

Editorial

This edition of Ruach illustrates the rich diversity enjoyed within our Community. Volunteers gave of their time, so that we could enjoy Shabbat Nechama, Shabbat UK and Purim. Others organised the "twinning" with Birmingham. Most remarkably, the 20th Anniversary of the Bournemouth Sephardi Association had a weekend of celebrations, not only with a Friday night service and dinner at Wootton Gardens, but also by having a Sephardi Shabbat morning service in the main Shul, followed by a lavish Kiddush lunch and then Seudah Shlishit. The weekend ended with Sunday breakfast after Shacharit.

On a secular note, the Community takes pride in Michael Filer being honoured as a Freeman and Alderman of Bournemouth, and we hope his wife, Anne, is successful in her bid to be re-elected as a Councillor.

We report on the new Board of Management, and hope that their endeavours on behalf of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation will be successful.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Kosher Pesach.

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A PESACH MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I can scarcely believe that I am already well into my second year as President. In addition, at the last AGM, I was elected a holding

Trustee alongside Stephen White and Ivor Weintroub. I would like to thank everyone for putting your trust in me; I recognise what a responsibility this is, and will do my best to be worthy of your trust.

Just a few weeks ago, at the 2019 AGM, we elected our new Executive team. We have a strong team, motivated to address the challenges we face as a community. We have an important year ahead of us, during which we plan to take on those challenges and find appropriate answers. As I said at the AGM, this year's Executive team contains individuals who, I am certain, will one day lead our Congregation as Vice Presidents and Presidents. I am very much looking forward to working with everyone on the team over the next 12 months and assisting the future Executives in the years to come.

We will soon be celebrating the festival of Pesach, my favourite Jewish festival. It is my favourite festival because for 8 days our family comes together, the children and the grandchildren; we put aside the day-to-day problems, enjoy each other's company and, of course, the wide variety of Pesach food, noshes and treats. We read the Haggadah, talk about the four sons and above all, enjoy being with each other.

This Pesach not everyone will be able to celebrate the first night of Seder with immediate family. That is why under the leadership of Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner and with valuable help from Jenny and Jonathan Lamski, we will be putting on our now customary Seder night in the Menorah Suite, which last year attracted more than 100 people. Please consider celebrating this wonderful occasion with your extended family, called the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, and have an evening to remember.

Pesach teaches us the following six important lessons: to Remember, to be Optimistic, to have Faith, the importance of Family, to Educate and our Responsibility to others. These are the six pillars upon which Pesach rests.

We read in the Torah and in the Haggadah, God's commandment to Remember. We are commanded to remember Yetziat Mitzrayim, we are told to remember that once we were slaves in the land of Egypt. Perhaps the Jewish people were the first to understand the importance of remembering the past in order to shape the future. When the collective memory becomes personal memory, we can individually connect with our Jewish roots and appreciate the importance of being freed from slavery.

The Pesach story teaches us to be Optimistic. How could the Jewish people be anything but optimistic to believe that despite the terrible odds, they would ultimately triumph and reach the 'Promised Land'? The Jewish optimism is rooted in our Faith in God and our belief that He will never abandon us. The covenant God made with his chosen people is a covenant with each and every one of us, which anchors our personal faith in God, and gives us belief in ourselves and in our ability to shape the future.

I have already touched upon the importance of Family. The path to improving the World starts at home with our families. Our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren are the future; they are the stars of our Seder table, who, one day, will lead their own Seder tables.

In Exodus 13:8 we are commanded thus – 'You shall tell your son on that day: This is on account of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt'. Educating the next generation about the importance of the Exodus from Egypt is a central theme of Pesach. By teaching them the Jewish values we ensure that the future generations will be in good hands.

The sixth lesson is all about remembering our Responsibility to others. We were once slaves; we understand what it is like to be downtrodden. It is our responsibility to extend a helping hand to others less fortunate than ourselves. By helping our fellow human beings, we can make the World a better place.

These universal lessons of Pesach are equally valid for us here in Bournemouth. We face challenges as an ageing community; with faith in Almighty God, with optimism, with respect and care for each other and by remembering our past, we can and will find the right way to shape our future.

Anne joins me in wishing you a peaceful and joyous Pesach, wherever you happen to celebrate it.

MAHIR OZDAMAR

CHIEF RABBI MIRVIS' PESACH MESSAGE



The two central themes of Pesach – peoplehood and freedom – have the potential to either provide great blessing or pose great danger to our society.

The Exodus from Egypt paved the way for the Israelites to become a people. Upon deliverance from slavery, we were, for the first time, a “kingdom of priests and holy people” - a nation with a shared history and common destiny.

The Exodus also provided us with freedom from oppressive Egyptian rule. After 210 bitter years of enslavement, self-determination was finally within our grasp.

Like many blessings in life, even these wonderful gifts of peoplehood and freedom can be squandered, distorted and even exploited if we are not wary of a force which is increasingly a feature of our political and social discourse.

Peoplehood provides us with our group identity - a sense that we are not alone; we feel valued as members of a worthy collective. But it can also be used to create a distrust of the other – a poisonous ‘them and us’ narrative. Recent years have seen the emergence of ‘identity politics’ – the formation of exclusive alliances based upon group identity. When used to exclude and scapegoat others, it takes a positive force to its most extreme, thereby transforming it into a negative.

Similarly, freedom is an essential value for any civilised society. But, as Holocaust survivor Victor Frankl said, “freedom is in danger of becoming arbitrary unless it is lived in terms of responsibility”.

At the very dawn of creation, the Torah describes how, on each day, Hashem saw what He had created and declared it to be ‘tov’ – it was ‘good’. But on the sixth day, when Hashem created humankind, He observed that it was ‘tov me’od’ – ‘very good’.

A fascinating but challenging Midrash states, “Instead of reading ‘me’od’ read ‘mavet’ – death.” What could be the connection between ‘very’ and ‘death’?

This Midrash is surely warning us against ‘very-ness’; a type of zealotry which takes what we believe to such an extreme that it can cause death and destruction.

We live in an increasingly polarised world. Religious, political and social strands of zealotry, which were once confined to the fringes of our society are now entering the mainstream. Across the globe, far left and far right politics are finding a degree of influence that was once unthinkable. Similarly, aggressive secularism and religious fundamentalism are finding their expression in crucial areas of public policy and creating significant challenges which will affect our society for generations to come.

The classic mistake is to respond to the ‘me’od’ – the ‘very-ness’ of others, with zealotry of our own. The Jewish way, which provides a timely model for our society, is for us to seek freedom tempered by responsibility and to celebrate our peoplehood, whilst respecting the right of others to do the same.

The shank-bone on our Seder plates represents the ‘Korban’, the special Pesach sacrifice. ‘Korban’ comes from the word ‘karov’ (close), indicating that it facilitates closeness to Hashem. This Pesach, let us recall a fundamental truth, too often overlooked: If we wish to come close to Hashem, we must first come closer to one another.

Valerie and I wish you a Chag Kasher Vesameach.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ephraim Mirvis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
March 2019 • Nisan 5779



A MESSAGE FOR PESACH FROM RABBI JESNER

It has been another year of significant challenges for the Jewish people at home and abroad. We are all concerned about the continuing rise in antisemitism and attempts to boycott Israeli goods. We are concerned about the lack of leadership from our political leaders in confronting antisemitism head on. As we contemplate the future, what lessons can we learn from Pesach?



Like many things in life, Pesach has a beginning, a middle and an end, each of which teaches us valuable lessons. The beginning of Pesach, the Seder night, is highlighted by the story of our exodus from Egypt. In its unique style, it outlines the path of the Jewish people throughout the ages. The Seder symbolizes the tenacity of Jewish faith – faith in Hashem and in our future, in our history and in our forefathers.

The Seder, in effect, reinforces within us the core Jewish belief that our forefathers were believers and that the teachings of the Torah and our traditions stretching back more than 3300 years are true, valid and relevant in all places and times. The timelessness of the words and rituals of the Seder further strengthen our inner beliefs. It provides us with optimism and hope for our future, in spite of all of the difficulties and problems that confront us.

We have the belief that the young ones who sit today at our Seder table will, one day, conduct their own Seder night and thereby guarantee the continuity and survival of the Jewish people. The mere act of bringing Jewish children into this world is already a declaration of faith in our future and confidence in the eternity of the Jewish people. The living memory of an event that shaped our people 3 millennia ago strengthens that confidence and deepens our determination to continue and succeed, no matter what the dangers that constantly face us. This, above all else, is the gift that the Seder table and the first night of Pesach grants us.

The intermediate days of Pesach – chol hamoed – represent the ability of Jews and of the Torah to treat the mundane activities of everyday life and the world around us with holiness and a special reverence. In our modern, busy lives it is often necessary for working age people to go back to work during chol hamoed and continue with their normal activities, albeit with a lunchbox containing matzo.

The world understands that there can be holy days and that there are days that are ordinary. It finds it difficult to comprehend how a day can be holy and somehow less than completely holy at the same time. Pesach teaches us that we are to sanctify the mundane and the unholy regular activities of everyday life.

The trips, tours, family gatherings and outings that we embark on during the days of chol hamoed are different

in kind and spirit than those that we enjoy during the other days of the year. The fact that we are still eating matzo on those occasions, only reinforces for us this uniqueness of the time of chol hamoed. It reminds us of the reason for our exodus from Egypt and the purpose of our freedom – to be Hashem's chosen people and a moral light unto the World.

The final day of Pesach commemorates for us our miraculous deliverance from the hands of Pharaoh's army at Yam Suf, the Sea of Reeds. The times that the Jewish people have been seemingly on the brink of annihilation over our long and often painful history are too numerous to count. We have suffered holocausts, many grievous losses but never total defeat and destruction.

From the Egyptians through to Amalek, Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Christians, Muslims, Crusaders, Spanish, Nazis, Arabs and others have all tried to destroy the Jewish people. We are resented for being different and when we assimilate we are resented even more. And yet every time that it looks like it is curtains for us, something unexpected happens and our built-in resilience drives us to survival and renewal.

The drama of Jewish survival at Yam Suf repeats itself in different forms, over and over again, throughout the history of humankind. Though many have pondered about this strange and exceptional situation, no logical or completely satisfactory answer has ever been provided. Hashem has split many seas for us over the past three millennia of our existence.

Pesach reminds us of this inexplicable historical reality. Somehow, merely knowing this fact of history alone is sufficient to encourage us to continue to build for the future, despite the rampant antisemitism and hatred we face today.

I would like to conclude by wishing the Executive and the new Executive Committee Mazal Tov on their appointment.

To Reverend and Mrs Barry Sklan, all the office team and the whole Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, Pamela and I wish you a Chag Kosher V'Sameach.

RABBI ADRIAN JESNER

PESACH THOUGHTS FROM REVEREND BARRY SKLAN



That fact we don't eat chametz during Pesach, is a symbolic action designed to help us appreciate our freedom.

