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Editorial

The destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto and 40 years since the Yom Kippur War are amongst several significant anniversaries this year, and next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. All remembered with sadness tempered by thoughts of the stoicism and the heroism of those who endured those times.

More happily this May marked the 65th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. This anniversary too was tinged with sadness as those who sacrificed their lives for the creation of the State were remembered on Yom Ha Zicaron.

Some of these events are reflected in this edition of Ruach as well as narratives and information from our community.

We wish a hearty mazaltov to our Chatanim Michael Grant and Max Lopes Dias, and to our Neshei Chayil Celia Bradley and Vicky Cohen.

To Rabbi and Mrs Jesner, to Reverend and Mrs Sklan, to the Executive and to all members of the Congregation we extend good wishes for a happy and healthy New Year, and hope the New Year will bring peace to all Israel.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROSH HASHANAH 5774



With our calendar playing one of its tricks, I am writing this message a month earlier than usual, in the midst of an unprecedented heat-wave, which helps to engender a spirit of optimism. And there is much to be optimistic about.

It is very important that our Shul should be at the heart of the Bournemouth Jewish community, not just religiously but also socially: we have an excellent facility, which we must make full use of. We have held very successful table tennis sessions for some time, and these have now metamorphosed into equally successful bridge afternoons – in both cases, frequented by non-members as well as members. The ladies Israeli dance class is supported with great enthusiasm, and the adult education programme, again attended by non-members, still has a wide appeal, if not attracting as large an attendance as it deserves; and our Shul continues to host regular meetings of the Council of Christians and Jews. In particular, at one outstanding meeting of the CCJ, when Otto Hutter and Walter Kammerling spoke of their experiences on the Kindertransport, some 170 people were present. A regular flower-arranging class is led by Eve Cowan, and the Opera Society will shortly be re-locating to the Menorah Suite. Shul-aid has also been active during the year, with Vicky and Jeffrey Cohen supporting Corinne Rein in particular with the games evenings; Corinne has also, virtually single-handed, been responsible for the production of Ruach.

Outside the Shul premises, there have been two very successful outings, the first being a trip to see the musical "Top Hat" in London, followed by supper at Reubens restaurant, and the second a Ladies' Guild visit to Kensington Palace, after which we were entertained to tea in the New West End synagogue, where our former Rabbi, Geoffrey Shisler, gave us a tour of his magnificent Shul, and spoke to us about its history, before Rebbetzen Anne joined us for tea. Both of these activities were organised by the Welfare sub-committee, ably led by Josie Lipsith.

On the religious front, we have made some changes to our Shabbat services, which have been well-received by most congregants, and I am prepared to listen to any suggestions

as to how they may be further improved. We are now of course looking forward to the Yomim Noraim, when we shall be joined by Anton Ereira. Anton is the grandson of Arnold and Evelyn Kaye, and we were so impressed when he davened for us a few months ago that we invited him to daven for us over the Yomim Noraim. Those who heard Anton a few weeks ago will be confident that we have made the right decision.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Jane Victor, supported by a small but committed team of volunteers led by Lorraine Stein, the shul shop continues to perform strongly. Thanks are also due to Celia and Brian Bradley, who step in to manage the administrative aspects of the shop in Jane's absence.

Michael Grant recently stood down from the Executive Committee due to pressures of work. Michael has for many years served on the House sub-committee, and we shall miss his great knowledge of the buildings. His role has, however, been filled with great dedication by two relative newcomers to the Executive Committee, Leslie Goldstone and Nigel Graham who, in conjunction Melvyn Millin, have looked after the House and Health and Safety sub-committees, as well as security.

On the subject of relocation, we have rejected one totally unacceptable offer for the existing premises. We are about to undertake a more extensive marketing campaign, in addition to seeking advice on the possible redevelopment of the present site.

I am sad to report that we lost one of the stalwarts of our community, Sam Marks, this year. Sam's contribution to our community and beyond has been immeasurable. Sam suffered poor health in his last few years, but he was sustained by the love and care he received from his wife, Hilda. We have also suffered the recent tragic loss of Dr Dena Coleman, whose loss will be felt not only by her family, but by the whole Jewish community of this country.

On a lighter note, as we look forward to Simchat Torah, I am delighted to offer my congratulations to our Chatan Torah, Michael Grant, and our Chatan Bereishit, Max Lopes Dias, together with our Neshei Chayil, Celia Bradley and Vicky Cohen, all of whom have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to the well-being of our congregation.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

HARVEY LIPSITH

A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE FROM RABBI ADRIAN JESNER

On Rosh Hashanah we stand in judgment before our Creator. But we are not mere passive defendants standing in the dock awaiting a verdict in our trial. Instead we take the liberty of submitting requests, suggestions and sometimes even demands to our Heavenly Judge. We pray for life and health, prosperity and wisdom, family and national stability, as well as for redemption, peace, serenity and meaningful success.

That is quite a long and impressive list of requests that we submit to the Almighty. It is part of the ethos of Judaism that such requests are allowed if not even encouraged by the Lord. It illustrates our dependence upon God and our inability to have hope, direction and planning in our lives without Heavenly aid and grace.

The doors of Heaven, the Gates of Prayer are thrust wide open for us on the High Holy days and the Ten Days of Repentance and we are bidden to take advantage of that situation with our prayers, requests and improved social and religious behaviour. It would be foolish in the extreme to ignore and not take advantage of such an opportunity to ask for what we need in our personal and national life.

Though the results of the judgments of Rosh Hashanah are not immediately clear and present, we are nevertheless in an optimistic mood and the day is celebrated in a holiday mode with feasting, family and friends. It is the connection with Eternity and Heaven that Rosh Hashanah affords that transforms an otherwise day of tension and awe into one of holy serenity and satisfaction.

But Rosh Hashanah is a two way street. It is not only our turn to ask God for what we wish, but it is also a day when God, so to speak, informs us what He wishes and requires from us. Judaism is a faith of mutually binding covenants between God and the Jewish people, collectively and individually. The rabbis taught us that first and foremost God wants our hearts. He wants sincerity and faith, belief and discipline, strength of character and good will. He abhors falsehood and hypocrisy, mendacity and venality.

The prophet taught us that the Lord desires that we act justly, love kindness, show mercy to others and to walk humbly in God's ways. He demands that we live up to our end of the Covenant, that we observe His commandments and sanctify His Holy Days and the Sabbath by our behaviour and demeanour. He wishes us to have an appreciation and knowledge of our past and a vision for our future. He wishes that we share His view, so to speak, of the Jewish people as being a kingdom of priests and a holy nation – a unique treasure amongst all of the peoples of the world.

He also wishes that each and everyone of us realises that he or she is a special unique individual and not just a faceless number

in a world of billions. People who feel special are special. Our self judgment in our hearts influences our Heavenly judgment on Rosh Hashanah as well. To a great extent, God invites us, so to speak, to judge ourselves in conjunction with the Heavenly court. Therefore we state in our prayers that every person's signature appears on the verdict of the Heavenly court. We are equal partners in our judgment and in the outcome.

The national hopes of the Jewish people also find expression on Rosh Hashanah. No Jew is exempt from the destiny of the Jewish people as a whole. Our past century of sad and tragic experience clearly indicates the futility of attempting to somehow think that the Jewish covenant allows individuals to opt out of it at will. Solidarity with the Jewish faith and people, with the State of Israel and with the eternal Torah is the guarantee of individual Jewish survival and meaning.

Joshua upon encountering the Angel in his tent asked only the question "Are you with us or are you against us and with our enemies?" Unfortunately many Jews, deluded by 'humanitarian' sloganeering, wittingly or unwittingly cannot answer Joshua's question correctly. Rosh Hashanah allows us to look within ourselves and to declare to the God of Israel that we are truly with Him and with our people.

We wish to be inscribed in the book of Eternal Life and Jewish glory and not, God forbid, on the pages of Jewish perfidy and shame. Rosh Hashanah provides us with a wide range of important choices that have eternal consequences. May we always choose wisely and correctly.

On behalf of Pamela and myself, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing Reverend Barry Sklan and Angela, all who contribute in the Office, the President, the Vice President and their families, and everyone at Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, a healthy, happy New Year and a meaningful Fast.

RABBI ADRIAN JESNER



FROM OUR ASSISTANT MINISTER, REVEREND BARRY SKLAN A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

I have often thought about why the akeidah plays such a central theme in Rosh Hashanah. That is to say - there are so many other examples in which our ancestors put their lives on the line to show their belief and commitment to G-d, so why is it that the akeidah is the prototype of such faith-based courage and its merit on Rosh Hashanah?

It should be noted that the akeidah can be divided into two distinct parts. The first section ends when Avraham Avinu follows G-d's command and is about to sacrifice his son Yitzchak, at which point the malach, the angel, tells him that he need not do so and that he has proven his devotion to G-d. The second part of the story displays Avraham's persistence, in which he sees the ram in the thicket and insists on serving G-d with a korban, a sacrifice – even though he has already passed the test at hand.

The eternal promises and blessings which conclude the parshah of the akeidah are only granted after Avraham brings the korban. This seems to indicate that this latter act – under the circumstances – demonstrated an even higher level level of avodat Hashem, service to Hashem, than the fulfillment of the initial akeidah command. Let's look at this a bit further.

When Avraham offered the ram, even after he had fulfilled his mission on the day of the akeidah, his act was one of love for G-d. Service of G-d out of love, which is on a plane higher than service out of fear, was the pinnacle of the akeidah process. Avraham could have left Har Hamorah after he passed the test and was told to hold back the knife. However, out of love of G-d, he insisted on bringing a sacrifice to show his devotion.

It is with this in mind that we enter Rosh Hashanah. For, as we mention daily in Selichot, we cannot expect to be vindicated in G-d's judgment on our merits. Any act of transgression – and certainly many such acts - are incompatible with our prayers for blessings of goodness and sweetness for the new year. Such requests simply defy logic and proper judgment, as, if we have sinned, how can we expect rewards?

However, we are taught that one thing supercedes the onus of mishpat, of judgement, the love relationship between G-d and His people. We therefore ask G-d to recall that this higher plane of our relationship, the bond of ahava, of love, should override the logic of inescapable judgement, and that the judgement be tempered and we be blessed to

serve The Almighty with a renewed commitment each year. So, we call to G-d in prayer for His mercy and benevolence with the shofar of the akeidah, as we apply the merit of Avraham's, and our, love of G-d, which can override the strict judgment which we would otherwise deserve. (This seems to explain the phrase in the chazzan's Shemoneh Esrei of Rosh Hashanah, "Od yizkor lanu ahavat Eisan – May He remember for us the love of Avraham" [In the Midrash, Avraham is referred to as 'Eisan'].)

May we be blessed to serve G-d in the manner displayed by our forefathers, and may He grant us all a sweet year!

Angela joins with me in wishing Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, the Executive, Warden and all our Kehillah a Shanah Tovah and well over the Fast



REVEREND BARRY SKLAN
(Assistant Minister)

BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW CONGREGATION

LADIES YOM KIPPUR SESSION

led by
Rebetzen Pamela Jesner

As it is the 40th Anniversary of the Yom Kippur War this session will ask
"Where were you on Shabbat 6th October 1973?"

Come with your memories as we reflect on that day.

Beth Hamedrash – 3.00pm

From the *office* of the
CHIEF RABBI

THE CHIEF RABBI'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE 5774

In Jewish tradition, the names we give to places and concepts invariably capture the essence of what they represent. Our central congregational location for prayer is no exception. Located at the heart of our communities, it has three well-known names: *beit tefillah*, *beit knesset* and *shul*.

Firstly, *beit tefillah* or 'house of prayer'. This title was given by God to the Temple in Jerusalem and continues to be a most apposite term used to this day. It expresses the building's core purpose of providing a place through which we connect with our Creator and experience His presence in a spiritually rewarding way. Through our synagogues facing Jerusalem, we also recognise the centrality of Israel in our lives.

Another name is *beit knesset* or 'house of gathering'. In vogue since ancient times, *beit knesset* adds a significant dimension to the role of our synagogues. Indeed, the Greek word *synagogue* similarly means 'house of gathering'.

The connotation is clear: our synagogues, especially in the Diaspora, are the central focal points for Jewish social and cultural interaction for individuals of all ages and groups of all types. Not only do we enjoy an encounter with God within its walls; we also engage socially with friends and acquaintances. The weekly *kiddush* epitomises the *beit knesset*, providing an opportunity for us to connect with others in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It is encounters of this nature that weave the social fabric of our communities.

