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EDITORIAL

This time last year we were preparing for the Yomim Noraim, anticipating the enjoyment of the forthcoming Chagim. We were reflecting on all aspects both of our own lives, and, as a community, looking ahead to the possibility of a change of premises and a new spiritual leader. We contemplated the way ahead would be challenging both for us individually, and for the community, as the cost of living continued to rise.

However, nothing could have prepared us for the nightmare of events of 7th October, and the turmoil of events in the year which has followed. So many murdered and taken hostage that day, some since slaughtered. So many young lives lost in the defence of the State of Israel and at the time of writing, still hostages remaining in captivity.

Jews around the world have been united in their grief, often feeling bereft of sympathy from too many nations. Locally we have been heartened by the encouragement given to us by non-Jewish supporters.

May Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis and the Community be blessed with happiness and good health in 5785 and that the New Year will bring peace to all Israel.

Mazal tov on a well-deserved honour to our Chatanim and Neshei Chayil, who we hope will serve as an inspiration to others.

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ROSH HASHANAH 5785 MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR MAHIR OZDAMAR

Last May, at the AGM a new Board and a new Executive team took office. It is my honour to serve this Congregation I love for another year as Chair before handing the baton to the younger generation. I would like to thank Simon Lurie and his team for the terrific job that they did over the previous 27 months.

Simon is now chairing our Relocation Subcommittee, continuing to influence the future direction of the community.

When I reflect back on the past year, the word that comes to mind is change. Change here in Bournemouth, change in the UK, change in Israel and around the world. The events of October 7th have profoundly changed the Middle Eastern politics.

After nearly 11 months of fighting, about 120 Israeli hostages remain in Hamas captivity, ordinary people of both sides continue to suffer and a solution to the conflict continues to prove elusive.

Whatever happens in Israel impacts on all Jews around the world and we are no exception. We have seen a huge rise in antisemitism which affects us all. Whilst we have received many messages of support from the wider Bournemouth community, we have also received our fair share of messages of abuse and threats.

I am particularly proud of the Bournemouth Jewish community for coming together in solidarity to fight the motion to de-twin Bournemouth from Netanya. We gathered in front of the Town Hall in the hundreds, waving Israeli and British flags and made our point.

I am sure, going forwards, we will do the same again in support of the hostages and to fight those who stand against us and our values. In these difficult times our number one priority is your safety.

I am grateful to our security team headed by Keith Gould and Loraine Berlyn and to Andrew Kaye for their diligence and hard work in keeping us safe.

The national elections in July saw the arrival of a new Labour government with a large majority. In the process the two local MPs we had known for many years, Tobias Ellwood and Conor Burns, were swept aside and replaced by Jessica Toale and Tom Hayes.

We have met both the new incumbents and have established good working relations with them. We will continue to ensure that they understand our concerns and represent us effectively.

Yet another change has been at the Board of Deputies which has elected a new president, Phil Rosenberg, to replace Marie Van Der Zyl.

Thanks to the efforts of our BoD representative Marilyn Keen, one of the first visits Phil made outside London was to Bournemouth.

He spent a long weekend with us and also met with other local Jewish communities, the local councillor and the police commissioner.



I was very impressed with Phil, who is a young, energetic, well-connected and courageous leader who will serve the Jewish community of Great Britain well.

I would like to thank Bettina Gould for working with Marilyn in organising this visit and making it a success.

Closer to home, Rabbi Alan Lewis and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis have completed their first 6 months as our rabbinic leaders.

They have made an immediate impact with their educational programmes, their outreach and their entertainment. They did a terrific job during the above-mentioned visit by Phil Rosenberg.

We wish them all success in their future endeavours. I would like to thank our weekday and weekend wardens and Eric Kurt for their close cooperation with the Rabbi in ensuring that all aspects of our services run smoothly.

At the beginning of July, we joined the Sephardi Association to celebrate their 25th anniversary in some style. The joint services, the sumptuous kiddush/lunch and the Sunday morning brunch after davening were all excellent.

We also enjoyed listening to Dayan Kada from London who joined us for the weekend. We wish Simon Tammam, Aviran Reuven and Meir Yazidi a hearty Y'Shkoyach for reaching this important milestone and for being a treasured part of our community.

At the end of July, we held a momentous SGM to approve the purchase of the lease for the Bournemouth Reform Synagogue on the East Cliff. The motion was approved with a majority of 94% which has given the Relocation team the mandate they need to press on and realise this project.

We have a long way to go and no doubt, many hurdles to overcome.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our younger members to come forward and volunteer to get us over the line.

The whole community needs to pull together to make it happen; we need to come together and work together to deliver the dream we have held for the past 15 years or more. As Simon Lurie likes to say 'We Are Moving Forward - Join In'.

Now I need to say a few words about this year's honourees. Please join me in wishing a hearty Mazal Tov to our Neshei Chayil, Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis and Judith Adda and to the Chatanim Rabbi Alan Lewis and Simon Pinner.

These appointments are well deserved and you will read more about them in the pages of this Ruach magazine.

Last but not least I would like to mention this year's Kol Nidre appeal and the charities we have chosen. This year's chosen charities are BCHC Chessed Fund, Royal Bournemouth Hospital 'Back to the Beach' appeal, Camp Simcha and Leket.

These are four worthy charities that will benefit both the Jewish and the wider communities locally, nationally and also in Israel. Please donate generously and make a difference in these difficult times.

I would like to end by thanking all our staff and many volunteers without whom we could not possibly

function. I want to thank all the members of the new Board for coming forward and offering to serve the Congregation; I look forward to continuing to work with you in the months to come.

I want to thank Marion Reichwald and the Guild for the fabulous work they do week in week out, organising the many kiddushim and functions we enjoy so much.