The absence and presence of chametz in our homes can be thought of as a symbol of the right and wrong choices we have taken in our lives.

During the Pesach holiday, we imagine ourselves as slaves. `Avadim hayinu, "we were slaves," is the first response in the Haggadah to the Four Questions that the youngest family member recites at the Seder table.

The Seder service is filled with symbols such as the four cups of wine, the four questions, the four sons, karpas (vegetables), the shank bone, the roasted egg, salt water, matzah, maror (bitter herbs) and so on. One symbol, the salt water, reminds us of the tears of our ancestors as they experienced slavery for hundreds of years of slavery in Egypt. These observances, again, help to visualise our ancestors' servitude and their lack of freedom, a status which we often take for granted.

We clean our homes in readiness for Pesach. The night before Erev Pesach, we carry out Bedikat Chametz, the search for chametz, when we take a feather, a candle and an ashpan and brush, and we search out chametz from every nook and cranny in our homes to rid ourselves of any chametz. Often we have "planted" bits of chametz, especially for our children to find, to emphasise to them the significance of clearing our homes and not partaking of chametz during the coming chag.

Even those of our faith, who maybe don't clear and clean their cupboards, or clean their homes, or change every piece of crockery, cutlery and pots and pans at Pesach, will hold some sort of Seder service, and eat matzah. By

doing so they are recognising and remembering the importance of the festival and appreciating our freedom from all those years ago.

In my first job as a sixteen year old, my totally non-observant Jewish boss would regularly send me out to get him a salt beef sandwich for his lunch. Just round the corner from the office was a salt beef bar, not kosher, but owned by a Jewish man, and all the staff were Jewish, but the establishment was NOT kosher; it was a Jewish style restaurant. Each time I returned to the office with the hot sandwich and latke, and take it in the lift to our fifth floor office, the wonderful smell of the forbidden (to me) food was mouth-watering.

Although I did not partake of the food from the restaurant, I was well known in the restaurant, as I frequently went there for my boss.

During chol hamoed Pesach, my boss sent me for his usual sandwich. I went in to the restaurant and asked, as I always did, for "one salt beef on rye with mustard and a latke please". Imagine my horror and embarrassment, when the owner of the shop said to me "On rye?????" "Don't you know it's Pesach and you can't eat bread???" I slunk out of the shop and returned empty handed to the office, and told my boss I could never go back to that restaurant again.

The fact that a Jewish owner of a completely non-kosher establishment should be concerned that a Jewish person was eating bread during Pesach, for me, shows the significance of not eating chametz at this time.

Angela, joins me in wishing Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, the Executive and all our kehilah a chag kasher v'sameach.

BARRY SKLAN

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Full Members

Mr Edward WOLFERS and
Ms Paula WOLFERS

Mr David and Mrs Lynne LINZ
Mr Aviran REUVEN

Mr Solomon and
Mrs Michelle SEGAL

Mr Brian and
Mrs Beverley MARGETTS

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Mr Anthony and
Mrs Kate FIRESTONE

Mr Trevor and Mrs Janet BERKLEY

Prof Maurice and

Mrs Shirley SUNKIN

Mr Gavriel ROKACH

Mr Daniel REICH

PESACH MESSAGE

PRESIDENT MARIE VAN DER ZYL

NISSAN 5779

We live in challenging times. Over the past 12 months, it seems our community has been on the receiving end of more abuse, intimidation and insults than at any time in living memory. And the most troubling thing about this antisemitism crisis is that it does not emanate from the fringes of our society as in the past but from the main party of opposition.

There is a parallel to be drawn with the story of Pesach. Back in Egypt, we were slaves and we demanded our freedom. When this was denied, our people fled in order to make new lives in their own land. Of course, our situation is very different. While there is antisemitism in the UK, we are free here and our community has and continues to live happily and contentedly. And while many of us aspire to make lives in Israel, we are certainly not fleeing anywhere.

Antisemitism is a problem we are meeting head on. When this time last year we said, “Enough is Enough” and we demonstrated outside Parliament, we meant it. I and my team at the Board of Deputies will not rest until the evil of anti-Jewish racism is banished from our political discourse.

We cannot achieve this on our own. At tough times like these we need friends both inside and outside the community. We and our communal partners need to cooperate to find a way through this most worrying of times and we all need to display a united front against the antisemites.

Recently, our lobbying played a part in Chris Williamson MP being suspended by the Labour Party after one Jew-baiting remark too many. And it was our efforts and those of our communal partners which resulted in Labour adopting the international definition of antisemitism after much prevarication last summer.

Although antisemitism is undoubtedly our number one challenge of the moment, we are not a single-issue organisation. We exist to ensure that the UK’s Jewish community can live freely, happily and continue to practise our traditions. The Board of Deputies played a prominent role in campaigning for the terrorist group Hizballah to be banned in its entirety. I am happy to say that the Government listened and responded by ending the artificial distinction between Hizballah’s political and military wings.

We made a significant intervention into the Government’s legislation on organ donation. As we moved from an opt-in system to an opt-out one, we acted to ensure that Jews of all denominations were protected, by influencing Government to provide legally worded letters of guidance. We also managed to obtain compromises from the Department for Education on relationships and sex education that will allow all parts of our community to teach according to their ethos.

This is but a snapshot of the work we do week-in, week-out for our community over a vast range of issues. With your support we will carry on safeguarding our rights and speaking out on the issues that matter to us all.

This festival of freedom reminds us how our ancestors suffered, and how lucky we are in comparison. Our aim is to ensure our children and grandchildren continue to prosper.

Chag sameach to you all.

MARIE VAN DER ZYL

OUR NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019-2020

Congratulations to the following who were elected at the Synagogue AGM on Sunday 24th February.
An especial Mazal tov to Mahir Ozdamar who, as well as being re-elected as synagogue President was elected as Trustee,
following the resignation of Geoffrey Feld .

PRESIDENT	Mahir Ozdamar	TRUSTEE:	Stephen White, Ivor Weintroub, Mahir Ozdamar
VICE PRESIDENT:	Josie Lipsith Welfare	WARDEN:	Bernie Dexter Religious Services

Executive Committee

Jonathan Lamski:	Membership and Twinning	Tony Rose	Religious Services
Tony Miller:	Education	Stuart Samuels:	Kashrut
Valerie Millin:	Functions	Paul Solomons:	Fund Raising and Legacies
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		Nadine Woodward	



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OBITUARY - JOHN KASMIR Z"L

It seems appropriate to include an article written by the late John Kasmir for the 90th Anniversary edition of this magazine, which shows his deep love and commitment for this kehillah. Entitled 1925 -1995...it began as follows;

"I don't remember yesterday but I remember it well! My parents came to Bournemouth in 1918 and liked the Community and the town so much, they stayed. First they joined the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, and then they opened a small tailor's shop in Old Christchurch Road, not far from Wootton Gardens. My father made Ladies' Suits and my mother covered buttons in between having four children- two girls and me.(a baby brother had died earlier).

So I was born, "Brissed" and married in this Shul. As a boy in our Cheder (of some 60 -80 pupils!) I well remember the gentlemanly figures of Trustees H P Lorie, John Hayman, Henry Solomon, Murray Muscat and Alf Levy, and the high esteem in which they were held.

Betty and I have two daughters, Mandy and Susan. Mandy was married in Bournemouth – and four grandsons of whom Eliot and Aaron were "Brissed" and Barmitzvahed here.

My father became a trustee of the Shul in 1935/6, but, unfortunately died a young man in 1940 (I was 14 years old). I was "called up" into the Army in 1943 (they wouldn't give me 48 hours leave to sit my Accountancy exams) and I was demobbed in 1946. I then joined my mother in the family business of Kasmir Fashions.

In about 1963, my dear friend and mentor, Harry Ellis, asked me - or should I say, persuaded me -to stand as Treasurer at the AGM. That started the ball rolling! I was privileged to serve this wonderful independent Community for some 4 years as Treasurer and 7 years as President. There were sad times, happy times, times of crisis and times of achievement. I remember sitting in the "Box" on Yom Kippur 1973 and receiving a message that the Egyptians and other Arab states had invaded Israel, and that the Israelis were being pushed back on all fronts. Rabbi Indech and I decided that the Service should proceed uninterrupted and how we all prayed and prayed. And our prayers were answered.

I also remember in 1972 making the initial appeal from the pulpit for funds to build the Murray Muscat Centre, (consisting of the Menorah Suite, 5 classrooms and 2 flats. Many members thought we were mad, but Project '73 was born and we raised the necessary £100,000. We built a Centre of which we can be proud, and now take for granted. In 1974 it was opened by Chief Rabbi Jacobovitz. So time marches on and on, and all my successors in office have done in their turn a wonderful job"

On the day of his funeral a Hespel was delivered in shul by Trustee Stephen White, and these words were taken from his oration.

"It is the custom of this Kehillah that Trustees, Life Presidents and Presidents start their final journey here in shul. I don't know when this custom started, but I'm sure

that the rationale was to enable congregants to pay tribute to servants of the congregation who had given so much of their lives in devoted service.

I think there is a second reason. It will be true for all of them that THEY would have wanted one last opportunity to say goodbye to the building they spent so much time in and the congregation they had devoted so much care for. And however much that sentiment will have applied to other officers of the shul, it is overwhelmingly true about John Kasmir.

He got married in this building, he celebrated s'machot in the Menorah Suite downstairs, and I cannot even begin to speculate how many thousands of hours he spent sitting in the Executive office upstairs, managing the affairs of the Congregation.

He served on the Board of Management for over 50 years, as Treasurer, as President, and he became a Trustee in 1976 and served in that capacity for 23 years, and then was Honorary Life President for a further 19 years.

He loved the Congregation passionately. He was a part of the fabric of this building, and it was a part of him. There was not a nook or cranny that he did not know, indeed he had been involved in designing or building or raising money for their upkeep. In recent years, when the subject of relocation to the East Cliff was on the agenda, John's love of this building made him a vociferous opponent of that idea, and he will have been very satisfied that Wootton Gardens remained as he treasured it, until the end of his time here. But he was also passionate about the main purpose of this building; to provide a centre of traditional Orthodox Judaism for the community. He was a staunch member of the minyan, and he was always encouraging members to attend and make sure that there was a minyan at every service, three times a day, seven days a week. He did not do this because it was his job to do it, he did it because he had a fundamental belief and faith and he wanted others to share in it.

John was the last of those senior members, who managed the kehillah in the glory days after the Second World War. For most of his time as Trustee he served alongside Harry Ellis and Sam Marks alav hashalom, and to the whippersnappers who came up behind them, people like myself, and Ivor, and Larry, and David Son and others; these were the titans whom we aspired to be. We stand on their shoulders, and John's dedication and outstanding energy was a beacon for all of us.

