE LIEBERMAN

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2015 will be the seventieth anniversary of the end of World War Two, and, for Jews, the seventieth anniversary of the end of the worst Jewish catastrophe in diaspora history. *After Genocide* considers how, more than

two generations since the war, the events of the Holocaust continue to haunt Jewish people and the worldwide Jewish population, even where there was no immediate family connection.

Drawing from interviews with “ordinary” Jews from across the age spectrum, the book focusses on the complex psychological legacy of the Holocaust. Is it, as many think, a “collective trauma”? How is a community detached in space and time traumatised by an event which neither they nor their immediate ancestors experienced?

“Ordinary” Jews’ own words bring to life a narrative which looks at how commonly-recognised attributes of trauma – loss, anger, fear, guilt, shame – are integral to Jewish reactions to the Holocaust. Two chapters consider how these painful feelings shape two central questions: how the Jewish diaspora relates to Israel; and how a community traumatised however indirectly might free itself from the burden of a heavy past.

*After Genocide* opens up a neglected dimension of the post-Holocaust legacy. Written for both lay and professional audiences, Jewish and wider, readers will see powerful feelings reflected and explored in ways which are moving and thought-provoking. In addressing the question of collective trauma, it will speak to other peoples with comparable histories. It is a book which many will want to read.

### Contents

- “I don’t know why it affects me this much”
- “A traumatised people”
- “A profound sense of loss”
- “The broken contract”
- “It’s all very frightening”
- Guilt – or shame?
- “So conflicted”
- Held captive?

### About the Author

**Sue Lieberman** studied history at Bristol University and social administration at York. Her first career in community work led her to work at the policy interface between voluntary organisations and government. In 1988 she began training in psychotherapy; she is qualified as a Group Analytic psychotherapist. She describes the practice of psychotherapy as an endlessly fascinating journey into the human unconscious, and psychodynamic theory as a uniquely rich source of insight and inspiration.

## What readers say about *After Genocide*:

*"This is a wonderful exploration of why we as 'ordinary Jews', to use a term from the book, are still so interested in exploring our feelings towards the Holocaust. "My family may not have gone through the Holocaust, but I am related to it". Why is our relationship to the Holocaust still so strong after so many years?*

*We are taken through the trauma of loss, guilt, shame, fear and confusion in a moving way, made profoundly real by the experiences of individuals who ask the questions we all ask ourselves. It is a highly professional, literary and enlightening journey on how we cope with the past".*

**Judy Sischy: an 'ordinary Jew'**

*"Trauma is an ever-present theme for counsellors and psychotherapists, where it is most often thought about in relation to individual clients and patients. *After Genocide* offers an original analysis of the long-term impacts of the Holocaust, not for the descendants of those directly affected but for the more numerous 'ordinary Jews' on whom Sue Lieberman focuses. Exploring often perplexing traces of loss, anger, fear, guilt, shame and other powerful feelings, she offers a lucid and evocative account of the captivating horror of the Holocaust. These insights will provide important resources for practitioners, as well as an important addition to the academic literature."*

**Professor Liz Bondi, Head of Counselling Studies, Edinburgh University**

*"The navigation of 'collective trauma' is one of the hardest explorations psychoanalytic studies can undertake. When the 'collective trauma' is specifically trammelled by the Holocaust and thus possesses the minds and experiences of Jews - whether they be survivors, descendants of survivors or even those not directly touched in safe havens - the endeavour becomes all the more difficult, all the more complex, all the more variable. It is on this odyssey that Sue Lieberman bravely embarks in *After Genocide*."*

**Moris Farhi, writer and novelist**

*"As someone who had read very little about the Holocaust, this book has opened my eyes to what it is like to be Jewish in the west today, and how much the Holocaust continues to affect Jewish people".*

**Sue Collin, retired adult education tutor**

*"Like most people, I knew the Holocaust had happened but had not really engaged with its huge meanings and implications for myself, for all humanity, and for the Jewish community in particular."*

*Reading Sue's book changed all that. In her careful and clear style, she explores the deeper psychological and cultural implications of the horrors of the Holocaust, and raises challenging reflections about the enduring emotional trauma and legacy caused by such a huge rent in our usual expectations of human society. In the context of an emotional landscape involving complex feelings such as shame, rage and fear, Sue suggests that it is in the talking about and speaking to our feelings personally and culturally that they can be transformed rather than re-enacted.*

*Sue writes about these hugely complex processes in a remarkably measured and thought provoking way. Reading this book expanded my understanding of hatred, humanity and healing, and I am grateful for the experience."*

**Sue MacFadyen, psychotherapist**



What has this past year meant to you? A family simcha, a great holiday, the World Cup? Hopefully, happy memories.