I want to thank the members of the Security Team for ensuring that we can pray and socialise in safety.

On behalf of Anne and myself I wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis, the Board, our joint Vice Chairs, Bettina Gould and Eric Kurt and every single one of you L'Shana Tova U'metuka.

May Hashem bless us all with good health, happiness and success in everything we do.

May the year 5785 bring much needed peace to our community, to our country, to Eretz Yisrael and the whole world.

Mahir Ozdamar

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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The Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message 5785

During this most painful year, in addition to the trauma of the terrorist atrocities, the capture of hostages and the tragic war, we have been subjected to a constant barrage of falsehoods. Of these, none has been so insidious as the morally inverted claim of genocide, the modern-day blood libel.

On Yom Kippur, we will chant Kol Nidre, a prayer steeped in history and emotion. Fascinatingly, historians differ on its precise origin. Many believe that it was composed as a remedy for Jews who had been forced to make oaths of conversion to Christianity. While Kol Nidre declares 'all vows' made to God null and void, it was used as a pretext by medieval antisemites to portray Jews as untrustworthy in business and other civil matters. Despite assurances that Kol Nidre did not apply to vows between people, the lie persisted, causing deep-seated hatred.

According to an old adage, a lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still lacing up its boots. Sadly, in the era of social media, this is truer than ever, particularly where Israel is concerned.

In just one such example, in July, a well-known medical journal published a letter on its website. The authors estimated that the total number of casualties in Gaza attributable to Israel might eventually reach 186,000, if one were to factor in the impact of secondary causes, such as lack of housing and poor healthcare infrastructure. No attempt was made to assign any responsibility to Hamas, nor to differentiate between the deaths of combatants and non-combatants, nor identify the 'Gaza Health Ministry,' on whose data its conjecture was based, as Hamas-run. Nevertheless, campaigners attributed this 'new data' to the journal itself, rather than to a letter it had received. Some claimed that the journal had 'released a study,' while others stated that the estimate was 'peer reviewed.' Before long, millions had read it and it was cited by activists, British Parliamentarians, and a UN Special Rapporteur.

Kol Nidre is chanted during our deepest moments of personal and communal introspection. In our confession of the High Holy Days, we call out to Hashem in candour: "You know the hidden secrets of every living soul. You search the innermost chambers of the conscience and the heart. Nothing escapes You. Nothing is hidden from Your sight." This is a moment of the purest honesty.

The Torah instructs us, "Distance yourself from falsehood," because it is not enough to be truthful; we must create an environment intolerant of falsehood.

Indeed, despite the centuries of lies and hatred, Kol Nidre has endured because we have always found solace in moments of perfect truth between ourselves and Hashem.

When we know in the deepest recesses of our souls where truth ends and falsehood begins, no lie can diminish us.

The truth will prevail. Am Yisrael Chai!

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI ALAN LEWIS

דרך המלך נלך THE KINGS WAY

After Moshe was told by Hashem that he would not be allowed into Eretz Yisroel (the land of Israel), as a result of hitting the rock instead of speaking to the rock, Moshe then sends messengers to the land of Edom (namely Eisov).

The question raised by Rabbi Meir Simcha of Dvinsk is why is it at this particular juncture did Moshe send messengers to our brother Esau, telling him that "Derech Hamelech nailech" – "By way of the kings highway we will journey in your land Edom"?

Edom replies "do not proceed through my land". At this point the Bnei Yisroel decided to approach Edom in a different fashion and they said they were willing to go through the passageways to engage with Edom and buy water and goods from them. In other words, to begin having an open relationship with Eisov.

This approach also failed, since, not only did Eisov refuse them any passage through their land, they also came to greet them with a mighty army. Rabbi Meir Simcha suggests that the way to understand this whole story is through the prophetic lens of Maaseh Ovois Simone Labonim – the actions of our forefathers is a portent for their future decedents.

Once Moshe Rabeinu understood that Hashem would not allow him to step into the land of Israel he knew through prophetic intuition that we would be exiled from our land and we would have to deal with our brother Eisov. Moshe was teaching the Jewish people that the approach has to be one of "Derech Hamelech Nailech" – "By way of the Kings Highway", we do not veer to the left or the right we just keep to the Kings Highway which means the Derech Hashem – the way of Hashem.

If we dare veer off that Kings Road then we put ourselves into a perilous situation. For even if we were to hold out the hand of close friendship with Eisov, the end result would be Esau coming with a mighty army to destroy us, or as our forefather Yaakov foresaw that even when Eisov comes to us with brotherly love, it is really a ruse to destroy us through assimilation.

This past year 5784 has been a year of great tragedy for us especially in view of the catastrophic events that took place on Shmini Atzeret/Simchas Torah (7th October 2023).

On the other hand there have been times of great jubilation when the guiding hand of Hashem has

been openly revealed in literally protecting us from destruction from our evil enemies as well as the release of some of our hostages.



I think the overriding lesson that we must grapple with from this calamitous year for our nation is to open our eyes properly to the realisation that man does not control the world, rather it is the King of Kings Hashem Himself and when we are now on the threshold of the beginning of a new year there are 2 key words that sum up the Yomtov of Rosh Hashanah, they are Melech – The King, and Emes – the truth.

Our davening on Rosh Hashanah is replete with the words Melech and Emes, for this is the day when we coronate Hashem as the King and the Emes the truth, is that we must stick to the Kings-way. For as long as we do not veer off the Kingsway, the truth will become clearer and clearer.

It is interesting to note that the Mussaf service for Rosh Hashanah is comprised of 9 Brochos (9 blessings). The Gematria (numerical value) of the word Emes is 441.

The sum of the digits of 441 add up to the number 9, and if you add up the digits of every multiple of 9 like 63 and 81 they also add up to the number 9. The number 9 is the number that symbolises truth since every multiple of 9 will come back to itself.