Our congregation has been blessed to have had the benefit of John Kasmir. Communal workers as devoted and capable as him are rarities, and we have been lucky to have received his wisdom and endeavour.

With his passing we are both diminished and inspired. He will stay in our hearts for a long time to come."



BHC TWINS WITH BHC

Encouraging people who live in Birmingham to spend a weekend in Bournemouth in the summer is an easy sell. It is less easy encouraging Bournemouth residents to visit Birmingham for a weekend in January.

Nevertheless, when offered the chance, 32 of our members, led by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Jesner, signed up to make the 170 mile journey for a Shabbaton weekend at Birmingham Hebrew Congregation's beautiful Singers Hill shul.

We arrived at our hotel in plenty of time and walked up to Singers Hill just before Shabbat – a gloriously short 6 minutes away. (A big thank you to Melvin Millin for his very efficient organisation of the coach journeys and also liaising with the Birmingham hotel to ensure all necessary arrangements were in place). After candle lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat, Rabbi Jesner, together with Rabbi Yossi Jacobs, Chief Minister of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, led a Q and A session, exploring the differing minhagim and traditions of the two Congregations.

Then a wonderful dinner, with well over 100 people attending. Both Rebbetzin Jesner and Rebbetzin Jacobs gave Divrei Torah, especially fitting as this was the Shabbat designated by the Chief Rabbi as Shabbat Neshama, where emphasis was given to learning inspired by the lady members of the Community. The guest speaker was Amanda Bowman, Vice President of the Board of Deputies, who focused on anti-Semitism, particularly from the far left, and what the Board was doing to improve the current lamentable situation. Members from both Congregations shared tables at dinner, to encourage dialogue, and judging by the hum of conversation throughout the weekend, it was a successful strategy.

Throughout all of proceedings, the careful attention to detail given by Rabbi Jacobs and the Honorary Officers was quietly obvious; each one of the men of the Bournemouth group was given a Mitzvah – laying at the Shabbat Mincha service (Tony Nairn), leading the davening, reciting Aleinu, or being given an Aliyah or Pesicha. In addition, the three members of our group who sing in the Wootton Gardens Synagogue Choir, were invited to join the Singers Hill Choir for the Shabbat morning service, and the augmented choir sang beautifully with Chazzan Leider.

After morning service on Shabbat, there was the most outstanding spread laid on by the ladies of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, led by Gilly Taylor and Shelley Newman. More than a Kiddush, more than a lunch, they called it a Kiddunch, and it was excellent. Following the welcoming address given by Laurie Taylor, Chairman of the Council of the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, Stephen H White, who had the overall responsibility for organising the hugely successful weekend, gave a

thoroughly researched and entertaining vote of thanks, highlighting the current and past links between the two communities, and he presented the Singers Hill shul with a Leader's size edition of the Koren Sacks Siddur.

Bournemouth members were then offered a tour of Singers Hill, which is one of the most beautiful shuls in Europe. Our guide was Steve Newman who was most knowledgeable, not only about the building but about the history of the Jewish community in Birmingham.

It was then time for Mincha; more glorious food at the Seudah, a beautiful Havdalah ceremony and the end of Shabbat. Some of the Bournemouth party went to see local friends, some went to a magnificent concert at the Symphony Hall, and some just chilled out.

After Shacharit and breakfast on Sunday morning, we bade farewell to Singers Hill and took a 5 minute drive to Central Synagogue, a visit arranged by Tony and Coreen Rose. There we were given a guided tour of their recently refurbished complex and it was interesting to see how they had thoughtfully used a space similar to our Menorah Suite to produce a 140 seat synagogue and a banqueting room, which together, could be easily recombined into the original larger format.

The building also incorporates many modern innovations which have eliminated the need for live-in staff. Jane Victor was particularly interested in the workings of the shop, and Ronnie Field quizzed our hosts about their recent decision to join the United Synagogue family. At the suggestion of Josephine Jackson, at exactly 11.00 a.m., Rabbi Jesner made a Haskara for those Holocaust victims whose remains were at that moment being interred at Bushey Cemetery.

Our last stop, arranged by Richard Saunders, was to the Oxford Jewish Centre, (OJC). This remarkable institution hosts the various strands of Judaism which operate in Oxford; Orthodox Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Masorti, Progressive and Liberal. Our tour guide was their President, (who would want that headache?), Alison Ryde, who told us that the key to the success of the enterprise was the tolerance and flexibility of the various constituent parts. Parallel services take part on Friday night and Shabbat in different rooms in the building. The main synagogue, which seats about 100, has a most beautiful Aron Kodesh, the doors of which bear carved representations of the soundwaves created when Vayehi Binsoa Aharon and Chadash Yamenu K'kedem is sung when the Ark is opened and closed before and after laying.

After that fascinating talk, we were treated to a welcome snack lunch of beigels with smoked salmon and other fillings, together with cake, fruit, and tea and coffee. We were given details of the many regular activities held at the Centre, our visit coinciding with a very busy schedule that day (they were holding their AGM in the evening), but it was soon time to say farewell to the OJC and having left at 3.00 p.m., we arrived back in Bournemouth a little under two hours later.

So, an event packed weekend which we all enjoyed.

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BHC TWINS WITH BHC

Sincere thanks to Laurie Taylor, for planning the event at the Birmingham end, and to the Office of the Chief Rabbi, which encouraged and subsidised the trip. We look forward to reciprocating Birmingham's wonderful hospitality later this year.

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Jesner with Rabbi and Rebbetzin Jacobs



Right Our group with members of the Birmingham community



MICHAEL FILER

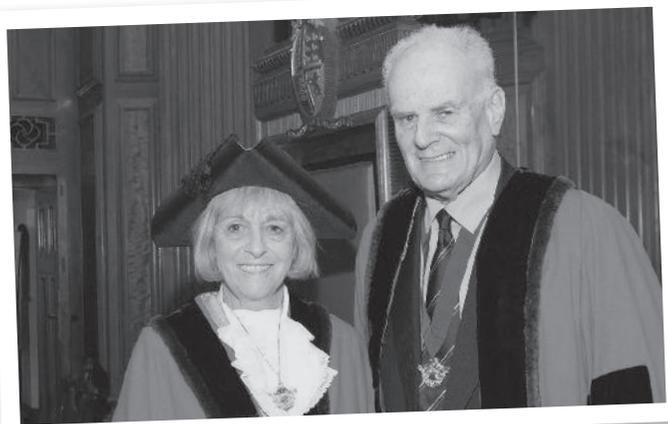
After 34 years of serving as a Bournemouth Councillor, Michael Filer made the decision earlier this year to retire prior to the next Council election.

Michael and his wife, Anne, are the only married couple in Bournemouth Council's history who have both been elected as Mayor. Anne has now completed 20 years as a Councillor, many of them as a Cabinet member, and is again standing for re-election in May.

They married in 1965 at Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation's Wootton Gardens Synagogue, where both he and Anne, and then subsequently, their four children, attended the Cheder. Michael has served on the Synagogue's Board of Management and acted as its Treasurer for two years. A Chartered Accountant, he worked at a Christchurch firm, which became Filer Napper. Filer Knapper will soon be celebrating its 70th Anniversary, and Anne and Michael's daughter, Lucy, is now Managing Partner of the firm.

This Community is proud that Michael has been honoured by the Council with the awards of "Freeman of the Borough" and "Honorary Alderman". The Freedom of the Borough award is only the 27th bestowed since the Borough was formed in 1890 and includes several national figures whom the town honoured for national actions, although personally, they had no connection with the town itself.

These include Earl Roberts of Khondar, Commander in Chief H.M.Forces October 1902; David, Earl Beatty. In 1919, Beatty



Anne and Michael Filer

was appointed Admiral of the Fleet – a post he held until 1927 and in October 1919, Beatty was also appointed First Sea Lord; and Field Marshal Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig, who was a senior officer of the British Army during the First World War and commanded the British Expeditionary Force on the Western Front until the end of the war. (Douglas Haig spent his school years at Clifton College in Bristol and was a fellow "Old Boy" of the school, as Michael attended Polack's House, which was the Jewish House at Clifton College and which has now sadly closed.)

A keen supporter of AFC Bournemouth, Michael was delighted to learn that the following week, the Club's Manager, Eddie Howe, who has inspired a climb through the Leagues, from Division 2 to the Premiership, became 28th on the list of Freemen of the Borough of Bournemouth.

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Family Plotnik will be driving to London for their Pesach shopping.

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They'll have difficulty parking in Golders Green and struggle to shlep their groceries, fresh and frozen foods and non-food Pesach purchases from the shops to their car, which by mid-morning will be bulging at the seams.



They'll be running late and will have to abandon the lunch they planned at Met Su Yan and they'll have to make do with crisps and a bottle of warm water.

The car will be so heavily laden it will break down on the M3 and they'll wait nearly 4 hours for the emergency service to arrive. It'll be 11pm by the time they arrive home in Bournemouth. They'll be tired, irritable and not speaking to each other ... and they'll still have the car to unload ...

FAMILY KLOPMAN

Family Klopman, however, will be relaxing with their feet up in their living room.

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MY MIDLAND MEMORIES OR AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY YEARS.

After at least 20 years, a quick return visit to Birmingham was necessary to experience the warmth and welcome of the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation

A Flying Carpet, with Laguna written along its fringes, had magically transported 32 members of the southern BHC to the geographically northern BHC.

What a warm welcome awaited us all!

No one can deny the elegant beauty of the Grade II listed building, Singers Hill Synagogue, dating back to 1856, and a lovely warm community that accommodated us so well, with a personally conducted tour of the Shul, answering so many fascinating questions.

This 'Brum' visit prompted my memory bank not to flood, but to open a torrent, a deluge even, of personal stories of yesterdays gone by.

Other nearby 'temples of worship' with the Alexandra, and its theatre owner and Shul benefactor, Leon Salberg. Two streets away, the local Hippodrome with my fond impressionable memories of seeing Danny Kaye, The Marx Brothers, Judy Garland Hellzapoppin, and slightly further away, the Aston Hippodrome, later to become ATV studios where my father in law, The Amazing Fogel, would catch a bullet in his teeth on The Golden Shot! A few years later, whilst working at Butlins, he was introduced to another Maurice Fogell, who was a GP in the Great Barr district of Birmingham, and his wife Dr Pearl Freeman, both Singers Hill members. Spooky or what?

Other celluloid memories were 'triggered': seeing Roy Rogers in real life, even Johnny Weissmuller swimming in a giant water tank on stage. Bliss!

Sitting atop a stranger's shoulders when, along with my mother, we witnessed the King and Queen go by in Broad Street on a post-war morale visit. Who would have thought years later, I would perform for their younger daughter in the Royal Albert Hall, and my wife and I would be invited to her elder daughter's home for drinks? It's all surreal!!