What about those people for whom this year has been particularly difficult – a bereavement, a job loss, a relationship break-up? What sort of memories do they have? And who can help them, who will listen to them?

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## A helping hand for Holocaust survivors and refugees



"I simply do not know how to express my thanks and gratitude to you for helping me out with the massive service charges recently presented to me. I have had sleepless nights over how to meet this demand." This quote is from a Holocaust survivor who received a grant from Six Point Foundation to help with a large bill they were finding difficult to pay. Topping up extraordinary bills is just one of the ways that the Foundation helps Holocaust survivors and refugees of Jewish origin living in the UK who are struggling financially.

Six Point Foundation was set up in 2011 with some of the proceeds from the disposal of assets which were owned by the Otto Schiff Housing Association (OSHA). OSHA had its origins in a fund set up in 1933 to rescue Jewish people from Nazi oppression in Germany.

Since the Foundation made its first grant, it has awarded over £360,000 in over 340 grants to individual Holocaust survivors and refugees in financial need. Grants have been for one-off expenses to improve quality of life such as home adaptations, medical bills, travel costs and temporary care. Five partner agencies work with the Foundation to give out grants: The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR), Holocaust Survivors Centre (Jewish Care), Agudas Israel Housing Association (AIHA), Bikur Cholim and North London Bikur Cholim. They confidentially assess people who have requested help and make requests for grants to the Foundation on their behalf.

In one case last November, one of the partner agencies approached the Foundation to help a London-based survivor to attend individual music therapy sessions. Her support worker explained that, "because of her advanced Alzheimer's she has shown a much better response when she is alone with the therapist and the therapist can cater to her individually." This request fitted well with the Foundation's purpose to enhance the lives of survivors and refugees in economic difficulties. She reported later that, "the results are unbelievable. She is much more alert, recognises people sometimes, and is very happy after these sessions."

Six Point Foundation also gives grants to organisations supporting Holocaust survivors and refugees. So far it has awarded over £1.85 million in grants to organisations around the UK including Edinburgh House. Edinburgh House was awarded a grant to deliver Music for Life sessions, interactive music workshops for people living with dementia organised by Wigmore Hall. The project aims to enhance the quality of life of its participants and demonstrate to carers the emotional, social and physical potential of people in their care. One resident who took part said of the sessions: 'Pleasure, privilege, lovely to partake.... Thank you!'

Other organisations that have received grants include The National Holocaust Centre and Museum (Beth Shalom), London Jewish Cultural Centre, Nightingale Hammerson and Jewish Care.

Before it closes within the next three years, the Foundation aims to reach and help as many struggling Holocaust survivors and refugees as possible in modest but meaningful ways that would not come about if it did not exist.

Holocaust survivors/refugees must be of Jewish origin living in the UK with an income of less than £10,000 per year (excluding pensions or social security) and have assets less than £32,000 (excluding a primary residence and a car). Please contact one of the agencies below for more information:

***The Association of Jewish Refugees 020 8385 3070***

***Agudas Israel Housing Association 020 8802 3819***

***Bikur Cholim 020 8800 7575***

***Holocaust Survivors Centre (Jewish Care) 020 8203 9033***

***North London Bikur Cholim 020 8802 5032***

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## HOW JEREMY WENT FROM BEING AN **EMPLOYEE** TO **EMPLOYER**

Jeremy, 38, a North London web designer, was made redundant and needed to choose the right career path for his future.

**What was your biggest challenge?** *After weeks of sending out job applications and getting nowhere, I realised I needed help finding work. My CV just wasn't making the right impact. It was so demoralising. I was an experienced, qualified web designer but had been in the same company for 12 years. I asked a friend for help and he told me about a charity called TrainE-Traide, which offers employment and business support, so I gave them a call.*



**What help did you get from TrainE-Traide?** *I attended one of their job readiness workshops, where I learnt how to structure a CV properly, prepare for an interview and network on social media –guidelines and tips and that no-one else had ever told me.*

**Did it make a difference?** *Yes – straight away! They began putting me forward for a number of jobs on their books. I had two interviews lined up within a fortnight. But the process of rewriting my CV and thinking about what I enjoyed made me wonder whether salaried employment was right for me.*

**Is this when you considered starting your own business?** *To be honest, I had always loved the idea of being my own boss but never knew where to start. I'd been in web design for over a decade, knew how the industry worked and was always full of creative ideas. After talking to TrainE-Traide's Career Adviser, she put me in touch with the charity's business department. I had one-to-one meetings and began to put a business plan together. They even helped me apply for a government start-up loan to cover the costs of marketing my new business.*

**One year on, are you happy with your decision?** *Absolutely. I love being my own boss and my business is flourishing. TrainE-Traide has continued to be part of my professional life - they've been an invaluable source of advice and support.*

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