As we all are aware the gestation period before the birth of a man is 9 months, as we sing at the end of the Hagodoh in Echod mi Yodaiya – Tisho Yarchei Laidoh – 9 months to birth, demonstrates that the whole purpose of man's existence in this world and in particular Jewish mankind existing in this world, is to bring out the truth of G-D the King of the Universe. Hence, man is born after 9 months.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our holy virtuous congregation, that the year ahead will be one of the jubilation of the truth and the end of sheker (falsehood), and that we may see finally the release of all our hostages, the destruction of our enemies and that the revelation of the truth of the King of Kings, Hashem Himself will be so clearly apparent to all of humanity.

Wishing you all a Shana Tova U'metuka.



Rosh Hashanah Message from the President

In June 2024, aged 38, I was elected as the youngest-ever President in the Board of Deputies' 264-year history. While it is certainly a challenging time to have taken up the role, my team and I have hit the ground running with pace and energy, and set five key priorities for our three-year term:

- Fight antisemitism;
- Stand up for peace and security in Israel and the Middle East;
- Defend our religious freedoms;
- Make our community more united, inclusive, and outward looking; and
- Celebrate our faith, heritage, and culture as British Jews.

Understandably, combatting antisemitism is the number one priority for most in our community right now. We will be conducting a comprehensive review of hate crime legislation, policing, and prosecution, to keep our community safe. We will conduct a sector-by-sector inquiry into the media, social media, universities, workplaces, arts and sports, to secure our wellbeing. We will tackle extremism in all its guises, whether it be from Islamists, the far-right or the far-left, to ensure our society remains cohesive. And we will expand education, training, and interfaith outreach to inoculate people against the virus of hatred.

Nearly a year on from the horrific events of 7th October, our hearts go out to the people of Israel. People who have lost loved ones, suffered a life-changing injury, or who have spent too many hours waiting to hear the fate of a kidnapped relative.

Much is made of division in our own community, particularly regarding Israel. But on so much we have been united over the last year, whether campaigning to release the hostages, pushing back against Iran and its proxies, or working and praying to bring a lasting resolution to the conflict, speedily and in our days.

Despite the challenges we must be proud to express our unique history and culture. A key mission must be to make our community more inclusive, and we will launch a Commission on Disability Inclusion in the Jewish Community to better engage a wider range of people. The Board of Deputies' 200 member organisations run from Cornwall to Aberdeen, and we will celebrate our regional communities and heritage. As the Board's youngest-ever President, I want to connect with our next generation to ensure it is active and engaged.

We have been through some hard times in Jewish history and emerged from them with ingenuity and resilience. This last year has been uniquely challenging, but I am determined that we will come back stronger.

With your help, I know we will.

Wishing you all a Shanah Tovah U'metuka!

Phil Rosenberg

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Congratulations to our new Board of Management who took office following the AGM of the Synagogue, which took place on 19th May 2024.

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MAZAL TOV TO OUR HONOREES

RABBI ALAN LEWIS
REBBETZEN MIRIAM LEWIS

REBBETZEN MIRIAM LEWIS – ESHET CHAYIL

I am the third eldest of a large family. My parents got married in 1954. My father oh's was from Morrocco and as a young lad, he served as a captain in the 'Hagganah' in Israel's War of Independence. He helped to establish Israel as a country for Jews to come and live there free from oppressors. My father, who was born in a very traditional Jewish Moroccan home, started to take his Judaism more seriously. My French grandmother insisted that my mum should date this wonderful young man. They got married and began their married life in France.

A short while later, they made a conscious decision that they wanted to bring up their children in the best possible place for their Jewish future, so they chose to live in Gateshead, the North East of England. My siblings and I were born, bred and educated in Gateshead. I have enormous gratitude for their decision, as I gained an advantageous position of being able to teach others.

I emerged after three years of studying in Gateshead seminary, with a teacher's qualification and began my career as a primary school teacher in the Kodesh department of Jesmond Jewish day School in Newcastle. As a single girl, I decided to take a break in my teaching at the age of 20, I went to the USA to work in a furniture company. It was my first experience of working with computers. I spent about 13 months in the United States until it was time to come back to England and I took a teaching position at Beis Yaakov Primary School in North West London.

Then came the big excitement in my life. I went on a visit to Israel for Sukkot, and a very close friend of mine set me up with a lovely young boy called 'Alan Lewis'.

I met my husband.

RABBI ALAN LEWIS – CHATAN TORAH

I emerged from Manchester Grammar School with plans to read Chemistry at university. After much contemplation, I decided to change the whole course of my life and deferred my place at university. With my parent's encouragement, I went to Yeshiva in Israel and I immersed myself in the studies of the Talmud.

I met Miriam in Yerushalayim and we got married there. I continued to study for 8 years and during this time I took a Semicha course to become a community Rabbi, which was my sincere goal. I was very fortunate to find myself in the very best environment for Talmudical studies and ethical instruction which was the Mir Yeshiva



and Yeshivat Dvar Yerushalayim. We then returned to England for our very first position as Rabbi of B H C. We arrived with a 6-month-old baby girl called Batsheva and a year later our next daughter was born in Poole Hospital. She is called Shalva. I'm sure many of you remember these events. I always

felt that our babies and children were so welcomed and loved by the community.

FROM RABBI AND REBBETZEN LEWIS

Looking at the future for our children, and concerned for their Jewish education, we felt a vital need to move to London where we were surrounded by Jewish schools and many Jewish communities.

Rabbi Lewis was offered the position as the Rabbi of Wanstead and Woodford. We made many friends there and we are still close to them today.

All the rest of our children were born in South Woodford. We wanted our children to have the most privileged Jewish education, so we sent them to the best Jewish schools.