Radio Fun was not just a comic, it was what we did.... listen to the radio. Rather than visit friends each time to watch my favourite television programme 'Whirligig', I was always asking my father for a TV set of our own. He offered me the much-needed carrot and said "If you come top of the class, I'll buy one". Two terms later, we did manage to see the colourful Coronation on our own 9" black and white set!

But let's start at the beginning. Seven months before the outbreak of war, a baby was born in Great Barr, with a totally unpredictable future.

We had little, but we were content.

With vivid memories of army tanks driving along our road, their tracks digging into the already fragile well-worn tarmac, enjoying the safety of a specially constructed underground shelter in and under our garage, but other memories are scant.

With the conflict finally over, and celebrating VE & VJ days, only fireworks lit up the local night sky.

Blackout curtains were drawn aside for the last time, the Rag and Bone man would visit, the wheel of fortune man offered to sharpen your knives, Restrictive food and fuel coupons were the norm.

Luxuries were unheard of, with no chocolate or bananas; the highlight of the regular shopping list was a small tin of salmon. When I say small, I mean a very, very, very small tin. Your name went into a little book at the nearby corner grocery shop, and it could be six months before you were allowed another tin!

From the nearby Kingstanding Police HQ, Sergeant Jack would arrive on horseback, then dismount, tie his horse to our gatepost and proceed to come into our home and cut my blonde hair!

My father's friend came on another occasion with his daughter and her new pony. Having seen Gene Autry on film, I couldn't wait to get in the saddle. The pony instinctively knew a stranger was in town and then literally galloped off up the road with me atop holding on for dear life!

A prompt posse took off in hot pursuit in a yellow Vauxhall, registration COP 663, and nearly a mile away, caught up with us both out of breath, but none the worse for wear.

My grammar school days, on reflection, could have been happier but in Class 3Z I was awarded the woodwork prize from a then unknown J.R.R.Tolkien. Whatever happened to him?

One truly memorable occasion was the visit to the school of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, who enchanted us all in the school hall. How could I have dreamt that night that our two children would play the same classical music in an orchestra in Israel?

Within this school hall, the enthusiastic 'war baby' would present his first public magic show. A presentation that had been avidly rehearsed to last 25 minutes that, with nerves, I successfully managed to fit into 12!

On a return visit to my old grammar school on Hagley Road, the headmaster asked what was my ambition? I replied "To appear on Sunday Night at the London Palladium, Sir" As a true academic and with no television set, he had never heard of it! Some 60 years later I could tick that off my 'to do' list!

In the aptly named Black Country, there was a known phrase at that time that "if it wasn't made in Birmingham, it wasn't made". So true then, but sadly no more. The only tool needed in your repair kit was known as a Brummagem screwdriver. Better known as a simple hammer!

They wrongly called it progress, but our house was demolished to make way for Spaghetti Junction. Although we had often visited just after the war, with memories of the Pier in two sections, and barbed wire to stop an invasion (Stupid Boy!)..... we moved to Bournemouth.

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MY MIDLAND MEMORIES OR AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY YEARS.

Vintage Dinky Cars I still have, but I wish I had saved the complete file of the Eagle comic in which in 1950, Dan Dare wore a watch on the face of which he could visually see someone and actually talk to them miles away!! Who would have thought then that I could write this story now on something no bigger than the size of half a pack of cards?

A rare seaside treat and a visit in June (when it snowed as we got off the train!) to Blackpool Tower Circus and within six inches of my nose, a clown with a bright red sequin on his nose, made a bee line for me.

I just shot off like a human cannonball into the darkness. Thankfully I didn't, but I could have suffered from coulrophobia if I'd known then what it meant!

Thanks to my supportive Brummy parents, who gave me every possible encouragement to shine, and with an equally, if not more-so, supportive wife, I have travelled the world both performing and speaking about my favourite subject... the magical theatre of life!

To life! L'chaim

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Bournemouth and Christchurch will retain their civic traditions and will have their charter Mayors, whilst Poole will keep both their Mayor and Sheriff.

Most electoral wards in the new council will reduce to 2 councillors, (though East Cliff & Springbourne will expand in area, with 3 councillors). Elections to the new authority take place on Thursday May 2, which is just a week after the end of Pesach.

For members of the Jewish community, it is

especially important vote or to register for a Postal or Proxy vote if you are not able to vote in person for these elections. Jeremy Corbyn is targeting the large student population resident here, and this must be firmly counteracted. Don't be complacent - these are strange and worrying times in politics and for us, the unthinkable could happen unless we take positive action. If Bournemouth, Christchurch or Poole is your second home, as long as you pay Council Tax here, you are by law entitled to vote (in local elections only) both here and at home, so do please make sure that you register your right to vote. For more information, contact me or Michael and we'll be happy to help.

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JEWISH BOOK WEEK

THE LEGACY OF ANNE FRANK

Anne Frank Trust Co-founder and Vice President Gillian Walnes Perry MBE spoke to a packed Bournemouth Library in March about the remarkable global legacy of Anne Frank, the subject of her recently published book.

She read several excerpts from her book, followed by a Q&A session.

Gillian described how the Anne Frank Trust, now one of the UK's most highly regarded educational charities working to combat all forms of prejudice, had started from her home in Wimborne. In the summer of 1988, Gillian had received a phone call from the then local Reform Rabbi, David Soetendorp, asking if she would be interested in helping him to organise the "Anne Frank in the World" exhibition in Bournemouth. David told her that he had a personal interest, as his late father, Rabbi Jacob Soetendorp, had been a close friend of Anne's father, Mr Otto Frank.

In 1989, when the exhibition was shown for 3 weeks in Bournemouth, 10,000 people came to see it. Having been so closely involved, Gillian was determined to see the exhibition continue touring the UK, and so she went to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, to meet its Director, Hans Westra, who appointed her their British representative.

This led eventually to Gillian, David Soetendorp, and Bournemouth resident, the late Bee Klug, as well as Otto Frank's stepdaughter, Eva Schloss, setting up the Anne Frank Trust UK. At its inception, Gillian worked from her home in Wimborne, with only one part time administrator for support. After her move to London in 1992, she worked as the CEO of the charity from offices in Kentish Town, and on her retirement in 2016, the Trust had a staff of 35. Over the years, Gillian had been privileged to meet many people who had personally known Anne Frank, and her father Otto Frank.

Over the past 30 years, the Anne Frank exhibition has travelled continuously around the UK and Northern Ireland. Teenagers in schools are trained to be peer guides at the exhibition, imbuing self-confidence and leadership skills in young people in challenging areas.

In some areas, working with the Anne Frank exhibition had even prevented young people from joining extremist groups. Gillian also described the remarkable effect learning about Anne Frank has had in some of the world's most turbulent regions, such as post-Communist Europe, post brutal dictatorships in South America and post-Civil War Sri Lanka. She even showed photos of teenagers in Kazakhstan, learning about Anne Frank.

In 1994, the Anne Frank exhibition was invited to South Africa, where it was opened by the newly elected President Nelson Mandela. Whilst he was imprisoned on Robben Island, he encouraged other political prisoners to read Anne's diary, as it had so inspired him.

In 2002, the Anne Frank exhibition started to visit British prisons, which it has done continually now for some 17 years.

Taking Holocaust survivors into the prisons, to speak to the inmates had proved to be very successful.

After retiring in 2016, Gillian decided to capture the 30 years of the Anne Frank Exhibition around the world. Her book, "The Legacy of Anne Frank", was eventually published in the summer of 2018, and has sold so well, a second edition is coming out soon. Gillian also described how one of the Trust's earliest patrons had been Audrey Hepburn, whose affinity with Anne Frank is described in the book.

Anne Frank was born on 12 June 1929. She had spotted a red checked notebook in a local book shop, a few days before her 13th birthday, and her father surprised her by getting it for a birthday gift. She wanted to put all her private thoughts into it, as she felt she had no one to confide in. She called her journal "Kitty" and said it would be her true friend.

Three weeks later, her 16 year old sister Margot received a call up for deportation to a work camp. By this time, camps were made ready for the extermination of Jews and groups were being rounded up. It was decided that there was no time to lose; the Frank family had to flee into hiding the next day.

At the top of Mr Frank's office building, there was a secret set of rooms. Aided by his trusted office staff, the Frank family and four other Jews were hidden, until they were betrayed and sent to concentration camps. The only survivor was Otto Frank.

Otto had been born in 1889, and his family were cultured Germans. In the early years of the 20th century, he had worked in his friend Nathan Straus's store, Macy's in New York. In 1909, Otto's father died, and he had to return to Frankfurt to run the family banking business. He fought bravely for Germany in the First World War. In 1925, he married Edith Hollander and they had two daughters, Margot born in 1926 and Anne (Annelies Marie) in June 1929. By the late 1920's the family bank had collapsed.

Edith Frank died of starvation in Auschwitz. Both Margot and Anne died in Bergen Belsen in March 1945, of starvation and typhus.

After the war, Otto's secretary, Miep Gies, returned Anne's diary to Otto, as she had rescued it after the family's arrest, and was saving it in the hope of giving it back to Anne. Otto decided it should be published and 1,500 copies were initially printed. However, only about two thirds of Anne's actual writing was actually published. This was because the publishers were Catholic and thought the rest was too risqué.

In the late 1950's, with the area around the hiding place becoming derelict, Amsterdam City Council planned to knock down the building. However, people from all parts of the world, who were inspired and moved by Anne's diary, were visiting the building, and so it was decided to keep it as a museum and education centre.

This year would have been Anne Frank's 90th birthday, which will be celebrated in the UK and USA with gala events. 'The Legacy of Anne Frank' is available from www.amazon.co.uk or for a signed copy contact Gillian via www.gillianwalnesperry.com

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Forty enthusiastic bakers arrived into the Gertrude Preston Hall to find individual settings, with all the ingredients needed for their challahs, flour, oil, yeast, egg etc., plus a recipe leaflet, in front of them.

Then, after a demonstration and instructions from our member, "Master Baker" David Linz, (Paul Hollywood eat your heart out), they began mixing and kneading. A tea break allowed the dough to rise. David did give us a demo using seven strands of dough, expertly and swiftly weaving them together, but for most of us, it was enough to use three strands per bread to create two loaves to take home and bake for Shabbat.

On Shabbat following the service, around 120 people attended a lunch in the Menorah Suite. The delectable buffet spread was enjoyed by everyone, as was the communal spirit of Shabbat which pervaded the day.



CORINNE REIN



PURIM

Following the reading of Megillat Esther by Rabbi Jesner, there was a delicious Seudah, prepared by the Ladies Guild with a programme of "home grown" entertainment organised by Valerie Millin.

Photos of the fun event show some of the entertainers and the prize winners for the best costumes at the event.

The next day there was a reading of the Megillah at Shacharit and then Rabbi Jesner went on to Hannah Levy House so that residents there could hear the Megillah. He then returned to carry out a reading for women at midday in the Gertrude Preston Hall .