The colloquial name for our synagogues - *shul* - is taken from the German word meaning 'school'. Historically, the local school was housed within the synagogue building. In this spirit, many shuls today have a kindergarten and run a cheder for children on their premises.

The word '*shul*' adds a further dimension to our communal vision. Formal and informal education, for members of all ages and all backgrounds, must be at the heart of our shared communal experiences. In seeking to guarantee the on-going vitality of our congregations, we recognise that an in-depth awareness of our rich heritage will pave the way for a meaningful and fulfilling Jewish life in the future.

It is my hope and prayer that all our community centres live up to the three names we give them, becoming outstanding houses of prayer, houses of gathering and shuls rolled into one. Providing a combined location for communal spirituality, a meeting place for communal interaction and a home for communal learning will ensure we have vibrant and dynamic



centres of Jewish activity. Building on the successes of the past we will transform our synagogues into powerhouses of Jewish religious, social, cultural and educational activity.

I feel very privileged to have been selected to be your Chief Rabbi and I am looking forward to having a close association with your community and others throughout the UK and Commonwealth. We are blessed to have such outstanding rabbis and lay leaders and, together with them, I will be seeking to further enrich community life.

Valerie and I extend to you all our very best wishes for a happy, healthy, peaceful and fulfilling New Year. I look forward to working together with you to develop and grow our local congregations and our wonderful British & Commonwealth Jewish communities for the benefit of us all and all of Am Yisrael.

Shana tova

A handwritten signature in Hebrew script, likely belonging to Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis.

CHIEF RABBI EPHRAIM MIRVIS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES – VIVIAN WINEMAN

This last year, 5773, has been a challenging but a successful one for the Board, and for the community we represent. Apart from the huge range of work carried out by the Board, defending the community's rights and promoting its vitality, we have also been engaged in a radical internal restructuring. Although the process of recruitment is not yet complete, we have already seen exciting improvements in our ability to deliver our message to government and to different sectors of the community. We are especially grateful for the contribution of our extremely dedicated staff, both past and present, and our 280 Deputies.

There is much talk at present of changes in the architecture of the community, but whatever happens, a strong representative body like the Board - cross communal with a national reach and above all democratically elected and accountable - will be right at the centre of it. One of the elements of the Board of which we are most proud is its national reach exemplified by its regional deputies whose contribution to the work of the Board is greatly valued. As a Deputy whose family came from the regions I am acutely aware of the histories and record of some of these communities as well as the exciting and creative ways in which they are dealing with their present challenges.

The Regional Deputies' Assembly plays a vital role by bringing together all the Deputies from communities outside London to discuss matters of shared concern and to elect a Regional Council. Mike Samuels (Deputy for South Manchester Synagogue) is a vice chairman of the Regional Assembly chaired by Ephraim Borowski (who also heads the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities). Working with our countless dedicated Deputies in the regions is a crucial part of our job and greatly improves the efficacy of the Board. Furthermore, our Community Partnership Project, which launches later this year, will allow us to ensure small and tiny communities continue to receive necessary support to thrive as members of UK Jewry.

It is hard to do justice to all our activities in a brief report so some examples will have to suffice. We have continued to be

at the forefront of political engagement, including regular meetings with MPs of all parties, with the crowning event of a question and answer session with Ed Miliband who gave a virtuoso performance. Our Chanukah Reception at the House of Commons also drew a large number of parliamentarians, including Cabinet members, MPs, MEPs and members of the House of Lords. These engagement events are vital two way processes, allowing politicians and the Jewish public the chance to engage with one another and for the Board, therefore, to fulfill its mission of protecting Jewish interests.

We have again been active in confronting anti-Semitism, with hostile comments by Lord Ahmed, David Ward MP and Patrick Mercer condemned by us in the strongest terms. Gerald Scarfe's cartoon drew an immediate apology, and Rupert Murdoch wrote to me personally to express his regrets.

Interfaith initiatives are an area where we have been particularly active, including the Righteous Muslims Exhibition, which recognised the heroism of those South East Europeans who saved Jewish lives in the Second World War. Positive interfaith engagement, apart from being valuable in itself, is vital in creating friends and allies in the general community.

On the defensive side of interfaith, we have intervened with the Church of Scotland and Quakers when motions have been proposed that we feel are unbalanced and detrimental to the cause of Israel and peace in the Middle East.

Social action, has seen us take part in several 'green' initiatives: one is "Sharing Eden", written by our social action and interfaith consultant, Rabbi Natan Levy, alongside others, on religion and the environment. Our "Grow Tatzmiach" food hunger project has produced several excellent initiatives set up by our Deputies. 'Green' Judaism is so much more than giving a religious perspective, although we believe that can often be a starting point. It is also about utilising our position as the community's representative body to speak out on issues affecting other minority groups. We have done this in supporting asylum seekers, the Roma in Hungary, and



the Bahais, where we have spoken against the persecutions taking place in Iran.

Education is an area that allows us to engender a positive world view of Jews from among the UK's youth. This year 1500 non-Jewish children went on a Seeing Jewish Life Tour; whilst our Jewish Way of Life Exhibition tours the country: from Devon to Derby. It's a fun and engaging way for young school children to learn about Jewish practices.

I should finally mention our work on heritage regarding the medieval community in Norwich and our donation of a 300 year old Sefer Torah, to Yavneh College. The Board is the Custodian of much of British Jewry's history and, as has been said often recently, a people that neglects its past jeopardises its future.

These are just a sample of the work which we have carried out this last year. If you wish to keep in touch with our work you can do so by viewing our website at www.bod.org.uk. You can also join the 1500 community members signed up to our weekly Community Briefing and join in the conversation on facebook and twitter where we have nearly 2,500 followers.

May 5774 be a good and sweet year for you, for all the community and for all the House of Israel.

Warm wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Vivian Wineman".

VIVIAN WINEMAN

★MAZALTOV TO OUR HONOREES★

Chatan Torah – Michael Grant

I thank the Executive for giving me the great honour to be Chatan Torah

I was born in 1943 at Hampton Court (not far from the palace). I lived with my family in the leafy borough of Surbiton for over 20 years where my father was a founder of the Kingston & Surbiton District Synagogue. He was dedicated to the shul and served on the Board of Management there for many years. He started the first Cheder there, and I still remember the agility of the headmaster with the ruler across the knuckles if you made a mistake.

I had the privilege to attend Carmel College in Berkshire where at that time Rabbi Kopul Rosen was the headmaster. He was a man with incredible foresight and ability. It is regrettable that he died at such a young age.

My parents decided to retire to sunny Bournemouth in 1965, and I agreed to come along for a few weeks to see how it was. We received such a warm welcome from the community that I decided to stay.

It is here that I met my wife Evelyn who although after her first ride in my car declared that she would never ride with me again. We were married in Bournemouth Shul in 1968. We have two sons Stephen and Adam of whom of course we are very proud.

Our sons were both educated in Bournemouth and attended the Shul Cheder 3 times a week. The Cheder was thriving at that time with some 120 children attending, as was the B'nai Brith of which I was an enthusiastic member. Stephen and Adam each left Bournemouth to study (at least that is what they say they did) at Birmingham University where they achieved good degrees giving us much nachus. It was not long before they found their own life partners and provided us with two delightful daughters-in-law and five fabulous grandchildren.

I was persuaded to join the Bournemouth J.I.A. committee at a young age and I was delighted to work with so many sincere people. I eventually became the chairman and in that role I was honoured to welcome many distinguished statesmen to Bournemouth. In 1988 I had the great pleasure to lead Bournemouth representatives on the J.I.A. mission of "Solidarity with the People of Israel" that is something I shall never forget.

I was elected to the Board of Management of the Shul and one of my first tasks was to assist in the fund raising of



the "Shulaid" committee to raise funds for the Shul and in doing so had great fun at the many themed events, serving at table and selling raffle tickets. I was later given the responsibility of being chairman of the "House Committee".

Apart from looking after the day to day maintenance of the Shul building and the cemetery buildings I planned and supervised the refurbishment of the main Shul. I have climbed over the roof of the Shul to inspect problems many times.

I retired from the "Board of Management" in the hope that younger people would be encouraged to stand. I was later asked to stand for the now "Executive Committee" to which I was elected, given the position of "House Committee" again and was able to offer solutions to several problems.

Rabbi Jesner has been a tower of strength to me and the assistance that he gives me in other work that I carry out has been invaluable. I attend the Shul services every day that I can. Although this is probably not as often as it should be, it is more often than many!

Above all I thank my wife Evelyn, for without her love, support, assistance, forbearance and encouragement I am certain that my life would not have been as pleasurable as it has been so far.

MICHAEL GRANT

★ MAZALTOV TO OUR HONOREES ★

Chatan Bereisheit – Max Lopes Dias

I was born at Mother Levy's Home in Commercial Road on a Shabbat in 1929 and lived on the top floor of Stepney Green Buildings.

My Dad was a tailor of Dutch (Portuguese) Sephardic origin, born in London. His family on his father's side had been in England for many generations. Bevis Marks records show that one Moseh Lopes Dias was on the Mahamad (Board of Management) in 1656 so it is likely the family arrived from Amsterdam at the time of the Resettlement of Jews in Britain.

Mum, Cecilia, was born in England but her parents were Ashkenazim from Posen which at the time was a province of Germany. I was named for my zaider, Mark (Mordechai) Wreschner. He was interned to the Isle of Man, as an enemy alien, at the outbreak of the First World War and afterwards was repatriated to Germany against his wishes. I subsequently learned that Wreschner was the maternal family name of Chief Rabbi Jakobovits, which made him a distant cousin.

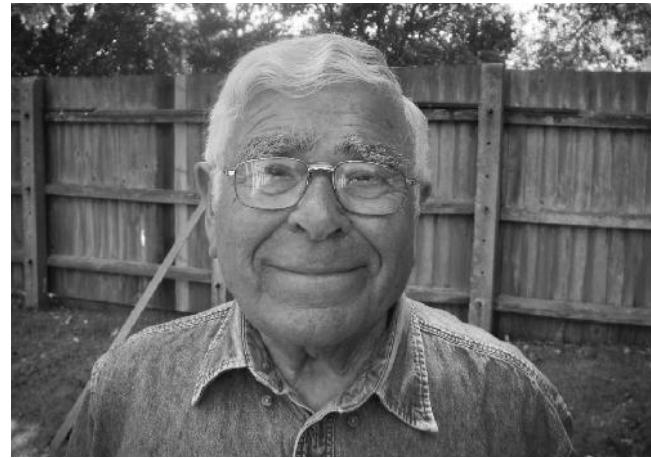
I am one of four siblings. My older sister, Kitty (Catherine), has lived in Iowa, USA, since 1946, my younger brother, Stanley, is in Cockfosters and my younger sister, Pamela, lives in Edgware.

When 5 years old (and in accordance with family tradition) I became a choirboy at Bevis Marks Synagogue. On Friday evenings before Shabbat, we lit the hundreds of candles and on Shabbat mornings we attended from 8.30am. The shul was about one and a half miles from home but we invariably walked both ways without an adult accompanying us. I attended the Sephardic Hebrew School, Shaare Tikva, until the outbreak of war.

On 1st September 1939, Stepney Jewish School was evacuated to Windsor where I remained for the duration. As there was no identifiable Jewish community, I lost contact with my religious observance until after my return to Stepney and then my discharge from the RAF in 1954.

After the War, I attended a Government Training Centre and then spent six years as an engineering draughtsman whilst at the same time studying in the evenings for my degree. I was deferred from National Service until I was 21 when I was commissioned as an Engineering Officer in the RAF, specialising in repair and salvage of crashed aircraft.

In 1951, I married Gloria Greenberg, then living in Stamford Hill but who had attended Stepney Jewish School just three



years behind my sister, Catherine.

Upon discharge from the RAF, we moved to Welwyn Garden City where I worked for English Electric (later British Aerospace) as a project engineer on guided weapons. I (and 4,000 others) was made redundant when the Government cancelled the project and I moved to a lecturing post in further education.

Our older son, Stephen was born in 1958. He is an accountant and also Warden at Welwyn Garden City Shul. Martyn, born in 1962, now plies his trade as tribute artist, Elvis Shmelvis.

In the late 60s, I read for my Masters Degree at Brunel University and became a Senior Lecturer in Engineering at Sir John Cass College, a constituent college of London University and remained there until my early retirement in 1986.

I had, by then, started my own Consultancy as a Forensic Engineer, investigating accidents, mostly on behalf of several major insurance companies. This involved appearances in the High Court as an expert witness. I still occasionally lecture on this subject at Bournemouth University.