Miriam taught in the Shul cheder for a few years, and then took headship of the cheder, until we had a job offer to be Rabbi and Rebbetzen of Edgware Yeshurun. We moved to Edgware in the summer of 2006 and were there until February 2024.

In Edgware, Miriam soon took a very part time job at Rosh Pinah primary school. As the children were growing up and getting married, Miriam felt, in order to sustain the family and to help marry them all off, she needed to change her job to an almost full-time teaching position in Hasmonian Primary School.

She taught there for 15 years. Later on, Rabbi worked as a Registrar for the Federation Beth Din alongside his Rabbinical job at Yeshurun.

In August 2023, Miriam took up a new job in Noam Primary School but left to come to Bournemouth in February half term this year.

And now we are here! We are thoroughly enjoying entertaining, visiting, getting to know you all, teaching, giving shiurim, educating and many new initiatives that we would like to bring into Bournemouth!

And, of course, it has been so exciting to reconnect with the people that we left behind 36 years ago.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Trustees, the Executive and the Board of Management for the honour of being made Chatan Torah and Eshet Chayil.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR CHATAN BEREISHIT

SIMON PINNER



I was born in 1960 at the Royal German Hospital in Hackney, East London and named Simon after my great grandfather Rabbi Shimon. My first three years were spent in Sandringham Road, Stamford Hill and I attended Hackney Jewish Day School until my parents moved us to Archway Road in Highgate. Here they established a Kosher Delicatessen and Grocery shop, where we lived in the apartments above the shop. Needless to say, I began working at a very early age helping in the shop. Due to the hours my parents worked, my older sister and I became very self-sufficient and independent.

Highgate Shul was just 100 yards away and I attended Cheder 3 times a week and services regularly. After a rocky start at the local Catholic Primary and Junior school where antisemitism was an issue, I was enrolled in Mathilda Marks Kennedy School in Finchley Road. At the age of 7, I would travel on my own daily on the 110 bus to Golders Green Bus Station and walk up Finchley Road to school, something that is unthinkable today. I was offered the opportunity to move on to JFS but chose to go to Highgate Wood Secondary School.

Just two years later, having learned my Bar Mitzvah, which was due to be in April 1973, my parents decided to sell the shop and move me, my sister Janice and Matthew, our younger brother aged 6, to a new home in North Harrow in January of that year. We became members of Pinner United Synagogue, which back then was in an old, small Parish hall. Unfortunately, my Parsha and Haftorah had already been booked for another boy, so I was forced to change dates and quickly learn a completely new Parsha and Haftorah for my Bar Mitzvah with just a few short weeks to spare.

This move, however proved to be fortuitous as the Pinner community was growing and thriving with many Jewish children in my school and an active Jewish Youth Club at the Shul. I made many good friends there including Alan Tucker (our Administrator, Debbie's younger brother). As we grew up, we were founding members of Pinner BBYO, that became one of the largest BBYO chapters in the country.

BBYO and the follow-on BBYA created lifelong bonds, and this is where I met Zara. We played opposite each other as a separating couple in Neil Simon's Plaza Suite, which BBYA staged to raise funds for Charity. Through the months of rehearsals, our already strong friendship grew, and we began to date, eventually marrying at Wanstead and Woodford Synagogue where Zara's family had been long-term members. The Chupa was officiated by Rabbi Alan Lewis's predecessor, Rabbi Arnold Saunders. It's strange how lives are intertwined, (as an aside, Zara's father z"l was called Alan Lewis).

Two years before we married it was touch and go regarding any future as I was diagnosed with cancer, initially requiring surgery and eventually requiring six months of gruelling, in-patient chemotherapy at Mount Vernon

Hospital, but Zara was by my side all the way, fighting with and for me.

Community life has always been important to me wherever I lived. At an early age I joined JLB in Muswell Hill, attended many camps and eventually served as a Staff Sergeant at Pinner JLGB, leading the young members in gymnastics, physical training and drill practice. I participated in the choir at Reading Shul and had years of service with the BoD Community

Security, which later became CST, providing cover at high profile events in London and annually touring from Shul to Shul during the High Holydays. My greatest honour was when I was asked to consider undergoing special training to join the Chief Rabbi's personal security detail.

Careerwise, I had become an apprentice electrical and electronics engineer at 16, and then a medical imaging design engineer. Moving into servicing and major infrastructure design engineering, I eventually progressed into sales and marketing, working for Mitsubishi Electric leading product management of digital imaging and print technology. Eventually after redundancy, I set up my own successful business in the same field. Having left school with only basic qualifications, I opted to enrol in the Open University and ultimately qualified with a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA).

Zara and I have lived in Luton, Reading and Bishops Stortford, where we designed, self-built and project managed our own expansive house on a Green Field site. After 21 happy years there, it was time to re-evaluate our lives. Having first lost my brother, and then three years almost to the day later, Zara's sister, and Zara also having a very close call herself, we decided that we were able to be fortunate enough to live life to the full, and walk away from the treadmill of work. We decided to find a location by the sea with an existing, active orthodox community and after an extensive search we settled here in Bournemouth and jumped straight in to actively work within the community in any way we could. On moving to Bournemouth, it didn't take long before I put myself forward to serve a first term on the Shul Board and, of course, join the choir and the Security Team.

My past 2+ years as co-Vice Chair has been both challenging and rewarding with an unerring focus on finding a new location for the Shul. I am delighted that we have achieved this almost within our term and equally daunted by the work ahead. But, as many have seen, I have engaged in my role as Vice Chair of the relocation team and will collaborate to drive the project forward until we achieve our dream.

I am humbled and grateful to be selected as this year's Chatan Bereishit, symbolic of a new beginning and creation, and thank the Board and Executive for this honour. Zara and I wish them and the whole Community a Happy and Healthy New Year.