BOURNEMOUTH GOLDA EMUNAH – "SONGS FROM THE SHOWS" WITH LUNCH

Having attended the recent Emunah Function, may I thank all who were involved in arranging this delightful event, which was such a great success in every way.

These events don't just 'happen' – a lot of thought, work and effort goes into what was a most enjoyable occasion.

Anne Ozdamar introduced the Guest Speaker Rosalyn Liss - Chairman of British Emunah- who had recently returned from a visit to Israel and she gave an update about the Sarah Ronson Crisis and Intervention Centre in Sderot. Two videos were then shown, which featured Shlomo Kessel, Director of World Emunah, who is based in Israel. The first explained the input of the volunteers and workers at the Centre and emphasised the success rate with the youngsters who are cared for there after traumatic experiences. The second showed the Sarah Herzog Home in Afula and children from disadvantaged homes, who have grown up there having escaped abuse from their parents.

A delicious three course lunch, which had been catered by Emunah volunteers, was served. Between courses we were entertained by Anton Ereira, who sang, and gave a dramatic interpretation of the songs in his programme, which were well received by the delighted audience. They included items from "Fiddler on the Roof", and "Oliver", when he gave a remarkable portrayal of Fagin. As the event was in aid of Emunah, Anton felt it was appropriate to include some Hebrew songs and ended his performance with Hatikvah. Anton was accompanied superbly on piano by Colin Dworkin.



This amazing Charity Event raised £2,200, partly due to generous donations, and also due to the raffling of a beautiful topaz necklace donated by Lennie and Lorraine Segal.

My thanks to all Emunah volunteers who worked so hard for this successful and very enjoyable event.

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In October, I was lucky to be asked to work in the office of Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, first on a trial and then on a permanent basis.

I am grateful for the help and assistance that Jean Lurie and Iris Lien gave me to come to grips with the logistics and intricacies of the job in the early weeks of my training. I was amazed at what the office got through on a daily and weekly basis. I honestly did not think that the role would be so busy and at times hectic. I admit I was ignorant to what was involved in running a synagogue.

My family, and then other community members asked me if I would be bored working in an office compared to teaching, and could I put up with the stress and maybe hassle that I might get. Teaching in the present climate is extremely stressful. When I qualified in 1980, if I had known what the future in teaching would be, I don't think I would have taken up the career.

I will not go into all the issues, as that is not the purpose of this article, but in the last 25 years, the changes have been phenomenal, including the rise of technology, target setting and social expectations.

Once I settled into the office I was able to use a lot of transferable skills. Everybody has been very kind, helpful and supportive and I now feel at home. I have been very impressed with the fantastic community spirit which has been evident across the numerous activities and functions that have taken place, since I arrived at the end of October. I am in awe at the numerous volunteers who work for nothing to help not only with the general running of the synagogue, but who give of their time so generously to help those in our community who are more vulnerable.

Until I was in the office I did not really appreciate all the work that is being done behind the scenes. It is very easy to moan and complain, but the complexities involved with looking after an ageing community is difficult and challenging.

What do I actually do in the office? Well some days are less hectic than others. At present, I leave home at 7.30am as I have to negotiate the A338 which is a great start to my day! When I arrive I go up to the office to get the computers running. They take time to warm up, so I turn everything else on, collect the post and get started. I like to complete certain tasks before the phones go on at 9am.

We receive numerous emails in a day and these have to be dealt with at the same time as answering the phones, opening the doors, speaking to those who come in to the office and completing office tasks. At this point I must mention Rabbi and Rabbetzen Jesner, Reverend Sklan, President, Mahir Ozdamar and Vice-President Josie Lipsith, who are always available to answer questions, deal with queries and are constantly in and out of the office.

For a job that is voluntary, the work that both Mahir and Josie do in a week is incredible and we as a community are very lucky to have them. The Rabbi, well when does he rest? Despite our numerous calls and questions, he is completing all his other duties and doing visits

as well as being present at services and preparing for Shabbat. I remember growing up with my grandfather as Rabbi and I know what he used to do at home in studying, preparing speeches etc. on a weekly basis.

Working in the office with me is Gilian, the Administrator. She is highly efficient, and truthfully, we have had a lot of laughs together as we try and complete everything during the day.

Every week the Shul announcements have to be formulated and sent, including over 20 that have to be printed off and delivered to those who don't have internet access. I have tried to streamline some of the systems that are in place and was lucky to pick up the use of the Hebrew data base Rakefet quickly, and that has enabled me to keep records more up to date and I have learnt how to link it with Microsoft packages to enable Yahrzeits, birthdays and anniversaries to be transferred more easily. I have yet to experience the complexities of the Yomim Noraim and all the liaison and paperwork this involves; that is something to look forward to!!

I like meeting all the people who come in. This includes an amazing number of school visits and it is great that the Rabbi, Verity Olswang and her team as well as Barry, educate these children in the hope of reducing anti-Semitism, particularly in our county. There is no time to get lonely, although I do look forward to quiet times in the afternoons when I can get work completed.

The hardest aspect of the job is when someone passes away and, because by Jewish Law, we bury so quickly, it is a frantic time in the office, getting everything coordinated, particularly the Chevra Kadisha teams, the paperwork and all that is entailed in forwarding all the relevant information to the Community.

So what have I learnt in the five months that I have been working in the office? No place is perfect, but, for me, this is as near as it comes. I feel that in some way I have come home. My grandfather, Rabbi Jonah Indech z"l, who was the Rabbi of the Synagogue when I was young, meant that summer holidays, Yom Tovim particularly Pesach, were spent in Bournemouth. I can remember walking to Shul from Methuen Road and looking through the green bars in the ladies gallery down at my grandfather.

Now, nearly 60 years on, I am working in the Shul with which I was so closely associated when I was growing up.



LORAINA BERLYN

A LIFESAVING LEGACY TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

Magen David Adom is Israel's only national medical emergency and blood service. It is responsible for the primary healthcare for all of Israel's citizens, irrespective of race, religion or ethnicity.

Remarkably, it provides this service as a non-governmental agency, dependent on funds from donors across the world in order to carry out its lifesaving work.

Magen David Adom UK is one of the largest providers of this funding. Each year, supporters contribute in excess of £5m to fund everything from bandages and blood bags to ambulances, stations and bloodmobiles. This figure is made up by the efforts of marathon runners, cake sellers, sponsored skydivers and pretty much everything in between. And critically, the ever-increasing number of people who remember Magen David Adom in their will play a significant part in ensuring that the medics, paramedics and 22,000 volunteers (Israel's largest volunteer organisation) have the tools they need to save more lives.

A recent legator decided that he would like his legacy gift to sponsor the ground floor courtyard at MDA's new National Blood & Logistics Centre in Ramla. Work on

the development has already begun. It is being funded through a three-way partnership between the Israeli Government, American Friends of Magen David Adom and Magen David Adom UK. The project will safeguard Israel's medical emergency infrastructure and blood supply against population growth, terrorism, cyber-attack and natural disaster.

As the project develops, the legacy lives on. By leaving a gift to MDA UK in his will, the donor has planted a seed that will save lives for generations to come.

Leaving a gift in your will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can support Magen David Adom. It is also very tangible. Friends, family and loved ones can see your gift and the incredible, vital lifesaving services it provides, for many years to come. Later this year (5-10 May 2019) MDA UK is organising its second legacy mission. This provides an opportunity to see first-hand the difference a legacy to MDA has on the people of Israel. The trip has been organised to coincide with Yom Ha'atzmaut, ensuring participants are in Israel at the most exciting time, attending some of the many celebrations that take place across the country.

For more information on leaving a legacy to Magen David Adom UK, the upcoming legacy mission or the new National Blood & Logistics Centre, please contact the office on 020 8201 5900 or email rachelcohen@mdauk.org.

YAM LE YAM WITH EMUNAH

Just when we thought our sponsored walking days were behind us, Emunah decided to arrange another challenge, this time in Israel.

How could we resist the allure of 4 days walking in Galilee, from the Kinneret to the Mediterranean, with the added bonus of visiting some of the Emunah projects that we have been raising money for over the years? We are proud to once again represent Bournemouth, and are writing to ask you to sponsor us.

The aim of the walk is to help raise much needed funds to enable Emunah to continue to deliver and develop critically needed services for Israel's most desperate and vulnerable children. Emunah's commitment to rehabilitating these children, eventually enabling them to live successful and happy lives in the community, is legendary.

The focus this year is the Sarah Ronson Trauma and Crisis Centre in Sderot, a small town less than 1 mile from the Gaza border. Due to the ongoing difficult security situation there has been a massive increase in referrals from those suffering from extreme anxiety and post-traumatic stress syndrome. The centre is



Marilyn Dexter and Anne Ozdamar

in desperate need of new larger premises, and more therapists and counsellors, in order to give vital help to the local population.

We cannot succeed in this endeavour without you. We rely on your support and encouragement, which are both much appreciated. We urge you to complete the sponsorship form which is enclosed with Ruach. Thank you on behalf of Emunah and ourselves.

MARILYN DEXTER AND ANNE OZDAMAR
FOR BOURNEMOUTH GOLDA EMUNAH

Personal

AVISSAR – Ran, Lucy, Guy and Jed thank everyone for their kind messages of condolence on the passing in Israel of their beloved father and grandfather, Haim Avissar. Haim loved the many times he spent with the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation and was a stalwart of the Sephardi Minyan. He will be much missed.

KASMIR – Sue Sherrard and Mandy Kaye would like to thank Rabbonim, friends and the entire Bournemouth Community for all their wonderful support, following the passing of their father, John Kasmir. We really appreciate everyone's kindness and are grateful for all the letters of condolence we received.

LURIE – Jean Lurie extends thanks to President Mahir Ozdamar, Vice-President Josie Lipsith, the Trustees and Executive Committee, for their kindness in honouring her with the Kiddush in respect of her retirement from working in the Shul Office. She also thanks all who sent kind messages and lovely cards which

were much appreciated.

NIELSEN – Anne and Liz, together with Joanna, Samantha, Amy and David, would like to thank Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, their family and all their friends for their great kindness and support on the loss of our dear sister and mother Lesley Nielsen.

PINS – Janet and Michael Pins would like to thank everybody for their good wishes and wonderful help during Michael's recent stay in hospital.

SKLAN – Angela, Barry and Abbie Sklan would like to thank all those who phoned, sent cards, texts and emails with kind wishes and offers of help during Angela's recent illness and hospital stay in London. All were greatly appreciated.

WAINER – Gerald Wainer would like to thank Rabbi Jesner, the Executive and all his family and friends for their visits and kind enquiries during his recent illness.

WOOLFSTEIN – Cyril Woolfstein would like to thank all our dear family and friends for their very kind cards and messages of condolence on the sad loss of his beloved sister Lillian (Lacks).