I was able to catch up with my Jewish roots on arrival at Welwyn Garden City at about the time the United Synagogue was opened in 1956. I served there on the Board of Management and as Lay Minister and remained until 1986 when, following the death of my wife, I moved to Harpenden and then Bournemouth.

The 1990s saw the arrival of my three grandchildren, Michael, David and Emma – a source of much nachas to me.

I thank the President for the honour of this simcha. I am proud to be a member of this pleasant community and will always be willing to be of help wherever I can.

MAX LOPES DIAS

★ MAZALTOV TO OUR HONOREES ★

Eshet Chayil – Celia Bradley

My grandparents had a house in Bournemouth though they lived mostly in London because of work. As my father was still in the army my mother lived there when I was born, so I'm a Bournemouth girl.

Growing up in the East End of London with my lovely parents and brothers and with grandparents and extended family nearby I always appreciated my close, loving family.

My first school was Stepney Jewish Primary School and I went to Cheder Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. On Shabbat mornings I attended the children's service at the East London Synagogue and also went to Bevis Marks Synagogue where my father was in the choir along with many other men of the Lopez-Dias family. Both Synagogues were beautiful and I enjoyed being there.

My senior school, Central Foundation Grammar was not a Jewish school but had Jewish prayers, religious education and kosher dinners. At 16 I joined the secretarial sixth and went on to work in the City of London. My first job in Old Jewry(!!) was with a firm of accountants. One of our clients was a young author named Ian Fleming who, I was told, wrote very good stories about a spy called James Bond!

I eventually became a medical secretary and later a legal secretary. My job at the Maudesley Hospital was particularly interesting.

When I met Brian we were introduced as the only Chelsea supporters in a room full of Tottenham supporters. How an East End girl and an Irish boy were both Chelsea fans is another story. A year later we were married. (In later years, a football loving mother made quite an impression with our young sons' friends!). During the summer before we married, I worked on a boat on the Thames taking passengers from Hampton Court to Oxford and back in a week which was great fun. We lived



in the East End and soon after we married Brian decided to become a teacher and I worked while he studied. Three years later our darling daughter Tara was born and we moved to Waltham Abbey where my parents were then living and where Brian took up his first teaching post. Two years after that our darling son Daniel was born and we moved to Harlow and Brian's next post. Eighteen months later our darling son Adam was born. We were very involved in the Harlow Synagogue which was a small Reform Shul.

During happy holidays in Bournemouth I had promised myself I would return some day and in 1981 we moved here because Brian had been appointed Headteacher of a New Forest school. We joined Bournemouth Reform Synagogue where we were again very involved. I was a member of the Chevra Kadesha, the Women's Parsha Group and was on the Council of the BJRC. After some years on the Shul Council I became Chair of the Synagogue.

We both became more observant and studied first with Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs and at Yakar. We then went to Modern Orthodox study sessions, where I was fortunate to be in the class of the then Chief Rabbi Lord Jacobovitz. We also attended courses at Project Seed. I thoroughly enjoyed studying and still do.

As members of the 35s, in 1987 three other women and I visited Refuseniks in Moscow, a very moving visit. Quite by chance I met the girl our daughter had twinned with for her Bat Mitzvah. Our sons' Bar Mitzvahs

were twinned with Refusenik boys.

In 1989 I was rushed into hospital paralysed from the waist down and in great pain. A disc in my back had shattered into my nerve canal. It was very serious and an immediate operation was performed. I was in hospital for some time and didn't know if I would walk again. Brian gave me great strength and support, coming from work every day and staying until midnight. I was grateful too for the many visits from family and Jewish friends and realised how important the community is to me. Thank God (and the Consultant) that after using first a wheelchair and then crutches I learned to walk again and no matter what problems it has left me with I am just grateful to be able to walk.

In 2001 we joined BHC and were made very welcome. I still attend the Parsha Group. I became a relief driver for the Day Centre and I also visit people, and visit people, having tea and chats with them and sometimes helping with shopping. I am a member of the Chevra Kadesha, and a Mikveh Lady. I am a volunteer helper in the Shul Shop and occasionally take over running it. I also telephone weekly other volunteers to ensure that all times are covered where possible. I am also a Committee member of the Bournemouth branch of the Friends of Israel Sports Centre for the Disabled. I enjoy the varied and interesting life that our community gives me and try to play my part in it.

Since being in Bournemouth our three children have met and married lovely people and given us 9 gorgeous grandchildren – 7 girls and 2 boys. I feel blessed and grateful for all I have in my life including our community. Being Jewish is a great privilege and I am particularly lucky to be able to daven in such a beautiful Synagogue.

I thank the Executive for the honour of being an Eshet Chayil and wish Shana Tova and Mazeltof to Vicki Cohen, the other Eshet Chayil and to the Chatanim whose names I do not know at the time of writing.

I wish our family, Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, Reverend Barry and Angela, our lovely community and our precious Land and people of Israel a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

CELIA BRADLEY

★MAZALTOV TO OUR HONOREES★

Eshet Chayil – Vicky Cohen

I was born and lived in Jerusalem until I moved to Temple Fortune London with my family (4 older brothers and an older sister) in 1947.

It was my father's intention to move back to Israel once the War there was over but unfortunately my Mother passed away some 9 months later so we stayed in London. Living in North West London I attended Hasmonean Grammar School as at that time it was the only Jewish school in the area.

I trained as a Youth and Social worker under Miriam Moses at Brady Clubs and Settlement in the East End of London.

I visited families and various schools in the East End during the day and organised programmes for play centre children and for the Junior youth club in the early evenings, at Brady. I also organised and ran summer seaside holidays in England for 30-40 girls aged from 4-11 years of age with the help of teachers and volunteers.

When I married in 1962, because of the unsocial hours, I stopped working at Brady and started a teaching career. My first position was a Kindergarten teacher at Clapton Jewish Day School. Then a few years later at Yavneh Wembley followed by Head Mistress at Yavneh Bournemouth, Yavneh Brighton, Belmont and finally as a Consultant at St. Johns Wood Synagogue Kindergarten.

During my 51 years of marriage, because of my husband, Jeffrey's career, we have lived in nine different homes including Hendon, Kenton, Bournemouth twice, Brighton (3 different Homes) Arkley and Stanmore so we have developed a very wide social circle of close Friends.

Having first lived In Bournemouth in the mid seventies with at that time a young family I was instrumental in starting Yavneh Kindergarten it seems that on returning to Bournemouth in 2002, and shortly afterwards starting the Monday table tennis group which primarily is for the more active and senior members of the community, I have closed the circle.

One important thing that both these activities had and have in common is that they were and are cross communal activities.

We returned to Bournemouth leaving behind in London two loving married daughters, two devoted sons-in-law and seven wonderful grandchildren and our youngest daughter, who has since moved to Sydney, Australia. However despite



the distances involved we remain a close knit family unit spending many happy times together including holidays en famille in England and Israel.

I am an active member of Shul Aid and have worked with three different Shul Aid Chairpersons, during which time I have been actively involved in Quizzes, Old Tyme Music Hall, Elvis Nites, Antique Road Show, Bridge and Games Evenings, Burns Nite Supper and many other enjoyable activities.

The Monday morning session led on to a Monday Afternoon Bridge session and by the funds raised from these activities we have contributed towards defibrillator, and purchased a Torah Mantle, a Purim Megillah and a microphone and stand. We have donated to local and National charities and the group are rightly proud of the contribution they have made to our Synagogue, and the community.

I help with all of Shulaids catering needs as well as biscuits and quiches and I am now available for Weddings, Bar and Batmitvahs,..... don't call me I will call YOU!!!!.

My philosophy in life has been... Enjoy what you do and do what you enjoy.

I should like to thank the Rabbi, the President and the Executive for this honour.

VICKY COHEN

OBITUARY – SAM MARKS z”l

It was with great sadness that the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation learned of the passing of its esteemed Honorary Life President Sam Marks, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Dedicated to our Kehillah, until the last months of his life when prevented by ill health, Sam was a regular minyan man at Shul and at funerals and stone-settings

Born in 1917 in Manchester, the middle sibling of seven brothers and two sisters, Sam left school at fourteen years old to go to work in the drapery shop established in St Anne's on Sea by one of his brothers. He was called up for National Service during the Second World War, but unfortunately his unit was captured by the Japanese. He managed to survive three and a half years in the hands of the Japanese working on the Burma Railroad, eventually being released following VJ (Victory over Japan) Day.

In her Hesped his granddaughter, Marcelle Palmer, said, "I have vivid memories from when I was younger of Grandpa saying he was delivered from his terrible ordeal during the War with a specific task from Ha Shem - to go and help others. This he did in many ways, financially, personally and being generally kind, thoughtful and considerate to the needs of others."

Demobbed from Army Service and attempting to recover from his harsh incarceration he returned to his family in St Annes. Several months later he went to visit his brother who was stationed in Plymouth. Here he met Hilda, and within a few weeks they became engaged and within a short time, in July 1946, they married.



*Sam Marks during
World War 2*



They lived in Plymouth then Hilda's parents moved to Bournemouth, and following the death of her father, rather than leave her alone, in 1956 they joined Hilda's mother here.

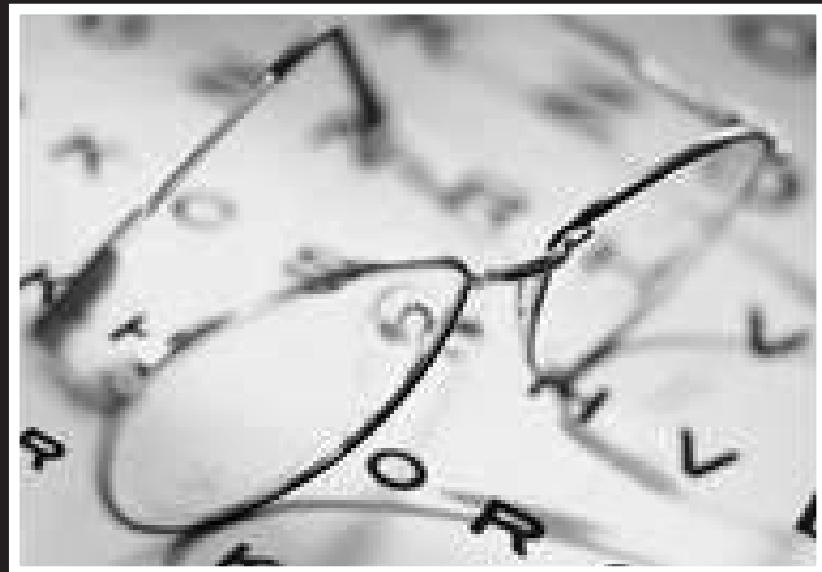
Gradually they became more involved with the Bournemouth community and the Shul. Both volunteered for the now defunct Dolly Ross Home for the Blind, and Sam became a member of the Board of Management of the Synagogue, then in 1971 he became Treasurer and then President. He was appointed a Trustee in but resigned in 1989 and was appointed a Life President.

His dedication to the Shul was exemplified by his perseverance in finding land for a cemetery, regularly in 1991 taking drives with Hilda for almost a year. Despite having no planning permission the land in Throop was purchased by the Hilda and Sam Marks Trust and donated to the Congregation.

However he will always be remembered, as his son David said, as someone who with his wife Hilda, "did not just give to established causes, he did not just give when he received Kavod. He always thought about things that would put a smile on people's faces."

David cited the example of when bringing flowers when visiting an aunt at the Home for the Aged in Manchester his father noted the disappointment of the other residents. On leaving he went to the nearest flower store and then returned with bunches of flowers for all of them.

He will be remembered as modest man, who was happy to give of his time and effort and whose generosity benefited and continues to benefit so many both here and in Israel.



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COMPLETING THE TRIO – FROM CHAZAN TO RABBI

Chazan Geoffrey Shisler came to BHC with a voice and tunes that most people appreciated. During his stay, he studied and received Semicha, became a Rabbi but decided to leave us. The arrival of Chazan Lionel Rosenfeld surpassed many of our wildest expectations. His voice, music and personality together with the import of the Shabbaton choir were a delight and welcome to most congregants. He was enticed back to London where he too became a Rabbi.

So, who from Bournemouth is the third Chazan to become a Rabbi?

On July 7th. 2013, Evelyn and I were invited to attend the awarding of Semicha to this years' graduates. Guess who was included? Our own ex-Chazan, Meir Lev. not perhaps as charismatic as his predecessors but with a gentle, genuine, sincere voice and personality, who has since his departure, for four years, diligently studied for this Semicha programme under the guidance of The London Montefiore Programme of Judith Lady Montefiore College and the London School of Jewish Studies.