MAZAL TOV TO OUR ESHET CHAYIL



JUDITH ADDA

Family background; Growing up in 1950's post-war London, not in its sooty, bombed-out, cratered streets, but in the leafy surrounds of Maida Vale's grand, tree-lined avenues, pretty parks and vast communal gardens that had somehow miraculously escaped the destruction of World War II's London blitz, my observant parents ensured my good education by choosing a Jewish primary school and two non-Jewish county grammar schools, where I became the Head Jewess at 15, leading more than 100 Jewish girls in prayers I organised, explained and led each morning.



That's always been my motivation, I have to love what I do and feel it's worthwhile to really make a difference, then I wholeheartedly devote myself energetically to whatever I take on, such as the voluntary Royal Bournemouth Hospital Governorship I was publicly elected to for 9 years, when Rabbi Jesner and I worked on his initiatives there to improve kosher food offerings and Jewish end-of-life care.

In brief, I spoke 3 languages fluently at home, became a Bnei Akivah 'Madrichah'/leader and won a prize for Jewish Child's Day fund-raising at 8 years old. By the time I was 14, I'd qualified as a London Board of Jewish Education 'Cheder'/Sunday school teacher, regularly attending the original St. John's Wood Synagogue with my two kindergarten friends I'm still in touch with today.

It's the same today as it's always been, creativity, good humour, an optimistic outlook of hope for a better future, determination to meet deadlines and inspire a team, plus a dose of practical reality, with a touch of empathy, ingenuity and kind compassion all go through me like the pink lettering in our seaside rock.

Newly transplanted to the Home Counties in my early teens, I gained an independent spirit; sporty, artistically and linguistically accomplished, confident, outgoing and resourceful by nature, I enjoyed the 1960's Jewish Orthodox social scene, London University and married young into a loving French Sephardi family, whose exceptional, eldest son Jacques z'l I met romantically on-board ship, both volunteers for Israel just after the 1967 6-Day War. It was love at first sight, a true 'coup du foudre'.

Having won an award from the UK Defence Forces during my London business life, this is the personality combination that manifests itself today in my dedicated, voluntary Editorship of the Wessex Jewish News.

Accepting his marriage proposal within a month of meeting, we remained happily married for the next 45 roller-coaster years. At our wedding ceremony, Rabbi Cyril Harris and Rabbi Koppel Kahana praised my Jewish teaching and my pupils sang sweetly in our wedding choir.

Teshuva. It was my dear, late husband's wish to "return to our observant Jewish roots" that changed our lives and prompted our return to the warm welcome back into Jewish life we enthusiastically received when we moved from London to Bournemouth in 2007.

Priorities change when children arrive and we returned home to England after some time in Israel to bring up our young family here.

From metropolitan Hampstead to Bournemouth Jewish life by the sea; happy childhood holidays and fond memories of the East Cliff Majestic Hotel, led us to take an early 2,000 recovery respite in Bournemouth after both losing our parents.

Personal motivation; Financial interests were our top priority for many years and I started my career at The Sunday Times when my son and daughter were still very young. Pleased to be in my fast-moving career element, I quickly gained a multi-lingual managerial role, stayed for 10 years while my children grew up and never looked back.

To our surprise a motorway had been built almost door-to-door and the tedious 5-hour journey on single lane roads we remembered was now in the distant past, telescoped into a 2-hour dash from London! Although devoted, theatre-going Londoners, we started house-hunting for a second home in 2003 and 4 years later decided to settle here permanently.

Often asked how I did it all with such young children to organise, my reply was always the same "It's not how I do it, it's how much I want to do it that matters!"

Rabbi Jesner befriended us and kindly encouraged my husband to become a 'Minyan man', attend daily prayers and he was soon appointed a Synagogue Warden, an accolade he cherished. Following bereavement in 2012, I volunteered at WJN by answering an email call for help that resonated with my career and Jewish values.

My strong, all-round newspaper, magazine, radio and TV media background appealed to previous editors Josephine and Gerald Jackson and on meeting

in July 2019 they promptly offered me the voluntary role of WJN Editor. I decided to 'stay at my WJN post' while navigating Covid from January 2020, despite discovering that our Jewish tribe do not understand the concept of deadlines!

However, I thoroughly enjoy portraying our vibrant Bournemouth Jewish life, reaching out to our non-Jewish supporters, showcasing all 5 hard-working, welcoming Jewish communities, dreaming up interesting, new features for our discerning WJN subscribers, leading intelligent, like-minded people who make up our dynamic Executive Team and liaising with our well-informed columnists from around the world - one of whom is a former, teenage pen-pal! I leave you to guess which one.

Concluding thoughts; I hope this serves as a microcosm of how the UK's active Jewish community, though relatively small in number, with our history as natural nation-builders each in our own, individual ways, unfailingly seeks to strengthen the fabric of the society we live in and always strives to improve cohesion throughout Britain.

In my view, it is only via improved education and concerted messaging about Judaism and Israel that will help counter today's stridently growing, divisive instability. I know without a shadow of a doubt that having an important purpose is the antidote to ageing. Just as William Shakespeare immortalised Cleopatra long ago with the words 'Age shall not wither her, nor the years condemn', I hope these words will become my own legacy too.

So there you have it folks, a big reveal as they say in TV, some anecdotes highlighting a few milestones on my life-changing journey from London to Bournemouth and more will be featured in WJN.

My great appreciation to Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation Executive for bestowing on me this great honour of Eshet Chayil.

I wish them, Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis, and the Community, 'Shanah Tovah'/a happier, healthy year for you, your loved ones and all Israel and well over the Yom Kippur Fast. Kol Tuv.

TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

On Wednesday 5th June, a group of intrepid explorers made their way up to London for an exciting day trip to the British Museum, which had been arranged by our own Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis, to commemorate Yom Yerushalayim.