HOWARD REIN 2ND MEMORIAL LECTURE

On 20th November 2018, accompanied by Corinne Rein and her daughter, Annabel, 43 friends left Bournemouth by coach for the Parkes Institute Southampton and the Second Annual Howard Rein Memorial Lecture. The last twelve months seem to have flown by, and here we all were again.

Upon arrival, we were greeted warmly by Professor Tony Kushner, and we were also joined by others who had made their way individually. The Lecture Hall, seating perhaps 120 or more, was packed and the expectations were high.

No one left disappointed.

This year's Lecture was given by Rodney Reznik, who is currently Emeritus Professor of Diagnostic Imaging in the Cancer Institute Barts, and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London. He has authored/co-authored 195 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals, 120 invited reviews and book chapters, over 200 scientific abstracts and edited 17 textbooks. He has been Editor-in-chief of 2 major scientific journals, section editor of another and on the editorial board of 2 other journals. He has held 8 visiting professorships and given several eponymous lectures around the world.

A truly fascinating PowerPoint presentation was given by Professor Reznik whose talk was entitled: For the Sake of the Race: a "Vocabulary of Difference" in 1930s South Africa.

In the 1930s two immigration laws were introduced to deny Jews entry to South Africa. Although neither contained

the term 'Jew', the 1930 Immigration Quota Act specifically prevented immigration of Jews from Eastern Europe, and the 1937 Aliens Act stopped the entry of Jews fleeing Germany. The presentation showed how markers of difference were created to separate Jewish identity from that of the host white community, taking as a basic premise that studying responses to immigration provides a window into the host community's own identity formation. The influence of the South African medical profession on the discourse leading up to the exclusion of immigrant Jews was highlighted. In the 1920s, led by the English-speaking community, a eugenics language was employed to protect the white national body from Jewish immigration by controlling its biological standards; ideas propagated by the Chief Medical Officer and encouraged by the medical establishment. Medical doctors bought into and encouraged the central eugenicist preoccupation with white national degeneration and agreed, together with others, that eastern European Jewish immigrants would hasten the process and threaten white dominance over blacks. The campaign leading up to the 1937 Aliens Act was conducted primarily by a recently resurgent Purified Afrikaner Nationalism, set on establishing an Afrikaner hegemony. A major source of grievance for the Afrikaner nationalist elite was an apparent shortage of Afrikaner doctors. Recently uncovered documents show that under-representation of Afrikaners in the medical profession was perceived as directly related to the unfair practices and the predominance of Jewish rivals. In addition to proposing a numerus clausus system for Jews, a blanket cessation of Jewish immigration was advocated.

There was a real 'buzz' in the room and a series of relevant questions followed this excellent talk.

CHRIS WOODWARD

BOURNEMOUTH WIZO CURRENT EVENTS

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 12th December in the home of Dr Martin and Mrs Barbara Tobias and we are grateful to them for their very kind hospitality.

Our Chairman, Judy Curtis, opened the meeting welcoming all present, including our guest speaker, Chris Woodward, who very kindly stepped into the breach, when we were informed by Head Office that their chosen speaker was unable to attend.

Judy reported on a busy and successful year, which helped to support WIZO's 800 projects assisting vulnerable people in Israel. She mentioned the Stamp Project, which across the UK raises around £1,000 per annum, and urged everyone to keep collecting. There is a collection box in the **Shul Shop** during opening hours or alternatively, they can be left with Audrey Kneller or a Shop volunteer at "**Meet 'n Munch**", held in the Menorah Suite on alternate Tuesdays.

Our Film Show held on Sunday 25th February was a sell-out, with 70 members and friends packed into the Simcha Hall to enjoy "Broadway Musicals – a Jewish Legacy". It was a perfect event for our audience, who thoroughly enjoyed this documentary about the Jewish contribution to American musicals.

On Sunday 13th May, our annual Jewish Women's Week coffee morning was held in the home of Professor Gerald and Celia Dworkin, and being Yom Yerushalayim, the flat was decked out in Israeli flags. Our scheduled speaker, WIZOUK chair, Ronit Rabak Malawi was unable to attend, but we were very ably served by our JWW Captain, Juliette Jackson, who recalled her 25 years as chair of her WIZO group in Netanya. Many of us went later on to BHC to hear the Israeli Ambassador, Mark Regev, address a packed house.

In July, our delightful slide show entitled "Around the World in Music and Pictures" presented by Christopher Legrand made a very entertaining afternoon, enjoyed by the 50 or so members and guests who attended, raising £350 for WIZO's projects in Israel.

Another Film Show was held on Sunday 7th October. This time it was a documentary on the life of the legendary film star, Hedy Lamarr, a Viennese Jewish émigrée whose stunning good looks took the World by storm, but it was her talent for invention that was her chief asset, for which she never received proper recognition, even though her inventions changed the face of technology as we know it.

Judy concluded by thanking Barbara and Martin Tobias for their hospitality, the Committee for their help and support during the year, all those who attended the meeting, and the entire membership for their support throughout the year.

Our Treasurer, Suzanne Waller, presented the Financial Report. She reported on another successful year, which was due to our members' valued support and the efforts of the Committee and their helpers.

Income from events was reduced, due to the group only having two events during the last financial year (apart from the JWW coffee morning), compared with three events the previous year. JWW itself was more successful.

Suzanne stressed the importance of Gift Aid, as for every donation from eligible members, WIZO claims an additional 25% from the Inland Revenue. She requested anyone who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, to sign a Gift Aid Declaration. Another area in which WIZO was concerned was the Data Protection Act. WIZOUK is permitted to contact members by post and telephone in accordance with WIZO policy, but specific permission is needed to contact anyone by email, and Suzanne requested anyone whose direction had not been received, to inform her.

The following were elected en bloc to the Executive and Committee:

Executive: Chairman: Judy Curtis

Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Suzanne Waller

General Secretary & Publicity Officer: Audrey Kneller

Social Secretary: Barbara Tobias

Captain of Jewish Women's Week: Juliette Jackson

Committee Members: Ruth Baron and Celia Dworkin.

Chris Woodward gave an entertaining and informative talk on the history of the London Palladium and his connection with the Jewish performers who have appeared there. It was a very nice conclusion to the meeting and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 5th May at 10.30pm –

Jewish Women's Week Coffee Morning – venue to be announced.

Sunday 2nd June at 2.30pm –

Tea and Talk "A Jewish Girl in the Royal Navy" – venue to be announced.

Wednesday 10th July at 2.30pm in the Simcha Hall –

Christopher Legrand will present another of his talks: 'A Musical Journey through the Streets of Vienna, the Waltz City'.

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SHABBATON CHOIR – SOLIDARITY THROUGH SONG MISSION

15-19TH FEBRUARY 2019

The Shabbaton Choir is a 'family', never more so than when on tour. Their first mission to be called "Solidarity Through Song" took place in February 2003. Its aim was to bring music to those suffering from the trauma of war.

Under the leadership of Stephen Levey as Musical Director and Conductor, with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld, Chazan Johnny Turgel and Chazan Shimon Craimer, the choir sang in wards and corridors of hospitals and to survivors of terrorist attacks. From then on, Solidarity Through Song missions to Israel, accompanied by the then Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, were organised nearly every year.

The current boy soloist with the Choir is eleven years old Rafi Posner. Rafi is the son of our daughter Lisa and Jonni Posner, and we are his proud grandparents. In February this year, we joined the mission for the entire trip to help Lisa look after Rafi, in the company of WAGs (choir wives and grandparents). The itinerary for the trip was intense and the experience was the most moving and rewarding for those singing and those observing.

The first visit was to **Sulam** in Jerusalem. Sulam is a developmental delay centre, helping children with disabilities to achieve their maximum functioning potential. The choir and soloists sang in a classroom space, inviting the audience of small children to dance and clap with them and to benefit and feel the joy of the music. The energy and enthusiasm from the staff and children was a delight to behold.

Next stop was the **Feuerstein Institute**. The philosophy of Professor Feuerstein is that 'anyone and everyone, regardless of age, socioeconomic status, cultural background or disability is capable of vastly improving his or her intellectual capability'. This performance by the choir took place in their small concert hall. They shared the platform with musicians from the Institute and the sweet tones of their voices together brought tears to many eyes.

Friday night and Shabbat took place in the **Yeshurun Central Synagogue**. Rabbi in Residence was Anthony Manning (originally from Leeds) and guest speaker was Daniel Taub, who was Israel's Ambassador to the United Kingdom 2011- 2015; however, the most important guests were bereaved family members of murdered Israelis, supported by the **Koby Mandell Foundation**. This organisation helps the families of terror victims with specially trained counsellors and therapists who help sufferers express their grief and anxiety and attempt to move forward. Amazing dedicated work.

After a most wonderful Shabbat, with the choir and the soloists enhancing the Yeshurun synagogue services, we travelled to Efrat. The concert that night at Tiferet Avot Synagogue was to raise funds for the Koby Mandell Foundation.

Sunday's schedule began at **Herzog Hospital** in Jerusalem. Listening to Rafi singing Ein Kelokeinu with the choir on a hospital ward to a seriously ill Palestinian baby, with his family standing round the cot, was a most poignant and moving experience for everyone, followed by the sweetest Hashivenu, sung softly nearby to a small side ward for seriously sick babies.

Drying our eyes, we travelled to the **Melabev Day Care Centre** in Beit Shemesh, singing for elderly Alzheimer and dementia sufferers. We danced and the choir and soloists lifted spirits and brought joy to all who were lucky enough to be around.

On Sunday afternoon, we travelled to **Emunah Neve Landy** in Even Shmuel. This is a home for disadvantaged boys, so generously supported by many from the UK including the Marks, Black and Feld families from Bournemouth. The young boys related particularly to Rafi, who sang with enthusiasm and was rewarded with chants of 'Rafi, Rafi, Rafi' at the end of each of his songs.

On to Be'er Sheva and Sunday evening's concert at **Beit Halochem**. This is an IDF rehabilitation centre opened in 2011 which serves 3000 IDF members living in the Southern District. The concert was received with great enthusiasm. The audience responded to the choir's passion and danced with the choir members, their wives and grandparents. The atmosphere was completely uplifting.

Monday morning began with an impromptu song in Be'er Sheva open air market, then a short walk to the **Leket National Food Bank**. Leket does the amazing job of rescuing fresh nutritional food from supermarkets, for distribution to those in need across Israel.

Each day, their facility at Be'er Sova provides hot food, with the help of volunteers, to between 70 and 100 people, regardless of religion, gender or origin. The choir sang while the customers ate their beautifully presented meal and I know their spirits were lifted at the start of the new day.

At the Joseph Caro School, in a poorer part of Be'er Sheva, about 200 children greeted the choir with great excitement and loved singing along and dancing with us all at the end of a most magnificent performance.