The LSJS was originally Jews College, co-founded by Sir Moses Montefiore in 1855 as a training college for religious leaders. Sir Moses then initiated the JLM College some seven years later and it is his endowment that provides the resources for today's students. Over the past 158 years, Jews College has expanded, moved premises and rebranded itself as the LSJS having as its president, the Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks and Rabbi Dr. Abraham Levy OBE as its Deputy President.

The event took place at the Bevis Marks Synagogue in the presence of the Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks, the Chief Rabbi elect Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Dayan Saadia Amor, Dayan Ezra Basri, Rabbi Dr. Abraham Levy OBE, many more distinguished Rabbonim and invited guests. There were ten graduates to be awarded Semicha with an audience of maybe 250 people.

Never having attended such a ceremony, expectations were high and we were not disappointed. The Bevis Marks Synagogue is lit mainly by candles. It has no soft, comfortable seats only hard wooden benches but it does have an aura that is ancient, awe inspiring and very spiritual. The service commenced with the entry of the students, each resplendent in a top hat, accompanied by the male choir, followed by Mincha, recited by Rick Sopher a Trustee of the Montefiore Endowment, loud and clear thanks to the excellent acoustics. Then, an address to the Graduates by Rabbi Dr. Abraham Levy OBE, followed by Lord Sacks exchanging a few words with every student as he presented their diplomas. Each graduate was then

given a new talith, a delightful gesture.

An excellent vote of thanks was proposed by one of the graduates, now Rabbi Ralph Zarum (could be a future Chief Rabbi – watch this space) and then the graduates presented the principle lecturer Dayan Saadia Amor with a gift. A most moving and sincere Hashkabot - Kaddish-was recited in Hebrew and then in English for Sir Moses and Judith Lady Montefiore. The new Rabbis were blessed by Dayan Saadia Amor with the final address given by Lord Sacks. As always, he spoke with sincerity, vigour and wisdom. He re-iterated that all their "blood, sweat and tears" during these learning years coupled with the fact that all the graduates had studied in their spare time whilst holding down their daily professions, was in itself, a great achievement. He offered them many "do's and don'ts" gleamed from his vast experience.

This ceremony lasted just under two hours and was then followed by a reception held in the open courtyard with the brilliant sun just beginning to set. An assortment of bridge rolls, champagne and cold drinks were available although we had to decline, instead rushing to catch the 21.54 train home from Waterloo.

For nearly forty years, Meir Lev has been a Chazan/Reverend although his life long ambition had always been to become a Rabbi. Now, in his mid sixties, he has an inner happiness and glow having achieved his goal. Proof indeed that you are never too old to follow your dreams. Strange how circumstances change. When one door closes, another opens.

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WARSAW... 70 YEARS ON

Following a very early start from the UK Rabbi Jesner and I arrived at 10.a.m. on Sunday May 5th. It was 23 years since I was in Warsaw, the city which at one time had 300,000 Jews, a third of its inhabitants, living there. Today the population is 2,000,000 with an estimated Jewish population of around 2,500. The last time I visited not a soul spoke English as Russian was their other language and I found it quite a problem. However, today almost everybody under 30 speaks English, and very well..

We boarded the 175 bus which goes directly into the city centre where we were staying and it took 40 minutes from the airport [Chopin] to the downtown area. Our hotel has many Jewish visitors and is where all the Israeli groups stay so it is not unusual to see kippot and tzizzus around the lobby.

We had pre - booked a personal guide for a walking tour of the ghetto areas the next day. The larger ghetto was in the northern area [see map] and where all the fighting took place. Mordechai Anielewicz had his bunker at 18 Mila Street. Five minutes walk from the bunker is the Umschlagplatz situated on Stawki Street, the train embarkation area for Treblinka.

We therefore decided that we would see the little ghetto which was situated in the southern part of Muranow ourselves and check the next day with our guide that we had seen everything.

It was unusually warm and everywhere was easy to get to on foot. Our hotel on Krolewska was about 10 minutes from the little ghetto which was emptied when the first deportations to Treblinka started in July 1942.

The destruction of Warsaw during World War Two erased virtually all remnants of the bustling pre-war Jewish community's presence in the city, however there is a small area where it is still possible to see this lost era in the tenement buildings dating between 1880-1900 at Prozna Street. On these old walls are a series of pre-war photos of members of the disappeared Community. This project called I Can Still See Their Faces, was created by a Polish actress of Jewish origins. Twenty years ago she appealed to people to send photos they had of Polish Jews before the War. She had replies with 9,000 photographs, some from survivors and their families and some from Polish neighbours or friends of those killed. The exhibition was mounted as part of the 65th Anniversary of the Ghetto uprising. The effect is stunning, well worth spending time there to mull over and consider that this street was once bustling with life, full of traders, stores and Jewish families.

Our next stop was to 10 Twarda Street to see where the Grandma of Cheryl Pack (the wife of the United Synagogues President) used to live. It is now a Government building in front, and the Shul where her family had frequented is behind. It was exactly as she had described to me. Twarda Street leads onto Sienna Street and there we found a large fragment of the Ghetto wall in the courtyard at number 55.

As we were in Warsaw during the 70th anniversary week of the end of the Uprising, when the Ghetto fighters came up from the Sewers, we then went to the nearby new memorial at 51 Prosta Street just outside of the south western part of the little ghetto. It is an incredibly

thought provoking monument in tube-like form resembling the descent into the sewers with a hatch opening and hands climbing out. At the side are the names of people who got out and survived and others like Tosia Altman, who did so much to get them through the sewers, survived the ghetto

but a few weeks later died from burns in a fire whilst in hiding. Also mentioned are the people who reached Prosta, but did not make it onto the transport out of Warsaw. They were gassed in the sewers when the Nazis realised there were Jews hiding there. By now it was Sunday evening and still 26°C, so we decided to go up to the Chlodna/Zelazna street memorial of the footbridge connecting the little ghetto with the big ghetto.

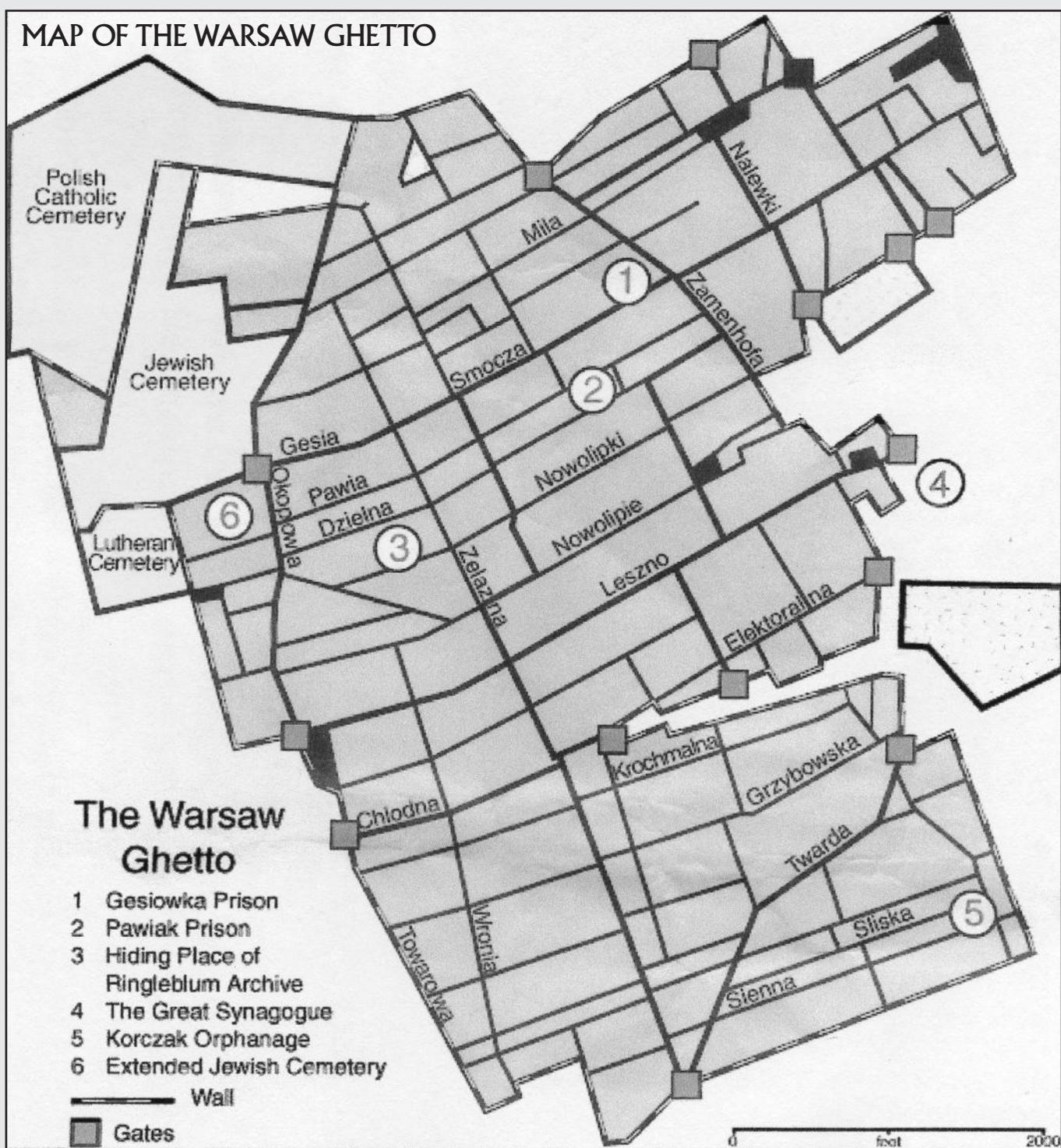
In early 1942 a wooden footbridge was built freeing Chlodna Street which was a main thoroughfare. Standing on the corner of Chlodna and Zelazna Street two giant metal poles are connected across Chlodna by wires. This is the exact location of one of the most recognisable images of the Warsaw Ghetto: the footbridge that linked the small and large Ghettos. At night the wires light up and create a virtual bridge of this bridge. The poles have viewing windows where visitors can see the very sad images of life in the Ghetto. On the ground there are pavement outlines that symbolize the ghetto's borders. By now it was evening and a holiday so we went to the old town square which was totally flattened by the Russians and rebuilt after the war, however not a Jew to be seen so we returned to our hotel.

Monday a.m. our lovely guide, who spoke excellent English, came to meet us and took us straight up to the Umschlagplatz, the deportation centre for Treblinka, 50 miles north east of Warsaw. She works for "Virtual Schtetl" and the new Museum and has a thorough knowledge of her subject. The Umschlagplatz [collection point in German] monument was unveiled on the 45th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1988. The inscription written on it says "Along this path of suffering and death over 300,000 Jews were driven from the Warsaw Ghetto to the gas chambers of the Nazi extermination Camps". 400 of the most popular Jewish-Polish first names were also engraved on the monument each one commemorating 1000 victims of the Warsaw Ghetto. The colours of the monument, white with a black stripe refer to Jewish ritual clothing... an interesting point we thought. We also learnt that the Nazi commandant in charge of deportations lived directly opposite on Stawki Street.

We then walked down Karmelika Street, further down in the Ghetto days, towards Mila Street and Mordechai Anielewicz's bunker. One has to constantly remember that the Ghetto was totally flattened after the uprising and rebuilt with the same street names by looking at pre-war photos. What was then 18 Mila street is today 2 Mila Street. 18 Mila Street today is on the other side of John Paul 2nd Street – a new road and is an apartment block.



MAP OF THE WARSAW GHETTO



With our guide we spoke about Dr. Janusz Korczak a Warsaw born children's author and paediatrician who ran the Jewish orphanage. His real name was Henryk Goldszmit. He chose to go to Treblinka with his 192 children on August 6th 1942. Even though he was offered amnesty he refused. One of the things he wrote before he died was:-

I STILL DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING BUT THIS IS HOW IT WILL END; THE JEWS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN STATE IN ERETZ ISRAEL.

We talked about Adam Czerniakow head of the JUDENRAT- Jewish Council who committed suicide when he realised there was no hope in the Ghetto and that all the Jews there were eventually going to be killed.

One of the interesting things our guide said was that the

people living in the ghetto district today are upset that they are surrounded by the many memorials and they feel as though death is all around them!! Well it is! By now we were at the bunker where Mordechai Anielewicz directed the fighting. His remains are still buried underneath, but it was never suggested that they should be taken to Israel. Strange considering he was such a Zionist

A few minutes further walking and we were at the new 1000 year Jewish Museum, ultra modern and very impressive. The exhibition is not fully opened but we saw a film about its theme, simply the 1000 years of Jewish Life in Poland.