We were fortunate enough to have Rebbetzen Shoshanna Tugendhaft give us a unique tour around the famous and renowned Egyptian Rooms at the British Museum.

The tour offered a deeply immersive and comprehensive exploration of Jewish history during the Egyptian era. Guided by Rebbetzen Tugendhaft, we were taken on a vivid journey that brought the ancient past to life.

Her profound knowledge and passion for Jewish heritage allowed us to gain not only a greater understanding of the events that shaped our people under the rule of the Pharaohs but also a lasting emotional connection to that pivotal period.

Through her storytelling, the experiences of our ancestors came to life, making the history feel personal and immediate.

The day was not only fascinating but also deeply memorable, leaving each of us with a renewed sense of identity and a stronger bond to our shared past.

Of course, our lovely day was concluded by a much needed trip to "The Hummus Bar" in Hendon, for a



quick dinner before we made our way back home to Bournemouth. All very happy, inspired and already talking about the next trip!

Thank you Rebbetzen Miriam.

BETTINA GOULD

DE-TWINNING MOVE FOILED

Only time will tell the significance of Wednesday July 17th 2024 in the history of the Bournemouth Jewish Community. However, when on that day, we found our voice and stood proudly outside the Town Hall, with our Israeli flags and Union Jacks, along with banners proclaiming "De-Twinning No-One's Winning" and "Netanya Our Kind of Town" etc., we felt both a sense of relief that the hearing of the motion had been denied and a sense of communal pride and purpose.

It was just over a week prior that we became aware of the following motion to be put before the Bournemouth Charter Trust:

"In recognition of the current Israel-Hamas conflict and Israel's potential violations of international law, and the subsequent detrimental impact on the reputation of the town of Bournemouth and its Mayoralty, I call on the Charter Trustees of Bournemouth to withdraw its support for Bournemouth's twinning with Netanya, Israel, that BCP Council be asked to remove any signage and other signifiers to that effect and request that the Bournemouth Twinning Association de-twin the towns."

Together with Stephen White, for Crisis In Israel (Bournemouth) and the Bournemouth Action for Israel Committee, and in close liaison with Deputy Mayor Anne Filer, Alderman Michael Filer (who chairs the Twinning Committee) and Councillor Lawrence Williams, we sought to bring the local Jewish community out, along with our Christian and Humanist friends, to show the Bournemouth Councillors, as they entered the Town Hall chamber, that there was no place in our peaceful town for this hateful motion.

Since 1995, the Bournemouth Netanya Twinning arrangement has been bringing people of all ages together, with shared visits from political, civic and business leaders, Scout Groups and other youth groups.

The arrangement is self funding, and the majority of participants come from outside the Jewish Community. Friendships and connections have been fostered, and with so much in common between the two seaside towns, ideas such as Netanya's own cliff lifts, have been inspired from Netanya residents' visits to Bournemouth.

News of our protest spread quickly, with messages of support, including one from the current Mayor of Netanya, Miriam Fierberg, which was very gratifying.

Prior to the meeting, Anne Filer engaged with Andrew Gilbert, a Vice President of the Board of Deputies, who provided legal and tactical advice. The BoD was instrumental in lobbying our MPs and also the leader of the Council and Anne was able to secure pledges from most Councillors, able to vote.

In addition to the efforts of our communal leaders, the local Jewish community and our Christian and other friends were encouraged to email or call their Councillors and MPs to make clear their opposition to the motion.

Just an hour or so before the meeting was scheduled to take place, the Charter Trust finally took notice of what



almost everyone had been telling them, and agreed that a political move such as this, was clearly outside of the remit of the Trust, and ruled that the motion would not be heard.

It was, of course, too late to stop our gathering, which became a celebration of the victory of common sense and standing up to intolerance over those who would use local democracy to create tension between neighbours.

So, from us, no intimidating speeches or confrontation, with the small, well-organised pro-Palestinian group, which we faced on the other side of the Town Hall steps. Our public address system blasted out joyous and positive Israeli music, and our banners focused on the merits of Twinning and Community, while, through their megaphones, they directed their usual aggressive messages of hate and intolerance.

Although our gathering was not about confrontation, it was good to show the town that there were two sides to this argument, and that you can face up to well-organised intolerance with a positive message of friendship and harmony across the community.

This was not a numbers game, although we counted around 80 pro-Palestinian demonstrators as opposed to in excess of over 200 standing with us.

Thanks to Dorset Police and BCP Council for their excellent supervision of the event. We understand that all the slogans and chants from all sides were closely monitored by the

police, so we await, with interest, any further action that the police may be able to take regarding some of the chants and banners from the Palestinian protesters.

Also, our gratitude to our intrepid trio of Anne and Michael Filer and Laurence Williams, who, as part of Bournemouth Council, have nurtured the Twinning arrangement and supported so many visits over the years, and along with Andrew Gilbert, pulled out all the stops in respect of lobbying the Bournemouth Trust Councillors and our local MPs.

I understand that if the vote had gone ahead, we had pledges of almost solid support from all political groups apart the Greens.

My own thanks go to Stephen White for his efforts in coordinating our response, and the many Bournemouth Action for Israel (BAFI) Supporters, along with Peter Malpas and the local Council of Christians and Jews, who turned out from across Dorset and Hampshire to support us.

Also, thanks to our Rabbonim and CST for providing a much-appreciated presence and Daniel Ben-David from the JC for his excellent coverage, which is available in the online edition.

While the mysteriously removed missing Netanya signs are now back in place, the campaign to De-Twin is too good an opportunity for those that stand against us to let lie, and the community, including our leadership, needs to continue in our vigilance to stand up for Israel, Netanya and ourselves.