The next visit proved to be emotionally difficult for performers and observers and our dear Rafi. Aleh Negev

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SHABBATON CHOIR

at Ofakim is a village facility which cares for children and young adults with complex mental and physical disabilities. It is impossible to describe the kindness shown to the residents, and everyone who entertained them for a brief moment in their lives gained immeasurably from the experience.

After another performance at a cultural centre in Netivot, we made our way to Kibbutz Sa'ad, situated about 4km from the Gaza border. Members of the nearby Kibbutz Alumim joined for the evening concert. With no signs of tiredness, the choir's performance was life affirming. With 'booms' in the background as rockets were landing, the choir, Shimon, Jonny, Rafi and the irrepressible Lionel brought light and joy to the members of the Kibbutzim who live in stressful times.

Tuesday and the final venues. First to Soroka Hospital in Be'er Sheva where our words were a constant Refua Sheleima, to mothers – Israeli, Palestinian and Bedouin - holding tiny babies and children, some with critical illnesses. The music was beautiful with Rafi's clear sweet voice bringing tears of happiness, replacing those of sadness or anxiety, even for just a brief moment in time.

Finally to the Kaplan Medical Centre in Rehovot, where the choir sang in the entrance lobby to staff and visitors, and then on the wards of the Paediatric Unit, bringing their own brand of sweet comfort to all.

A farewell lunch had been arranged at a restaurant in Rehovot. Together with the choir WAGs, Lisa and I joined



The Shabbaton choir

in a clever song written by the ladies to entertain the 'real' singers and to lighten the emotional load we all felt.

The Shabbaton Choir is well known in the UK, but few know about these missions and the phenomenal effect they have. Funded by donations and by the choir members themselves, they bring immeasurable benefit to their audiences. They demonstrate a true picture of multi-cultural Israel, where help is given, regardless of origin or religion.

If the world could see what happened during these 5 days, the reputation of both Israel and Anglo Jewry would soar. Stephen and I had the most uplifting, life affirming time. Our grandson will never forget what he did at age eleven, but in his sweet and humble way, he will never know how many lives he touched with his beautiful voice.

To hear the Choir and Rafi sing go to:
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CST wishes our whole community a safe and enjoyable Pesach

This Pesach, be proud and live the Jewish life you want.

These are difficult times, with the terrorist threat and the overall political situation causing deep concern to British Jews. This time last year, in the face of ongoing political antisemitism, the Jewish community gathered together in Parliament Square, to declare that “enough is enough”.

When we released our Antisemitic Incidents Report 2018, our aim was to present the facts responsibly and without exaggeration or hype. CST exists to facilitate Jewish life, not to publicise antisemitism. We will always be honest about how things stand, without spreading panic or fear; and by placing antisemitism in the wider context of the positive reality that is normal, daily Jewish life.

After the appalling terrorist attack against the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, USA last year, it was humbling to be repeatedly thanked for keeping the UK Jewish community as safe as possible. Pittsburgh showed, in the most horrible way, exactly why CST does its work, and why it's done in total partnership with our whole community. CST works with Jewish communities across the UK to provide security and infrastructure that these difficult times require. After Pittsburgh, many were eager to support our work through donations and

become more aware of their surroundings to ensure they play their part as needed.

We must all share the responsibility of keeping our communities and families safe.

CST's aim is to encourage Jewish life, to strengthen communal resilience and to enable everyone to help oppose antisemitism. Please report antisemitism if you experience or witness it and report any suspicious behaviour in or around Jewish locations and neighbourhoods, first to the Police and then to CST. If you see something, please play your part and report it.

CST needs more volunteer security officers throughout our communities. We run a variety of courses and training is completely free. Volunteering for CST is a fantastic way to give something back while learning new skills, getting fit and joining a team of people who are passionate about protecting our community.

CST is a charity. Please consider making a donation. All our work, from monitoring antisemitism to giving security advice, providing highly professional volunteer security teams at communal events and training the community is free of charge. We cannot do it without your support.

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BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW LADIES' GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2019

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 27th February in the Menorah Suite.

Chairman, Thelma Cowan, extended a warm welcome to all present.

Thelma continued by detailing all the events and activities undertaken by the Guild during the past year. It had, as usual, been a busy year. As well as the many kiddushim celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, special birthdays, engagements and Auf Rufs, Rosh Chodesh and the Yom Tovim were celebrated, dinners, suppers and lunches were catered, notably the Purim Seudah, a buffet reception following the visit by the Israeli Ambassador, Mark Regev, the Tikkun Leil for Shavuot, the lunch in June with special guest entertainer, Robbie Sherman, the Gala Dinner celebrating the Guild's centenary in July with dignitaries and special invited guests in attendance, a Dinner in October with "Frankie's Guy's" celebrating the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and a Chanukah Tea for the whole community in December.

Thelma expressed her deep appreciation to her Vice-Chairman, Lorraine Stein, Treasurer & Membership Officer, Katarina Webb and Secretary, Audrey Kneller, as well as to all the Committee for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. She gave special thanks to members of Committee and all those members of our Community who arrive early on a Shabbat morning, regardless of the weather, to prepare kiddushim. An appeal was made to each and everyone to please put their names on the Kiddush Rota.

Thelma also hoped more ladies would join the Guild, reminding them its function is not only to prepare kiddushim and cater functions, but is also a welfare organisation, visiting and helping people who are in hospital, care homes or live on their own and are housebound.

Grateful thanks were given to the President of BHC, Mahir Ozdamar, for all his help, Gilian Walker, the Office Administrator for her co-operation, Reverend Barry Sklan for his assistance, Caretakers Pat and Bob Nixon for all their help and finally, on behalf of everyone, the Chevra Kadisha ladies for their vital work.

Thelma concluded her report by saying that it was

her hope that the Congregation will continue to thrive and share many more simchas together, and be blessed with good health and peace.

The Treasurer, Katarina Webb, presented the Financial Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2018 and replied to questions from the floor.

The appointment of Filer Knapper as auditors was confirmed for the ensuing year.

Hon Life President, Rhona Taylor, had the pleasure of nominating Thelma as Chairman for the coming year, which was passed unanimously.

The Executive and Committee members for 2019/2020 were elected en bloc as follows:

Hon Life Presidents: Rhona Taylor and Evelyn Grant

Trustees: Evelyn Grant, Thelma Cowan and Katarina Webb

Chairman: Thelma Cowan

Vice-Chairman: Lorraine Stein

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Katarina Webb

Correspondence & Minutes Secretary: Audrey Kneller

Honorary Committee Member:

Rebbetzin Pamela Jesner

Committee: Jayne Baker, Loraine Berlyn, Judy Lassman, Cyndy Miller, Ros Nairn, Audrey Samuels and Hilary Waldman.



A Date for your Diary:

Sunday 19th May at 12.30pm –

Ladies' Guild Lunch in the Menorah Suite, with guest speaker, Shirley Critchley.

Meet the grandma-of-seven with a sense of adventure, who trekked through the jungle at the age of 82.

Her talk will be on the subject of searching for a wreck off the coast of Patagonia entitled "Mayhem, Mutiny and Murder", which is sure to make you curious!





The AGM concluded, Thelma introduced our special guest speaker, Guild member, Judy Menton, who gave an excellent power-point presentation about the origins of the Russell Cotes Museum, with biographies of Sir Merton Russell-Cotes and his wife, Lady Annie Russell-Cotes. Judy has been a tour-guide at the museum for 4-5 years, and her tours regularly attract between 15-20 people. Sir Merton, named after Merton College in Oxford, was originally called Merton Cotes and added Russell to create a double-barrelled name, which was considered to be a status symbol. The Russell-Cotes Museum and Art Gallery, under its original title East Cliff Hall, was built by Sir Merton, as a birthday gift to Annie.

Judy also gave details of the current exhibition, China: Through the lens of John Thomson (1868-1872), which contains incredible photographs taken during this period. This exhibition runs until 2nd June. There is also an exhibition entitled China Through the Eyes of the Russell-Cotes which runs until 12th May. Judy's interesting and highly informative talk was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, as evidenced by the pertinent questions raised afterwards.

Her talk was followed by a delicious Ploughman's Lunch, giving everyone an opportunity to socialise.

AUDREY KNELLER



Your Guild Needs You!!!

Last year the Bournemouth Hebrew Ladies Guild celebrated its Centenary. It was a time to reflect not only on those who had served before us but on all the many events we had been privileged to cater for our community.

Over the years the Guild have supported the Shul and Community by catering Shabbat lunches, fundraising events. Yom Tov meals and of course endless Kiddushim in celebration of members simchas etc. We cover the cost of the special Kiddushim at Shavuot, Succot and Simchat Torah.

Although sadly we are no longer often called upon to cater Kiddushim for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs or even Auff Ruffs (due to the make up of the Community), we are happy to organise them for special birthdays and anniversaries etc. All these Kiddushim are organised by a very dwindling small group of ladies who may be called upon on several consecutive weeks at a time.

We appreciate that you may not wish to serve on the Guild Committee but we would urge you to join our Kiddush rota by putting your name forward to assist (09.30 start) with a Kiddush when asked. Unless we are able to increase our number of helpers we may sadly not be able to continue to organise Kiddushim and may possibly have to employ help which would increase the cost.

So please ladies (and gentlemen) call Thelma, our Chairman, on 01202 290798 or myself, on 01202 552737, and add your name to the list of helpers.

Thank you
Evelyn Grant (Senior Trustee)



SHABBAT NESHAMA

The weekend of 19th January was the Chief Rabbi Mervis' inaugural Shabbat Neshama.

The idea is to recognise and promote the achievements of women and to discuss their roles past, present and future.

Despite the inclement weather, and a large contingent of our members on a reciprocal Shul visit to Birmingham, there was an impressive turnout of Congregants.

Several ladies braved the elements to arrive early and help set up the Kiddush. I give a special thank you to all those who helped.

At the end of the service, before Adon Olam, Dr Josie Lipsith and I went downstairs to address the

Congregation. Dr Lipsith (our Congregation's first woman Vice President) gave a very interesting talk on the Jewish Feminist Movement. I gave a d'var Torah on Miriam.

At Minchah, there was a ladies discussion group held in the Gertrude Preston Hall. About seven ladies attended and we were joined by the men for Seudah. When the men departed to say Ma'ariv, the ladies continued the discussion, and some interesting themes were brought up, which could very well lead to further discussion.

The men rejoined us to make a communal Havdalah to finish off a very successful day.

ANGELA SKLAN



SEPHARDI ANNIVERSARY

Twenty years ago, on Shabbat Ha Gadol, the Sephardi Services began in Bournemouth.

The amazing thing is that twenty years ago the date was also the 23rd of March and Parashat Hashavua was also Parashat Tzav!

It all started with a meeting between David Kalfon and Simon Tammam at an event in the Menorah Suite, Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation. With Larry Kaye, the then President of Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, giving David and Simon the 'go ahead' The Bournemouth Sephardi Association was born and the rest is history.