Across the way is the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes which was unveiled in 1948 amongst all the rubble of the place where the hardest fighting took place. On one side are fighters and on the other side it shows vulnerable inhabitants who are suffering.

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It was now 4p.m. and 85°f. and our next port of call was the grave of Irena Sendler in the Powazki Catholic Cemetery, which is situated next to the Jewish Cemetery. The Catholic Cemetery is huge, as big as Bushey and as The Rabbi and I arrived a few minutes after the office closed we felt we were looking for a needle in a haystack!!! It would take too long here to tell you how we found her grave, but many of you will recall it was part of the Rabbi's sermon on Shavuot.

Irena Sendler was a Catholic social worker who worked in Warsaw. Together with the underground organization called ZEGOTA she rescued 2500 Jewish children from the Ghetto who would certainly have died. Sadly after the war almost all of the children's families had perished so they remained with the Catholic families that had taken them in. Very few remained Jewish and even fewer left for Israel. In their defence during Communist times it was very difficult to leave Poland. Irena Sendler is a Righteous Gentile at Yad Vashem and interestingly on her tombstone there are a couple of glass jars containing the names of the children she saved and their parents names and the families or convent's names who hid the children. Fascinatingly one of the main exit points from the ghetto was through Leszno Street Law Courts. That evening we went again to the kosher restaurant which was ok. Its Kashrut was recommended and that was the most important factor.

Next day – Tuesday, we contemplated either going to Majdanek in Lublin or Treblinka which is nearer although more difficult to get to. I had been to Treblinka before and I knew it would be more meaningful for the Rabbi to visit there so we opted for Treblinka 100 km. north east of Warsaw. There is no simple way of getting there even today. One has to hire a driver and that is costly, however it is NOT a place one visits regularly!!

Nowadays there is a motorway for part of the trip but the rest of the 2 hour journey is on little country roads surrounded by 50 ft. high trees – it's very creepy. A word of advice, only go with a driver known to the hotel. This is Poland in Eastern Europe and anything can happen..... ladies leave all your valuables back in the hotel. Only go with a Polish driver who speaks English. It is around "\$240 round trip.... 23 years ago it was \$65.00.

When we arrived we were the only people there, except for the caretaker plus hundreds of midges. It is eerie, lonely silent and quite

frightening. I kept going back to make sure the driver had not left us.... Never under estimate Eastern Europe!!

The camp was erased to the ground and all that stands in the camp are stones with the names of the towns that the Jews were deported from. We were there for 2 hours and there is a new small exhibition hall with good photos and explanations but mainly in Polish.

We arrived back in Warsaw late afternoon and went to a street exhibition nearby showing how Warsaw looked in 1945.....there was almost nothing there.

The next day Wednesday was reserved for the Jewish Historical Institute which focuses entirely on the study of the history and culture of Polish Jews. It features a film taken by German soldiers of the Ghetto, as well as an interactive display of Polish towns with a pre-war Jewish population. There is also a floor remembering the famous Rabbinim of Poland. This was the only place we visited which had mentioned the very strong aspect of religious life before the war. One should allow at least 3 hours for this visit and it is en route to the north eastern part of the Ghetto. We then went back at night to see the footbridge lit up for it can only be seen well when it's very dark.

We left Poland on the Thursday afternoon, hoping to return later on in the year when the exhibitions in the 1000 years History of Polish Jews Museum are officially opened. The President and Prime Minister of Israel as well as Rav Lau will be present so it will be an emotional opening ceremony.

REBBETZEN PAMELA JESNER



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SOME THOUGHTS ON MY BARMITZVAH SEDRAH

Nitzavim Vayelech

On the final day of Moshe's life all the members of the Jewish people, young and old, the lowest and highest, and the most exalted men and women, gathered to hear one last address by the leader of the nation.

In his renewal of the Covenant Moshe warns against the lures of idolatry and concludes with the eventual redemption that awaits his people. This is not the first time Moshe has given a speech of this nature, yet the unique nuance of his talk is that this is the first time the people are charged with the idea of responsibility.

It has troubled me that people so close to Hashem's open miracles could fail so dismally in this respect. We must remember these are the same people who witnessed Hashem's miracles when leaving Egypt, were the same people who created the Golden Calf. In Moshe's admonition he says Hashem will not be willing to forgive him. Throughout the writing of both the Torah and the Tenach we continually read of the people's failed encounters with idol worship, and despite the repeated warnings, the people continue to falter.

Yet however strange this is, can we ask ourselves if we are accountable for the same flaws? In our lives we have all been guilty of wrongdoings despite clearly understanding our deeds are wrong. We have all managed a rational explanation to enjoy the falsities of evil in one form or another. Therefore it has to be in the name of Hashem and the mitzvot that we have to reject this notion in which people find legitimacy for wrongdoing. We have to analyse and examine our actions constantly, always considering the effects of what we do to both ourselves and those around us. We must always choose the right from wrong.

Usually I am lucky enough to be able to recite the Haftorah for the Sedrah Nitzavim in our beautiful Shul, however this year Judy and I are in Israel for the Yomin Neroim. However I would just wish to thank all of our friends for the kind wishes they gave us on the recent birth of our grandson Oliver in Sydney, Australia, and we also wish all of our friends, in fact the whole community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

BRIAN LASSMAN
(With acknowledgement to the Adler, Birnbaum, Hertz and Soncino Chumashim)

A CHANCE MEETING

Last November I was staying at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv. This is something I have done for many years. On Friday evening I went to the Sabbath Evening prayers in the hotel synagogue. That evening was the anniversary (Yarzheit) of my little boy Dean's death, who died aged 6.

What transpired during the Sabbath Evening prayers left me in tears, for the service was being read by a young Israeli Army soldier, who was part of a group of soldiers involved in the IDF choir. I was so moved by this service taking place on my baby's yarzheit.

At the conclusion of the service I was introduced to Shai Abramson, the IDF chief cantor. We seemed to gel so quickly. He appreciated my Zionist sentiments. We continued to be in touch by e-mail on my return to Bournemouth, and the message that was so meaningful to me from Shai is as follows:

"I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy Passover. I hope we all use these upcoming days to reflect on how free we all are

and how important it is to keep defending our freedom, to be with family and loved ones and celebrate our important heritage."

My reply to his message is as follows.

"What a wonderful greeting for Passover you sent me!"

It is because of Israel, that all Jews are free men and women all over the world. We can now hold our heads up high with pride and dignity. It is only that we have Eretz Yisroel, thank G-d.

It is only about 75 years ago, because no country cared about our fate, that the Jews of Europe were almost annihilated during the Holocaust. Even before that the Jews were second class citizens and endured oppression.

When we read the Haggadah we ask the question *"Why is this night different?"* about going out of Egypt, we should say this is when we gained out freedom!

It is so good to see you have not forgotten your friend from the UK – Efrim.

May the Almighty bless you and all Israel.

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Sudden Rush Upwards

Cargo Below Floods

Slipping Beneath Waves

Men See Graves

Shimmering Moon Above

Dreams Are Love

Waking Icey Cold

Shipwreck

Remembered Told

A SCHOOL REUNION

Unlike most school reunions when everyone tries frantically to recognise one another this one was slightly different. When seven former pupils at Allerton High School, a girls' grammar school in Leeds, realised that remarkably now we are all members of BHC it was decided to hold a school reunion.

Equipped with photos, memorabilia and memories by kind invitation of Josie we spent a very happy time recalling our years at the school. We even had a former Head Girl and a School Prefect to keep us in order.

Naturally there was rousing chorus of the school song!

If there are any other old Allertoniens living in the area we missed inviting please get in touch.



The photo taken at the reunion has our names when at the school. Left to right Josie Gould, Corinne Taylor, Anne Price, Marilyn Taylor and Rosamunde Sacofsky. Seated Josephine Lewis and Vivien Howard

Personal

Brafman – Barbara would like to thank her dear friends for their kind wishes and thoughts on her Special Birthday, and also for their lovely donations to Hannah Levy House.

Cohen – Derrick wishes to thank Rabbi Adrian Jesner and Rebbetzen Jesner, Reverend Barry Sklan and Mrs Sklan, Rabbi Yossi and Rebbetzen Chani Alperowitz and all the members of the Bournemouth community for their kind thoughts and condolences, and all letters of sympathy received on the sad passing of my darling wife Anita z"l. She will be sadly missed.

Harris – Liz and Mel wish to thank Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner and all their wonderful family and friends for all their support, gifts, cards, prayers and good wishes which have helped us both through such a long and difficult period of time.

Low – Enid would like to give her heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner, Rabbi Yossie and Chanie Alperowitz and all dear family and friends who phoned and wrote after the loss of her dear husband Ernest z"l.

Marks – Hilda together with her son David, daughter Rochelle Selby, and all her family, wish to thank Rabbi Adrian and Rebbetzen Pamela Jesner for all their support and kindness at the very difficult time during Sam's last days before his passing.

They also thank everyone for their visits, telephone calls and overwhelming condolence letters received on the loss of their wonderful husband and father, Samuel Marks. We have been comforted with knowledge that Sam was held in such high regard and touched so many lives.

Nairn – Ros would like to thank Rabbi and Rebbetzen Adrian Jesner together with Reverend and Mrs Barry Sklan and all her friends in the Community for their support during her recent bereavement.

Newman – Wendy and family would like to thank all their friends in Bournemouth for the many letters and phone calls following the sad loss of her mother in Birmingham, and their continued support during her father's recent stay in hospital.

Wolfstein – Cyril would like to thank friends and family for the many cards and good wishes received on the occasion of his special birthday. Thanks also to the Ladies Guild for their hard work in preparing our Kiddush.

"IT WAS ON A FRIDAY MORNING"

– (*featuring Moby Dick The Whale*)

Myopic Dick the Whale of a mopey moaner crept past the Minyan room of the Shul building on tip toe making his way to the Deli-Cum-Restaurant upstairs in an awful mood. Fridays were always chaotic and full of frenzy. "Orders, orders, orders" was the cry of the day. "These orders must be got out quickly, Shabbat is beckoning". "Oh dearie me", he moaned to himself.

Suddenly he was confronted by this newly ordained Rabbi who had just been appointed by the selection committee, "YOU! Make up number 10", bellowed this stranger pushing him into the sad atmosphere of the Minyan room that contained just eight others. "Now keep quiet and daven", he said giving him a tallis, tephillin, and a Siddur. "But, but" muttered Mopey Dick. "Shush" said the Rabbi, as the reader recited Kaddish, the ageing congregants answering "Amen" in unison. Myopic Dick stood transfixed for a few moments, then seeing the others absorbed in dedicated prayer crept upstairs to fulfil his duties.

Suddenly he was again confronted by the Rabbi who shouted, "You are the tenth man, do not desert your post" escorting him back to the apprehensive congregants. "But, but, but" said Mopey, "orders, orders, orders, Friday is a busy day"! "Never mind orders" said the Rav, "I GIVE THE ORDERS HERE", "But, but, but" answered Mopey in sheer desperation, "I ain't Jewish", I only work upstairs when needed".

"Oh my G-d!" said the startled Rav, "a goy making up the minyan, had I known I would have circumcised him, I am a Mohel," remembering the famous story of the famous Rabbi, Rabbi Shimon Ben Gamliel, I believe, who had his servant, Tabi, circumcised in order to get a regular daily Minyan!!

Well, two similar incidents did occur in our Shul on Friday February 1st and again on 5 April this year. Does anyone remember? "Who was there"??

But fortunately Richard, who with his wife, faithfully gives up every Friday morning fulfilling customer's orders in our Shul Shop, is a Yiddishe boy! So there he was making up our Minyan between stints upstairs, then coming down to participate in Kaddish and important prayers, just like the "Scarlet Pimpernel".

So is the "tenth man" at times, '*they seek him here, they seek him there, those desperate minyan guys seek him everywhere*', is he still slumbering in bliss, or is he wide awake.....running amok and amiss. That damned elusive 10th Minyan man, who when confronted as to why?, will always reply, "*Why worry me, ASK THE V.I.P.!!*

However I think our caretaker, Bob, should be on his guard for you never know what could happen if we continue to be in such dire straits. It certainly looks that way. "*Oy vey, is there a Mohel in the congregation? If not, then send for Rabbi Shisler!!* So watch out Bob.