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DORSET ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WEEK

This September we once again opened the doors of our beautiful Shul to the public as we participated in Dorset Architectural Heritage Week

You may recall that we were first invited to participate in 2019, shortly after the Shul received its Grade II Heritage Listing; we organised one tour for 25 people, which was so well received that we were asked to organise two tours for the following year.

Unfortunately, there were no tours in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid restrictions, but since then we have held two tours annually for the past three years, which have always been fully subscribed.

Indeed, this year several guests mentioned how pleased they were to finally attend, as they had previously tried unsuccessfully to book places.

The visitors were given a brief history of the building, and a description of the interior and its contents including how these relate to our faith and religious practices.

A small temporary exhibition of plans, drawings

and photographs accompanied the talk.

Many participants commented on the beautiful building interior, and in particular the stained glass windows.

A question and answer session followed, with much discussion about our religious customs, and how we relate to the wider community, but also around our move to alternative premises, which a number of guests had heard was a done deal and imminent!

Only time will tell what the future holds, and whether we will still be here to participate in DAHW 2025.

My thanks to Adrian Levey, Eric Kurt, Stephen Nichols and everybody else who helped to prepare and host these events – your support is greatly appreciated.

ANNE OZDAMAR

THE IMPORTANCE OF TWINNING

Thoughts concerning the twinning with Netanya to be put before Bournemouth Town Council if the subject was to be debated

“Councillors I would like you to think about a town that has beautiful sandy beaches that backs on and rises up to cliffs from sea level to the top. At the southern end of the beaches has an area of natural beauty and special scientific importance. Along the beaches and on the cliff top are promenades for the citizens to walk relax and look out to sea.

At the centre of the town is a square surrounded by a commercial shopping area and parks that citizens can enjoy throughout the year. Along the promenades are cafes and amusement areas for the citizens to commune and enjoy.

On the cliff tops are hotels and flats and housing where a large number of citizens live, many of them retired, and many being holiday flats for citizens who live in bigger towns and cities.

At weekends when the sun shines the beaches are crowded with locals and visitors who have come to enjoy themselves on the beaches, that boosts the economy of the town, and elevates everyone's spirits, but brings its own problems of traffic, parking and attendant pollution. It is governed by a Mayor and Town Council that has a duty every day to debate and run the town and all the problems that involves.

Of course you immediately recognise that town ... Netanya. A town that has clear mutuality and commonality with Bournemouth. That has enjoyed exchanges, learned much from the Councillors of Bournemouth on their visits to it and to Israel; and in turn Bournemouth Councillors have learned much from the enterprise, expansion and development of Netanya.

The major difference that Netanya has sun 310+ days a year. It is a holiday and tourist town.

However, its councillors are concerned like you about the care of its citizens from the young to the old, its diverse population that consists of up to five generations of Jews, originating from the Middle East itself, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco and other parts of Africa from its Jews were expelled; and from European persecution and the American continent, absorbed and happily integrated, proud of being citizens of the country they live in and particularly proud of their town.

It is a mystery therefore, why you are debating

whether or not you should be twinned with a town with which you have so much in common, and which is proud to be twinned with you.

You have a Jewish population that has given so much to this town and derived so much from living here, and is now gravely offended by this debate and its need to defend the twinning, suspecting there may be an underlying cause from some promoting this debate which undermines the Council's support for the International definition of anti-Semitism, and thus negating its own policy.

Is the reason for this debate events from October 7 2023? In which case why is a town council considering issues which are a matter for national government and overlooks the fact that it was the country that Netanya is a part of that was invaded, its citizens murdered, mutilated and raped in an attack perpetrated by two organisations, Hamas and Islamic Jihad which the British Government and United Nations label terrorist organisations?

That has led to the Jewish population of this town being threatened and intimidated by marches on weekends shouting 'To the river and to the sea etc, meaning the massacre of the Jewish population of Israel, bearing in mind that Netanya lies 10 kilometres from the West Bank.

This is not your business, but if you wish to learn, the advantage of twinning means you can visit Netanya, enjoy looking at Israel.

Otherwise leave International politics to those that have a duty in the Government whose business it is. Concern yourselves with Bournemouth and its citizens and their needs. Do not use up your valuable time by debating this motion.

Think of the children and elderly citizens, your budget and when you communicate with each other out of chamber by your phones remember that Israel like your phones and computers has Intel inside it.

Britain learns more in science, medicine and research from Israel and imports more on military research and weapons than it exports to it. Government recognises that as it is its business not that of Bournemouth.

Enjoy and exploit that friendship mutuality and commonality and may Bournemouth flourish from twinning with the town whose experiences it shares.

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VIGILS

“Bring them home now!” – Under the auspices of The Hostages and Missing Families Forum UK a series of vigils began in Bournemouth

Below the words of Nivi Feldman, co-lead of the Hostages and Missing Families Forum UK, who came down to Bournemouth from London at the invitation of Bournemouth Action For Israel (BAFI).

“We are asking the Red Cross to plead to the Palestinian Authority, to Hamas, to anyone they can, to ask for the right to visit our Israeli hostages. We haven’t seen proof that this has been done and we don’t understand why!”

Monday 19th August was World Humanitarian Aid Day so BAFI organised a vigil for the return of Israeli hostages held in Gaza outside the Red Cross charity shop in Southbourne Grove. Nivi told the vigil group: “For over 318 days they haven’t had a Red Cross visit. Some of them are in dire medical need of their medication which they haven’t had for 380 days.”

Just as Nivi Feldman began her speech a passing driver shouted “Terrorists! Free Palestine!” At which point the demonstrators responded, “Free Palestine from Hamas!”