The two, were the pioneers, driving the idea at first with the late Alfie Boyle z"l & Jack Valencia joining a week later; Aviran Reuven joined after six months as our Hazan. Recent years saw other key players in our Minyan; Meir Cohen & Chaim Faibish.

The past twenty years were simply magnificent with so many people contributing in so many ways over the years; Dayan Toledano, Rabbi Shlomo David of Israel, Chazan Ellis David, Rabbi Mino Labi of Holland Park Synagogue, Hannah & Faelino Luzon, the late Louis Greenblat z"l, The Gozlan family, the Abargil family, the Iglia family, Mordechai Bitton, the late Haim Avisar z"l, Maurice Bitton, Lynn Boland, Phil and Howard Fishman, Michelle & David Perry, Ruth & Richard Saunders, the late Raye & David Sopher z"l, Michele & Mark Sopher, Carol & Rick Sopher, Edward Sopher, Rachel Sopher, Max Dias, Lucy & Ran Avisar, Jenny & Jonathan Lamski, Ilana & Michael Goldberger, Jonathan Kaye, Ghally Genah and many more.

Bournemouth Sephardi Association's biggest thank you goes no doubt to the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation (BHC). Thanks to BHC's past and present Rabbis, Presidents and executives enabling the Bournemouth Sephardi Association to use what is now, The Bournemouth Sephardi Association's home, the Gertrude Preston Hall, FREE OF CHARGE. This has provided the Bournemouth Sephardi Association with a great stage to continue its customs and traditions in such a comfortable way.

Behind every successful religious organisation there is a spiritual leader and no doubt Dayan Toledano is the one who the Bournemouth Sephardi Association turns to get their inspiration from. Apart from being a listening ear and an advisor Dayan Toledano is continuously being a great supporter and a great friend to the Bournemouth Sephardi Association.

In the early days, there was very little available to the Bournemouth Sephardi Association. They started

with just monthly Shabbat services, often on Shabbat Mevarechim. But thanks to all the support over the years they managed to acquire three Siphrei Torah, Sepher Haftarot, Sidurim, Humashim, Mahzorim and more! This enabled the Bournemouth Sephardi Association to develop, grow and provide Sephardi Services over the Hagim, and more often, during the summer The last 16 years saw the Bournemouth Sephardi Association's very popular Rosh Hashanah & Motsei Yom Kippur communal meals well supported by all involved with the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, annually raising money for different charities.

Over the years, the Bournemouth Sephardi Association has arranged a number of Bar Mitzvahs and special occasions (many more S'mahot, please G-D).

Apart from this weekend our most special Simhah to date was Hachnassat Sepher Torah, led by Rabbi Mino Labi, of Holland Park synagogue. It took place in the main prayer hall of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation with hundreds of people attending from all over of the UK.

So.....What a weekend the Bournemouth Jewish community just had!!!

This weekend marked the 20th anniversary of the Bournemouth Sephardi Association and to mark this occasion a wonderful weekend was organised.

The Bournemouth Sephardi Association is very grateful to Rabbi Jesner for all his support and encouragement. Allowing them to bring their Sephardi flavours not only to the dinner table but also to the Shabbat morning service.

Sincere thanks also go to President Mahir Ozdamar, the executives and Reverend Barry Sklan for all their support and hard work.

It all started with very well attended Sephardi Minha & Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evening. The services were led by Dayan Toledano, Rabbi Mino Labi of Holland Park Synagogue and Aviran Reuven. The services were followed by a lovely four course Sephardi dinner for about 90 guests, many of them from out of town who made the journey to Bournemouth in order to participate in this important occasion. The atmosphere over dinner was warm and full of singing and chanting as per the Sephardi tradition.

The Shabbat morning service was a combined Ashkenazi & Sephardi service in the main prayer hall of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation. The service was led by Rabbi Mino Labi and Aviran Reuven. The synagogue was packed and the service was very engaging. After Aviran's beautiful laying, Rabbi Jesner invited Dayan Toledano to give the Dvar Torah which was excellent and will be remembered by those present for a long time to come.





After the service there was a kiddush-lunch for all present. Many commented that they had never seen so much food in their life. The quality and the variety of the Sephardi food was AMAZING!! This continued at the Seudah Shilishit.

At his speech during the Kiddush, President Mahir Ozdamar, announced that the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation has donated a leaf on the Tree of Life to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Bournemouth Sephardi Association.

On Sunday morning we all davened together and after the service there was a delicious Israeli style cooked breakfast in the Menorah Suite attended by about 30 people. Once again, the food was outstanding and the Shakshukah, salads and Harif really hit the spot.

It was a great way to wrap up such a wonderful and special weekend and we look forward to celebrating many more S'machot together in the future.

AVIRAN REUVEN AND SIMON TAMMAM

Photographs taken on Sunday morning after Shacharit and at the breakfast.



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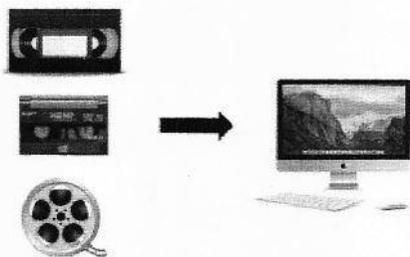
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Shabbatot and Chagim

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Diary

April 2019

Shabbat 12th /13th **Shabbat HaGadol.** Metzora. Kiddush in celebration of Stephen H White's 70th Birthday.

Thursday 18th Search for Chametz not before 9:02 pm.

Friday 19th **Fast of the Firstborn** 4:55 am.
Erev Pesach. Light candles at 7:49 pm. Communal Seder in the Menorah Suite.

Shabbat 19th /20th **First Day Pesach. Tal.** Sephardi Service. Light candles for Second day Pesach after 9:05 pm.

Sunday 21st **Second Day Pesach.** Yom Tov ends 9.07 pm.

Thursday 25th **Erev Yom Tov.** Light candles for Seventh Day Pesach at 7.59 pm.

Friday 26th **Seventh Day Pesach.** Light candles for Shabbat and Eighth Day Pesach at 7.00 pm.

Shabbat 26th /27th **Eighth Day Pesach.** Shir Hashirim. Yizkor. Shabbat and Yom Tov ends 9.18 pm.

May

Thursday 2nd **Yom Hashoah. (Holocaust Memorial Day).**

Shabbat 3rd/4th Acharei Mot. Shabbat Mevorchim. Kiddush in celebration of Max Lopes Dias's 90th Birthday.

Sunday 5th **1st Day Rosh Chodesh Iyar.**

Monday 6th **2nd Day Rosh Chodesh Iyar.**

Wednesday 8th **Yom Hazikaron. (Israel's Fallen Soldiers Day).**

Thursday 9th **Yom Ha'atzma'ut. (Israel Independence Day).**

Shabbat 10th/11th Kedoshim. Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Sunday 12th Stone Setting at Boscombe. 2.00pm. The late Maurice Kaye.
Stone Setting at Throop. 3.30pm. The late Hyman (Henry) Kurt.

Shabbat 17th/18th Emor.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush
Sephardi Service.

Sunday 19th **Pesach Sheni.**
Ladies Guild Lunch. 12.30 pm. in the Menorah Suite; Speaker: Shirley Critchley.

Thursday 23rd **Lag b'Omer.**

Shabbat 24th/25th Behar.
Kiddush to celebrate Harvey Lipsith's 70th Birthday

Shabbat 31st / June 1st Behchukotai. Shabbat Mevorchim. Kiddush.

June

Sunday 2nd **Yom Yerushalyim. (Jerusalem Day)**

Tuesday 4th **Rosh Chodesh Sivan.**

Shabbat 7th/8th Bamidbar.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.
Erev Shavuot.
Tikkun Leil. Light candles for the commencement of Yom Tov at 10.28 pm on Saturday Night.

Sunday 9th **1st Day Shavuot.**
Kiddush. Sephardi Service.
Light candles for 2nd day Yom Tov after 10.29 pm on Sunday Night.

Monday 10th **2nd Day Shavuot.** Book of Ruth. Yizkor. Kiddush. Yom Tov ends 10.30 pm.

Shabbat 14th/15th Naso.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Sunday 16th Stone Setting at Boscombe. 1.15pm. The late Elizabeth Collins.
Stone Setting at Bushey. 1.00pm. The late Sybil Roberts. (Mother of Ellard Roberts).
Shul Aid Supper, Bridge and Games evening. 6.00 pm. in the Menorah Suite.

Shabbat 21st/22nd Beha'alotcha. Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Shabbat 28th/29th Shelach Lecha. Shabbat Mevorchim. Kiddush.

Sunday 30th Stone Setting at Throop. 2.30pm. The late Yvonne Hutter.

July

Wednesday 3rd 1st Day Rosh Chodesh Tammuz.

Thursday 4th 2nd Day Rosh Chodesh Tammuz.

Shabbat 5th /6th Korach. Kiddush.

Shabbat 12th/13th Chukat. Coffee and Kichels Kiddush. Sephardi Service.

Wednesday 17th Stone Setting at Kinson. 2.00pm. The late Fay Taylor.

Shabbat 19th/20th Balak. Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Sunday 21st **Fast of Tammuz.** Fast commences at 3.50 am. Fast ends at 10.00 pm.

Shabbat 26th/27th Pinchas. Shabbat Mevorchim. Kiddush. Sephardi Service.

August

Friday 2nd **Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av.**

Shabbat 2nd/3rd Matot-Masei.
Kiddush to celebrate Ralph Epstein's second Barmitzvah.

Shabbat 9th /10th Devarim. Shabbat Chazon.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.
Erev Tisha b'Av. Fast commences 8.37 pm.

Sunday 11th **Tisha b'Av. Fast ends at 9.22 pm.**

Shabbat 16th/17th Va'etchanan. Shabbat Nachamu.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.
Sephardi Service (to be confirmed).

Sunday 18th Stone Settings at Throop. 2.30pm. The late Harold and Lily Goldenberg.

Shabbat 23rd/24th Ekev. Shabbat Mevorchim. Kiddush.

Shabbat 30th/31st Re'eh. **Shabbat Rosh Chodesh. 1st day Rosh Chodesh Elul.**
Kiddush to celebrate Eta Wainer's 80th birthday. Sephardi Service.

September

Sunday 1st **2nd day Rosh Chodesh Elul.**

Shabbat 6th/7th Shofetim. Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Shabbat 13th/14th Ki Tetzei. Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Sunday 15th Stone Setting at Boscombe. 12noon. The late Margaret Levinson.
Stone Setting at Throop. 2.30pm. The late Boris (Bob) Antick.

Shabbat 20th/21st Ki Tavo.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.
Motsei Shabbat: Sephardi Service and Selichot.

Sunday 22nd **First day Selichot.**

Shabbat 27th/28th Nitzavim.
Coffee and Kichels Kiddush.

Sunday 29th **Erev Rosh Hashanah**