Gentlemen please don't forsake your daily Minyan. Have pity on Bob, our 'faithful servant'. However, if all else fails and Bob is unwilling to meet with Rabbi Shisler, perhaps we could create a large Minyan room in cyberspace to be shared with our fellow strugglers of the Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation! I am sure that halachically this would be allowed. But joking aside this is a serious problem.

DERRICK COHEN

N.B. In the last edition of the Ruach news there was an article titled "Chairs, chairs, chairs", which spoke about the massive turnout at a recent Council of Christians and Jews meeting. If only a few of our members present there, would endeavour to attend our mid-week services and put **BUMS ON EMPTY SEATS**, then it would not be 'chairs, chairs, chairs' but 'cheers, cheers, cheers'

So gentlemen, at least show some respect for our Rabbi, by making an effort to attend midweek services!, and show our visitors a flourishing Minyan for them to enjoy and participate in.

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There is a fee payable.

For more details telephone Ori on 023 8061 5652 or email her on ori@glasers.org

'FRANK SINATRA'S DRUMMER IS ON BOARD'

Although the phone occasionally rings for me to work as a magician I don't actually go looking for engagements as much as I once did. At the height of my professional career I was doing over 400 shows a year and had been more than fortunate to appear at all the top London hotels, I felt it was time to take a back seat and let others do the driving.

Reflecting over the years I recall the only prize I won at St Philip's Grammar School was for woodwork which later came in handy building my own illusions. The night of the actual prize-giving will long remain in my mind as the gentleman who handed me my prize was an 'old boy', then a virtually unknown J R R Tolkien!

Whilst at school my favourite subject was composition, but having taken no 'O' or 'A' levels, I was highly flattered to be awarded a literary prize for my three books that have been published in the last four years.

My first book, now happily sold out was the biography of my father in law '*Maurice Fogel - In Search of the Sensational*'. This produced great revues and I was thrilled with all the kind comments that came my way.

The third book was entitled '*Rameses the Forgotten Star*'.

No one had previously bothered to acknowledge the contribution of Rameses a famous illusionist in the 1910/1920 period so I filled that gap. During that era he appeared at all the top theatres in the UK and especially London where he had eight successful seasons at The Palladium including a Royal Variety Matinée. He also successfully appeared at The London Coliseum where he was spotted by N.Y. impresario Martin Beck.

Now Beck had earlier spotted the talents of a then unknown act called Houdini and promised to do the same for Rameses.

Rameses was really Polish born Albert Marchinski whose parents were respected clothing manufacturers in the East End of London.

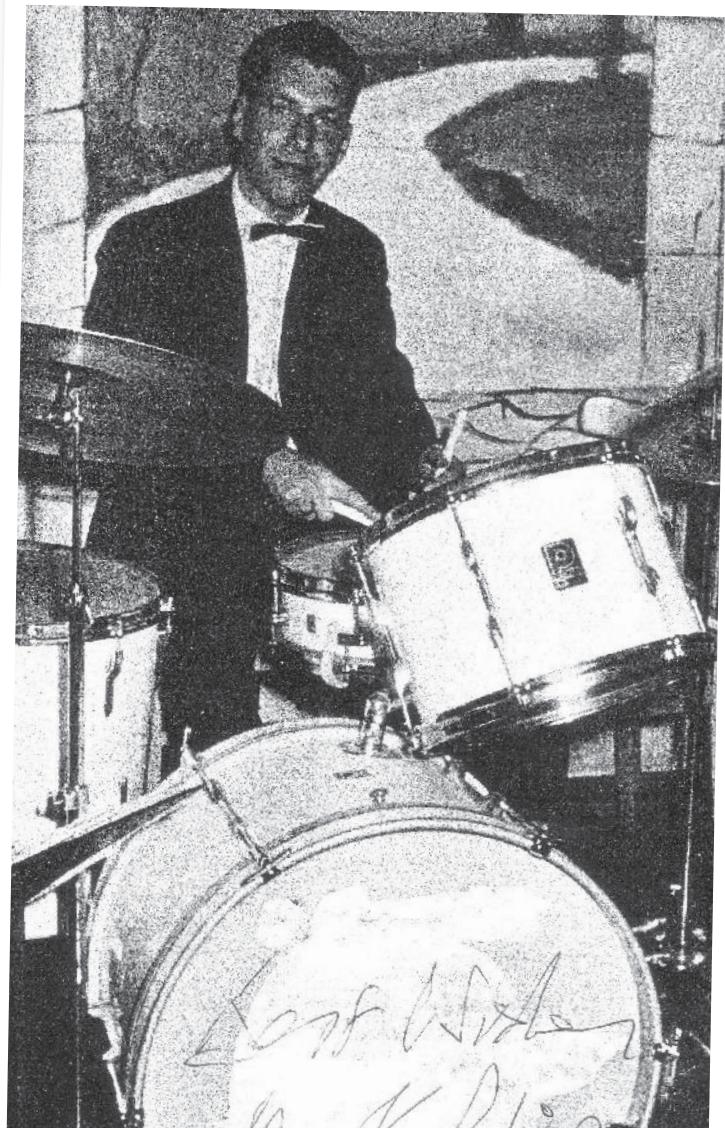
Naturally with seven other mouths to feed they hoped their oldest son would take over the business but Albert was stage-struck and had other ideas.

He travelled the world with his new wife and two brothers both to North and South America, with several successful seasons and in South Africa and Europe as well.

He made a lot of money ploughing it into a theatre project in Southend promptly losing it all due to bad management.

He picked himself up and started all over again, though he never quite rode the wave as he had done before and ended his days at The Kursaal in Southend.

One of his pupils was a young Maurice Fogel who learned all about showmanship from the master.



My second book had been the definitive history of '*The London Palladium the Story of the Theatre and its Stars*'. How this book came about is a story in itself.

This coffee table book also garnered great revues and is thankfully still selling well. It was on the back of this particular book that I reinvented myself. This time as a Speaker. All my happy days standing up in front of an audience and on TV had given me the necessary assurance to go out and speak on my favourite subject The London Palladium.

I have many happy recollections of speaking to lots of JACS and other Jewish groups. This brought about many friendships that continue to this day.

My earlier days of working on board the QE, the QE2 and other ships prompted me to contact Cunard again. Since then I have never looked back and for the past few years have given talks on a number of ships.

Last year whilst speaking on board the Independence of the Seas after my second talk a fellow passenger told me they had spoken to Frank Sinatra's drummer who was also a passenger on board.

I HAD to meet and speak with this man!

The days passed by and he never appeared so I was beginning to think this was a hoax, I had almost given up all hope of meeting this mystery man.

On the night before my last talk our neighbours at dinner informed me that they had spoken to him that morning and that he promised to attend my last talk. I duly prepared for the following morning's presentation and who should appear but this man.

My talk went well with several pertinent interjections by 'Frank Sinatra's drummer', and I couldn't wait to talk to him afterwards.

It turned out that like all good Chinese whispers he wasn't actually Sinatra's drummer after all. A pupil of Max Abrahams, and born Michael Rosen he was Mike Robbins a 17 year old drummer in the pit orchestra at the Palladium in the mid fifties as a member of The Skyrockets Orchestra that was founded by left handed conductor Woolf Philips (brother

of clarinetist Syd). Mike said he only changed his name when he was playing the drums as if his dad had found out he was bunking off school to learn to play the drums he would have had a big telling off!

However he had met Sinatra and he had played for such names as Billy Eckstine, Rosemary Clooney, Guy Mitchell, Frankie Laine, Johnnie Ray and others from that wonderful era.

He even played for Oscar Rabin and his band when his lead singer was an unknown Bernard Manning.

He had some fascinating stories to tell of his pit days. However with the closing of theatres by the dozen he could see he needed to find a stable profession! He studied to be an architect and is still in business in Cambridge to this day. We exchanged emails and I happily sent him programmes of those artists he had played for.

Twelve months go by and I am again the speaker on the same ship and who should be on the ship but Frank Sinatra's drummer!

Coincidence? I think not!

CHRIS WOODWARD



A DAY TO REMEMBER (Dedication of a Sefer Torah)



The 19th of May 2013 is a day to remember, as probably this kind of celebration happens once in a lifetime.

We wish to thank Rav Labi for the warmth and joy on the way he conducted the service and procession.

Big thanks to the Executive for facilitating such an event and all the participants that made it possible.

Thank you all from: The Bournemouth Sephardi Association Committee



Photo courtesy of Nigel Blumenthal



NEW YEAR GR

ADDA Judith and family wish everyone in the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and well over the Fast. **SHANAH TOVA, KETIVAH VE'CHATIMA TOVA.**

ANTICK Isobel and Bob wish all our friends and family a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

BAKER Jayne, Tali, and Scott, Benjamin, Yasmine and Laya, wish the community a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

BALLON Freddy and Ruth wish their dear family, friends and the Congregation a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

BARZILAY Diana and Richard wish their family, friends, Rabbi Adrian and Mrs Pamela Jesner and all members of the Congregation a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

BERKLEY Ruth and Eddie wish all their family and friends a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

BERLYN Barry and Loraine, together with Helen Berlyn and family, would like to wish all the community a happy, healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

BLUMENTHAL/CASSELS Nigel and Donna wish all our many friends all the very best for a happy and healthy New Year.

BOURNEMOUTH AJEX The Chairman, Honorary Officers and the Committee of Ajex Bournemouth, send all our members and the Jewish community our best wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

BOURNEMOUTH WIZO would like to wish all its members and the wider Bournemouth Community good health and happiness and a peaceful New Year.

BRADLEY Celia and Brian wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, the Executive Committee, all the staff of BHC, family relatives, friends and all the Congregation, L'Shana Tova Tikateivu and well over the Fast.

BRYSH Isa wishes Rabbi and Mrs Adrian Jesner, Reverend and Mrs Barry Sklan, the President, Executive of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation and all members and their families, good health and happiness in 5574 and well over the Fast. Leshana Tovah Tikateivu.

CAPLIN Elaine, Gerry and family wish the President, Executive, Rabbi and Mrs Jesner, relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year and a good Fast.

COHEN Derrick wishes Rabbi and Mrs Jesner, Reverend and Mrs Sklan, the Executive, the President, Vice President and all the community a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

COHEN Jeffrey and Vicky wish all their children, family, friends and Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner a happy, healthy

and peaceful New Year.

COOPER Angela and Jack wish all their dear friends in Bournemouth and their families a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

COWAN L'Shana Tova to everyone at Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation. With best wishes from Brian and Eve.

DEXTER Marilyn and Bernie wish all family and friends a Shanah Tova.

DWORKIN Celia and Gerald wish our family and friends a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

ELLIS Harry sends to each one of our lovely community his warmest wishes and affection.

FRANKLIN Irvin wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

FRANCES Beverley and Jeff wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

GALKOFF June and Ivor wish their families and friends a healthy and happy New Year.

GRANT Evelyn and Michael together with all their family wish the entire Community a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

HARRIS Andrea and Mark wish all their Bournemouth family and friends a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

HARRIS Liz and Mel wish Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner, family and friends a very healthy and happy New Year.

HARRIS Valerie wishes all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

HARTH Syd and Hillary wish their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and an easy Fast.

INVERNE Zena wishes her family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

JESNER Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner wish everyone at the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

KAMMERLING Herta and Walter wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, and all their friends in the community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

KASMIR John wishes all his family and friends, Rabbi Jesner and Pamela, Life Presidents and the entire community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

KAY Hilary Myers and Jonathan Kay wish their families and friends good health, peace and contentment in the coming year.

REETINGS 5774



KAYE Evelyn and Arnold convey to their friends in the Community greetings for a healthy New Year. LeShana Tovah Tikateivu.

KAYE Mandy and Larry, together with their children and grandchildren, wish all their family, Rabbonim and friends, a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

KEEN Jeffrey and Marilyn wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, family and friends a happy and healthy year and well over the Fast.

KROTOSKY Arnold and Freda extend good wishes to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, family and friends for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

LEE Monty and Ann would like to wish all their family and friends a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEMEL Lucille and Nat wish all their friends in the Bournemouth Community a very happy and healthy New Year.

LESSER Ruth and Mervyn wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

LEVEIN Vivienne and Mostyn wish all family, relatives and friends a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

LEVEY Claire wishes all her friends in Bournemouth a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

LEVEY Marcia and Adrian wish family, friends and the community, a happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEVY Frances and Brian with Sid Garson would like to wish all the community a happy and healthy New Year.

LIEN Iris and Howard wish Rabbi Adrian and Pamela Jesner, family and friends, a very healthy and happy New Year.

LIPSITH Josie, Harvey, Gavin and Colum wish family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

LITTMAN Joyce and Bertie wish their daughters, their family and friends, all the community and the members of Ajex, a very happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LOW Enid sends sincere greetings for a year of peace, happiness and good health.

LUKOVER Rhoda wishes her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

MARKS Hilda wishes her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Rabbi Adrian and Rebbetzen Pamela Jesner, Reverend Barry and Angela Sklan, together with the President, Vice President, Trustees, Executive Committee and

all the Congregation, a very happy and healthy New Year.

MAYER Anne wishes her family, friends, and Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, a healthy and happy New Year and well over the Fast.

MENTON Judith, Jonathan, Jessica and Joshua wish their family and friends and all the community a happy and healthy New Year.

MILLIN Melvin and Valerie, together with Hayley, Lauren, Mark, Joshua and Alexander, wish the whole Congregation a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

MORRIS Frank wishes the community a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

MORRIS Hilary, Simon, Aaron and David, wish their family and friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

NAIRN Ros and Tony wish all our friends in the Community a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

OLSWANG Verity wishes her dear family and friends a happy and healthy New Year and well over the Fast and thanks them for their love and support over the past year.

OZDAMAR Mahir and Anne together with Karen, Dan, Harry and Georgie and Lisa and Gavin, wish their friends and the Community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

RADLEY Fay wishes her dear family and friends a healthy and happy New Year and thanks them for all the love and care shown to her.

REICHWALD Peter and Marion wish all our friends Shana Tova and well over the Fast.

REIN Corinne, Howard and family wish everyone good health, happiness and contentment in the New Year and peace to all Israel.

ROYSTON Leila and Ronnie wish their children, grandchildren, family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

SAKLOW Ura wishes her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and all her many friends, a very healthy and happy New Year.

SAUNDERS Ruth and Richard wish their friends and the Community a very happy and healthy New Year.

SEGAL Lorraine and Len wish their family, relatives and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

SHERWOOD Sylvia and Gerald wish all their family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

SHINDLER Muriel and Irvin wish Rabbi and Mrs Jesner, and all our family and friends a very happy and healthy New Year.

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SHOP AT THE SHUL wishes to thank all its customers and volunteers for their support and hard work. Hoping we all have a sweet and happy Shana Tova.

SIBTHORPE Marguerite and Peter would like to wish their children Marcel, Lyn, Alain and Nadia, and grandchildren Richard and Charlotte-Emily, friends / customers, a healthy and happy New Year.

STROM Elfrida and Len wish the entire community a happy and healthy New Year.

TAYLOR Leon and Rhona wish all their dear family and friends a very happy and peaceful New Year.

TOBIAS Martin and Barbara wish all the Congregation the very best for the coming year. We are so pleased to have so many good friends.

WAINER Eta and Gerald wish their children, grandchildren, family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.

WALDMAN Hilary and Geoff would like to wish all of their friends in Bournemouth best wishes for the New Year and well over the Chagim.

WALKER Gillian and Ernie wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, Reverend Barry and Angela Sklan, and the entire

Congregation a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

WARTSKI John sends good wishes to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, Reverend and Mrs Sklan, Honorary Officers and their families. A very happy and peaceful New Year to the whole Congregation.



WEINTROUB Irene, Ivor, Nicola, Daniel, Simon, Timna, Lilya and Diego, wish all the members of the Congregation, friends and family, a happy and healthy New Year and a peaceful Fast.

WEITZMAN Avis and David wish their friends and the entire community a very happy and healthy New Year.

WHITE Marilyn and Stephen together with all their dear family wish the entire community a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

WISEMAN Anna and Simon extend every good wish for a very happy and healthy New Year to all the Congregation.

WOLFSON Rosalind and Bernard wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Jesner, Reverend and Mrs Sklan, our family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

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BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW LADIES' GUILD

It has once again been very busy year for the Guild and has been nice to have catered so many kiddushim celebrating simchas, including chagim, special birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and welcoming visiting Rabbis and Chazanim, as well as Communal Lunches and dinners with guest speakers.

In September, we catered a tea to honour Rosamunde Bloom on her retirement as Secretary / Administrator of the Shul, and in October, the annual Simchat Torah lunch. Later in the month, the Guild catered a lunch with guest speaker Sean Davoren, Head Butler of the Savoy Hotel.

On the first night of Succot, 40 people sat down to a delicious meal in the Succah catered by the Guild, and on Simchat Torah, we catered a lunch attended by 100 plus to honour the Chatanim and Neshei Chayil. It is always a very enjoyable simcha for everyone, particularly members of the families who travel great distances to be there on this special occasion.

In December, we held a Chanukah Tea for the senior members of the Community. This event was once again sponsored by the very kind generosity of Vivienne and Mostyn Levein, and was attended by over 90 people.

The Guild also catered for other Chagim with a Sausage & Mash Lunch for the Purim Seudah, which was a sell-out and enjoyed by everyone, and for Shavuot, a salmon meal for the Tikkun Leil.

Our fund raising activities included welcoming in March Vivien Sheriff, milliner to royalty and high society as our guest after-lunch speaker in the Menorah Suite.

Launched in 2004, Vivien Sheriff is a firmly established company operating from a design workshop in a rural location outside Downton, and what was a small business born and bred in this Wiltshire village is now represented in some

of the most prestigious stores worldwide. Vivien made more pieces for the Royal Wedding than any other milliner and made the hat Kate Middleton wore for her



Thelma, Vivien Sheriff and Carol Hollingshead

first Royal engagement. Vivien makes regular appearances in the public domain, sharing her expertise on headwear through a range of different media. In May 2012 she won Draper's

accessory designer of the year.

More than eighty attended this lunch, which was replete with all manner of hats, and which for most of the ladies who attend services at BHC, are an essential part of their apparel. A great deal of thought had gone into the presentation given by Vivien and her assistant, Carol Hollingshead, and the stunning creations laid out on tables were examples of Vivien's unique designs, which could be tried on by any of the ladies present. A few of her most original creations were handed round for closer examination. In particular, overlapping birds feathers were used to great effect on some of the hats, and the colours were beautiful.

A donation was given from the proceeds of this event to the Jigsaw Appeal for the New Women's Health Unit at Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

Then in June we held a lunch in the Menorah Suite when seventy ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a delicious three course meal, which was followed by our guest speaker, Avril Owton, MBE, a charismatic inspirational lady and a model of self-esteem, whose philosophy is that when faced with

adversity you can either go under or face up to the challenge.



Thelma with Avril Owton

Her early life was spent in show business as a Tiller Girl at the London Palladium. She was chosen to present prizes to contestants who appeared on Beat the Clock in the ATV show Sunday Night at the London Palladium, and she brought her scrapbooks from those days for us all to view.

Her challenge was becoming very suddenly widowed with four children and no visible means of support, apart from a run-down hotel, badly in need of modernisation. She could have decided to take the easy option and sell-up, especially in view of her lack of business experience, but instead, with the assistance of a sympathetic bank manager, she raised the necessary cash to carry out extensive refurbishment to the hotel, and now has a very successful business. She attributes her success to her outlook on life and the training and discipline she received as a dancer. She believes there is no limit to what you can achieve if you want to.

Avril uses her hotel to hold community fundraising events and has so far raised over £25,000 for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity. She was appointed an MBE in 2008 for services to hospitality and her charity work in Hampshire.

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In 2011 she was voted one of the Top 100 Most Influential Women in Hospitality, Leisure Travel and Tourism by Women 1st and shortlisted for the Women 1st Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. The event raised the sum of £1,000 for World Jewish Relief.

In June, the Guild organised a coach trip to Kensington Palace & Gardens, where we were treated to a personal guided tour by Patricia Brummer. This was followed by a visit to the historic New West End Synagogue, where we

were greeted by Rabbi Geoffrey and Rebbetzin Anne Shisler. Geoffrey gave a talk about the architecture and history of this lovely Shul, and we all enjoyed a delicious tea before returning to Bournemouth.

We look forward to continuing with our welfare work and serving the Community in 5773 and wish you all Shana Tova.

AUDREY KNELLER
(Hon Secretary)

••••• ★★ A TRIP TO KENSINGTON PALACE ★★ •••••

Our tour of Kensington Palace was very special for me as it was the first time I had been there.

Before our tour began we were provided with coloured tags as it would have been very easy to have got lost and mistakenly get attached to another group.

Our guide was very knowledgeable which added to our

enjoyment, never the less my thoughts began to go to the excellent TV programme "Upstairs Downstairs."

I did not expect to see any pictures to do with Judaism – and was surprised but pleased to see a painting of Queen Esther and Purim.

Mazaltov to Josie (Lipsith) for organising an interesting and wonderful day tour.

JOHN WARTSKI

Opera Film Club

For your entertainment we have pleasure in presenting a Puccini Festival.

Programme dates

Wednesday 2nd October:
Tosca

Wednesday 16th October:
Madam Butterfly

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Turandot

Wednesday 18th December:
La Boheme

*We look forward to welcoming existing and, hopefully, new members at our new venue.
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Contact: David on 01202 300573 or d.dewell@sky.com.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Venue for the 2013 productions will be at **The Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation (Menorah Suite)**, and the performances will be on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.00 p.m., with the usual break midway for refreshments

BOURNEMOUTH JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

Bournemouth Jewish Social Services (BJSS) was set up less than two years ago in order to meet the increasing demand for various forms of social services within the Bournemouth area Jewish community and also to rationalise and support under one umbrella the various efforts of the formal and informal Jewish organisations.

The financial and volunteer support from our community has enabled us to develop a service to meet the needs of our (mainly elderly) people. We held a coffee morning in order to introduce the concept to the Jewish community and to raise the initial funding. This effort plus the award of a small community grant produced sufficient funding to cover our setting up costs. We were given the use of a small room on the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation premises where we used this funding to set up an office with a computer, printer, telephone line and telephone, and stationery.

Pat Cravitz, Marcia Goodman, Liz Harris and Josie Lipsith continue to co-ordinate the work of BJSS, with the support of an amazing team of selfless volunteers to whom we in Bournemouth are indebted.

In addition we have formed an association with Jewish Care in London which has included training sessions for our volunteers, assistance with our Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks, insurance and also the provision of specialised stationery.

Some of the work we undertake is in conjunction with Bournemouth Social Services, as they are overstretched and referrals can take as much as six weeks before people are assessed. This work has included assisting people with completing benefit forms such as attendance allowance, disabled living allowance, housing and council tax funding. We assisted people on benefits to apply for grants for moving and furniture costs when they need to move to alternative accommodation; supported people with terminal illnesses, to enable them to live in their own home; and obtained grants for respite care for those in need.

We also respond to client's everyday calls and requests for help with writing letters, accompanying them to hospital outpatient appointments, assessing their care needs and advising on options such as meals on wheels, bleep alarm pendants, and social service assessments etc.

Bournemouth Council Commissioning Dept have given us a grant to help build up a fund for further developments and also to assist and encourage people to take part in group activities mainly for the older Jewish community such as the Israeli Dancing Group, Table Tennis Group, Bridge Group, Art Group, Social Centre, and Flower Arranging Group,

and gardening group. Exercising the mind and the body of the elderly is very important and the council want to encourage all types of activities which further these aims.

Loneliness is one of the greatest problems for people who live alone and it is a vital part of the role of our volunteers to help deal with this. Demand for our services continues to grow and we currently receive approximately 2 new referrals each week.

We need to generate future funding where possible to provide for Pesach grants, emergency grants, the setting up of memory boxes to assist those people with dementia, and other activities as they are needed. It is our hope that we can eventually assist people to use computers by supplying them on loan for those who cannot afford to purchase their own and providing training in their use.

Our aims and objectives are listed on a flyer which is available on application either by email or post. Our email address is bjss1@hotmail.co.uk. These flyers are also being distributed to GP surgeries and social services district offices as there are sometimes Jewish people who are not known to the community. Most of our calls for assistance are in Bournemouth but we also receive calls from the Poole, Christchurch, and Wimborne areas.

Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers and patrons for their continued support.

PAT, MARCIA, LIZ AND JOSIE.

Jewish Care, who are our associate partners, held a Celebration of Volunteering Awards on Thursday 18th July. Marcia Goodman, Pat and Geoff Cravitz attended as BJSS had been nominated under the Innovative and Creative Volunteer Projects. We are pleased to say we were the **WINNERS** in our category.

This has all been possible due to the support of our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you!

BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW CONGREGATION **BHC Wednesday Welfare Drop-in Session**

The Library (BJSS Office) will be open for any queries, help, form filling, letter writing, coffee etc.

Every Wednesday 10am -12noon.

BOURNEMOUTH WIZO



Sheila Parker with Vernon Girls left Penny Lightfoot, and right Nicky Stevens (Also Brotherhood of Man)

In May we held an Afternoon Tea and Talk, and Pearl Dale very kindly allowed us to use her home for this event. We knew when we arranged for the entertainer Sheila Parker to be our guest presenter on this occasion that it would be a journey down memory lane, and she did not disappoint.

Her talk was entitled *From Tiller Girl to Vernon Girl – The Rock 'n' Roll Years* and nostalgia took full rein when Sheila described her beginnings in Liverpool. Some of the ladies present were also from Liverpool! She mentioned that at this time, Paul McCartney and his brother Mike lived next door but one to her on a new Council estate and they were great friends.

Five years before the BBC show *Six Five Special* took off (Sheila had us all singing along to the signature tune), she was sitting in the Liverpool Empire, watching Dickie Valentine and decided there and then that she wanted to be a dancing girl. At school it was noticed that she had a beautiful contralto singing voice, but her family could not afford the fees needed to have her voice trained; her dancing teacher intervened and paid for the lessons. Following dancing classes and singing lessons, she attended an audition to appear in a panto' at the New Theatre, Oxford. She then toured the provinces as a Tiller Girl, and she was still only 15 soon to be 16. When she

turned 16, she joined the Vernon Girls who appeared in the groundbreaking *Oh Boy* show on television in the late '50s with the likes of Cliff Richard, Marty Wilde and Billy Fury, etc.

Although there were 16 Vernon Girls, Sheila was chosen to sing with two others as a backing group in this show, and she showed excerpts from some of these shows with Cliff Richard singing and the Vernon Girls singing in the background. Gene Vincent, Eddy Cochrane, Jerry Keller and many others were stars she remembered. As time went by, Sheila got married (she has been happily married for over 40 years), she met Cliff Richard again who was still not married. Sheila quipped "*If Cliff could not have me he would not have anyone*". She appeared in the Royal Variety Show on 16th May 1960.

Jeanette Goodman gave the vote of thanks, who also having grown up in Liverpool, could relate to some of the places mentioned by Sheila.

AUDREY KNELLER
(Secretary & Publicity Officer)

Thank you!

Claire Levey would like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to the 2013 Jewish Women's Week Appeal.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

NEW MEMBERS EVENING

Rabbi and Mrs Jesner hosted an informal New Members Evening at their flat, where people new to the Community were invited to meet members of the Executive Committee and representatives of communal organisations.

Following brief introductory speeches refreshments were served and everyone had an opportunity to get to know one another and for new members to have any queries answered.



HANNAH LEVY HOUSE

On Sunday 19th May, Geoffrey and I were delighted to host an afternoon of entertainment followed by a Special Tea for the residents of the Hannah Levy House and a number of invited friends, which coincided with our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

During the proceedings Rabbi Jesner dedicated the 'Michael Tabor Dementia Wing'. Over the last few years, the Michael Tabor Foundation has donated £50,000 to HLH having been approached by our dear friend and supporter, Alan Argebend, who together with the Wessex Jewish Golf Society have provided, through their Golf Days, further much needed funds for the Home.

Hannah Levy House is unique in many ways. It does not have a new modern building with large grounds, but it does have a dedicated team of management and carers of the highest calibre, who will take the Home to a level which will ensure the same dementia care service that all our residents have received over very many years.

We now offer full Day Care for clients which combines transport, lunch, entertainment and full medical assistance. We also provide Respite Care on a weekly basis for clients whose carers may wish to have a break and 'Meals on Wheels' are available on a daily basis arranged through our office.

We are looking to form an independent arm of HLH to take over the raising of funds, arranging functions and dealing with public relations on behalf of the Home. If this is of interest please contact the Trustees to discuss this further.

We face difficult times ahead as Government cuts in our sector are beginning to bite hard whilst we at HLH will continue at whatever cost to maintain our high standards. In the meantime we wish to thank everyone who has supported us and to all volunteers and donors who bring so much help in many different ways.

We would like to wish everybody a Good Year and Chag Sameach.

SUSAN FELD
Trustee

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

A group of women who meet weekly in the Menorah Suite to enjoy a session of Israeli Dancing were part of the entertainment at the cross communal 65th Anniversary Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, which took place in the Menorah Suite.

An excellent display of their skills was given by them and they then invited the audience to take part. A large number of the audience enthusiastically joined them including the Mayor of Bournemouth.

Dancers Standing from left: Hillary Harth, Marilyn Dexter & Nicolette Zaidman. Seated: Marilyn White, Irene Weintraub, Rosamunde Bloom & Mandy Kaye



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SHULAID



Following our very lively and entertaining Music Hall with Dinner event shortly before Pesach, ShulAid held another of our popular Bridge and Games with supper in June. It was decided to present the winners of the Chicago Bridge Competition with a trophy at every event.

Date for your Diary:

Our next event will be a Bridge and Games Supper evening on October 27th, £14 - in the Menorah Suite.



Winners of the first trophy to be presented were Ruth and Ray Harris, seen in the photo with Jeffrey Cohen (Centre) and Corinne Rein (Centre)

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We already have a pool of volunteers who are greatly appreciated, but we do need more. So please if you have some time to spare we would love to hear from you.

Please give your email address and/or phone number to either Celia Bradley on 01202 303866 or celiabradley@talktalk.net or Asher Grunis 01202 555291 at Ashersam@aol.com

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Sixty people were welcomed by Rabbi Jesner to the first session of Meet 'n Munch held in the Menorah Suite on 23rd of July. At this new cross communal event they sat down to a three course meal, served by volunteers, who included Rabbi and Mrs Jesner.

Lunch was followed with entertainment by singer, Lynne Kennedy, who encouraged everyone to dance. An enthusiastic response and a very successful start to this fortnightly happening, which will also include trips and speakers.

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BOURNEMOUTH GOLDA EMUNAH

At a specially convened meeting in April 2013 it was unanimously agreed that Bournemouth Emunah and Golda Emunah should merge into one group, to be known as Bournemouth Golda Emunah.

Our committee members are:-

Hon President	Rebbetzen Pamela Jesner
Co-Chair:	Thelma Cowan & Corinne Rein
Treasurer:	Marilyn Dexter
Secretary:	Rosamunde Bloom
Assistant Secretary/ Membership:	Jayne Baker
Catering Officer:	Rita Shlamka

About Emunah.

As many of you will know, Emunah is a worldwide organisation that is recognised as one of the leading social welfare providers in Israel. From modest beginnings in 1933 when Emunah was set up by a group of concerned British women to help children who had escaped Nazi persecution, the first children's residential home was built in 1949 in Afula. Today Emunah has a network of 180,000 members in 30 countries, with 225 projects in Israel, each of which is maintained to the highest standards. 35 of these projects are funded by British Emunah, with some sponsored by eminent Bournemouth families.

Emunah is an integral part of the social fabric of Israeli society, building and maintaining day care centres, vocational training centres, residential homes and therapy centres to provide successful solutions to the ever changing needs of Israel's most deprived and vulnerable children. Emunah transforms the lives of thousands of disadvantaged youngsters, many of whom arrive at Emunah centres disturbed, neglected and victims of abuse. In time they become well adjusted young people equipped to lead normal lives as useful and successful members of society.

The strength of our organisation is, and always has been, the combination of the energy, passion and enormous commitment of our volunteers and supporters, together with the traditional timeless Jewish family values and professional expertise that underpin all the Emunah projects in Israel. Each of our children is cared for with the unique tender loving care that is the Emunah hallmark.

Emunah's family of UK supporters is proud of our children in Israel. Our uniquely close relationship with each of our ventures in Israel ensures that Emunah's UK supporters enjoy a hands-on, personal involvement with Emunah's people and projects.

If you would like to become more involved with the work of Emunah please contact any of the committee members listed above.

Further information about Emunah can be found at www.emunah.org.uk.

Bournemouth and Wessex Council of Christians and Jews

At the last two meetings of the newly re-named Bournemouth and Wessex CCJ there were again worries about whether there would be enough chairs!

On the 30th May the subject was Kindertransport and over 150 people attended, an unusually large proportion being Jewish from most branches of the community.

The speakers were Otto Hutter, Walter Kammerling, both of whom were on a Kindertransport from Vienna, and myself, who started the proceedings by informing the audience of the events leading up to the evacuation of 10,000 children to the UK from Nazi Europe shortly before World War II.

Otto and Walter told their moving

Walter Kammerling & Otto Hutter



stories of leaving their parents at the station early in December 1938. Neither of them were to see their parents again. Amazingly enough both of them unknowingly travelled on the same train out of Vienna being the first one from Austria and only the second Kindertransport train. They were both even sent to Dovercourt together but did not know each other until they both came to Bournemouth in later life. Otto came on stage with his number tag and well preserved suitcase which was very emotional.

Like many of the Kinder they contributed much to their adoptive country. We were told that out of the 10,000 kinder who came to the UK, four became Nobel Prize winners!.. Otto became a Regis Professor at Glasgow University and Walter an engineer. They both have great-grandchildren and are grateful for the kindness shown to them by this country.

For Otto it was the first time he had told his story, whilst Walter is a prolific speaker on the Holocaust travelling all over the South of England to tell his story.

At our next meeting held on the 4th July there were again well over 130 people in the audience and the Jewish Community was better represented.

We listened to a talk, Christian



Otto Hutter with suitcase

Perspectives on Israel by Jacob Vince, the Chief Executive of Christian Friends of Israel UK since 2010, who is also a Church Commissioner.

He explained through the Old Testament why some Christians enthusiastically support Israel whilst others take the opposite point of view. Some talk of Palestine instead of Israel. It was most encouraging to hear that Israel and the Jewish people are so well supported by the Christian Friends of Israel

Josephine Jackson

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SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th	Erev Rosh Hashana
Thursday 5th	First Day Rosh Hashana Sephardi Minyan Menorah Suite
Friday 6th	Second Day Rosh Hashana Sephardi Minyan Menorah Suite
Shabbat 7th	Shabbat Shuvah
Sunday 8th	Fast of Gedaliah
Friday 13th	Kol Nidre
Shabbat 14th	Yom Kippur
Wednesday 18th	Erev Succot Communal Meal in Succah
Thursday 19th	First Day Succot
Friday 20th	Second Day Succot
Shabbat 21st	Kiddush sponsored by Myra and Stanley Goodwin To celebrate Stanley's 80th Birthday
Wednesday 25th	Hoshana Rabba
Thursday 26th	Shemini Atzeret
Friday 27th	Simchat Torah
Shabbat 28th	Shabbat Bereisheit Communal Lunch to honour Chatanim and Neshei Chayil
Sunday 29th	Stone Setting Throop – 3.00pm The late Mr Gerald Solomons

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd	Opera Video – 7pm in the Menorah Suite – "Tosca"
Shabbat 5th	Kiddush sponsored by Rene and Joseph Oberlander to celebrate Joseph's 85th birthday
Shabbat 12th	Kiddush sponsored by Eta and Gerald Wainer to celebrate their Golden Wedding and by Marcia and

Adrian Levey to celebrate Adrian's 70th birthday.

Sunday 13th	FISCD Ascot Evening – 7pm in the Menorah Suite
Wednesday 16th	Opera Video – 7pm in the Menorah Suite – "Madame Butterfly"
Thursday 17th	Flower Arranging Group – Menorah Suite Foyer – 2.30pm
Sunday 27th	ShulAid Bridge and Games Evening – Menorah Suite – 6.00pm
Wednesday 30th	Opera Video – 7pm in the Menorah Suite "The Girl of the Golden West"

NOVEMBER

Shabbat 2nd	Rosh Chodesh Kislev Kiddush to celebrate 90th Birthday of Walter Kammerling and 80th Birthday of Brian Cowan
Thursday 7th	Council of Christians and Jews – Menorah Suite – 7.30pm
Shabbat 9th	AJEX Shabbat
Wednesday 13th	Opera Video – 7pm in the Menorah Suite "Manon Lescaut"
Thursday 14th	Flower Arranging Group Foyer of Menorah Suite – 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th	Opera Video – 7pm in Menorah Suite "La Rondine"
Wednesday 27th	Chanukah Tea for Seniors in Menorah Suite sponsored by Vivienne and Mostyn Levein First Chanukah Light

Thursday 29th	First Day Chanukah
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DECEMBER

Thursday 4th	CCJ Annual Chanukah and Advent Celebration in Menorah Suite
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