Prior to this Josephine Jackson spoke with great emotion about Naama Levy, an IDF surveillance expert taken aged just 19 (turned 20 in captivity) shown on a Hamas video, “with multiple injuries, bound and bleeding ... with obvious signs of rape”. Naama was a Red Cross volunteer and yet appeals by her father and womens’ groups have fallen on deaf ears. “Where ARE all the protests from worldwide humanitarian organisations? We are ALONE!” She thanked all who those who came to the vigil but she stressed it is only “our own people and good friends who will help the hostages”.

The moving speeches punctuated with chants of “Bring them Home” ended with the singing of Hatikvah and “G-d Save the King”

Sadly the day after the vigil, news broke that the bodies of six murdered hostages were recovered by the IDF from Gaza, may their memory be a blessing.

A week later, on Bank Holiday Sunday, BAFI organised a second vigil near Bournemouth Pier. A similar number of supporters who included members of CCJ heard Mrs Jackson speak again about the plight of the hostages. She made special mention of Itay Chen, a 19-year-old IDF soldier murdered on October 7th and whose body remains in Gaza. The Bournemouth community feels a special connection to Itay and his plight because he was from our twin town Netanya..

Erika Lindsay, an expert on combatting and understanding antisemitism, spoke about the dreadful news that the bodies of six hostages had been brought out of Gaza.

“Their discovery brings home once again the anguish of the events of October 7th and continuing now,” she said, naming them as Yagev Buchshtab, Alexander Dancyg, Avraham Munder, Yoram Metzger, Chaim Peri and British-Israeli Nadav Popplewell, may their memory be a blessing. “The sadness endures. Let’s hope and pray for the lives and speedy return of all the remaining hostages as soon as possible.



Israel supporters gather outside the Red Cross charity shop in Southbourne, the Pier, Bournemouth and the Aviary, Bournemouth.

The most recent vigil at time of writing took place on 4th September next to Bournemouth Aviary, Pine Walk. Here Maxine Elias spoke of her work as a trauma therapist with soldiers and also to introduced us to the candle project, a simple but powerful way to show support.

Photos of six hostages murdered in captivity- Ori Danino, Almog Sarusi, Hersh Goldberg Polin, Carmel Gat, Alexander Lobanov and Eden Yerushalmi, were laid at the front of the vigil and a short biography of each of them was read out by six volunteers. Yartzheit candles were lit by the photos and Eric Kurt recited Kaddish to end a very emotive event.

Hanna White



WHIRLWIND WEEKEND

In August I spent a wonderful weekend in Bournemouth meeting members of the local Jewish community and explaining my plans to prioritise regional communities.

I spoke to both Bournemouth Community Hebrew Congregation and Bournemouth Reform Synagogue, visited Chabad House and held an open meeting for members of the wider Bournemouth Jewish community, including the Wessex Liberal Jewish Community.

I also met a cross-party group of local councillors, including Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole leader Millie Earl. I thanked the group for standing up to attempts by bullies to make the Council untwin from Netanya. Also included in my itinerary was a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick, Dorset Police Chief Inspector Darren Harris, and local CST Chair Andrew Kaye. Among the subjects we discussed were policing of anti-Israel marches and the rise in antisemitism.

It was a pleasure to spend the weekend in Bournemouth, speaking to members of this community about their priorities and concerns. As part

of my mission to make our community more united, I am working hard to put regional communities at the centre of our work.

The Bournemouth Jewish scene has something very special going for it, between the sea air and the brilliant community spirit. I also think that it is quite possible that the local Chabad makes the best bagels in the country.

I would like to thank our local Deputies, especially lead-organiser Marilyn Keen of the Bournemouth Community Hebrew Congregation, as well as Ruth Hart of Bournemouth Reform Synagogue and Cllr Alexandra Boyd of the Wessex Liberal Jewish Community, for ensuring the success of the visit and making me feel so welcome.

I am planning to visit every region of the country in my first year as President. I already have future weekend visits scheduled for Brighton, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Nottingham, with more to follow.

PHIL ROSENBERG

VISIT TO BOURNEMOUTH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th August 2024

The Bournemouth community was absolutely delighted to welcome Phil Rosenberg, President of the Board of Deputies from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th August in an action-packed timetable of events and discussions.

On Friday morning an initial meeting was held between Phil, Stephen White (Senior Trustee BCHC and Chair of Crisis in Israel Bournemouth) and Marilyn Keen (BOD Deputy for BCHC) to provide more information on the Jewish Community in this region.

Following this a guided tour was given to BCP Councillors and Deputy Mayors of our beautiful Synagogue followed by a frank and positive round table discussion on issues affecting the local Jewish Community. The Leader of BCP Council has taken note of these issues and will reflect as to how we can move forward to improve inter-faith relations locally. It was agreed there would be more contact between the Jewish Community and BCP.

Phil, Stephen, Keith Gould (of BCHC CST) and Marilyn then had a meeting with David Sidwick (the Police Commissioner for Dorset), Chief Inspector Darren Harris (based in Bournemouth), and Andrew Kaye (Regional Chair of CST). The team were very clear in their comments regarding the Palestinian and anti racist marches in Bournemouth, as well as the policing of them. Going forward we asked for clarification as to how the status quo can be improved with recommendations being made by Phil as to the preferred way forward. David Sidwick and CI Darren Harris confirmed that they would look to see how the present position can be improved, and understood the issues we were raising.

After these meetings Phil, Marilyn and Andrew met with Rabbi Yossi and Rabbi Bentzion Alperowitz of Chabad.

Phil, accompanied by Marilyn and Keith, attended the service at Bournemouth Reform Synagogue on Friday evening, at which he gave a talk. This was followed by superb Shabbat hospitality at their flat from the Rabbi and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis.

On Shabbat Phil attended the service at BCHC and gave the sermon relating the week's Parashat with the work and commitment of the Board of Deputies. This was followed by a delicious Kiddush (sponsored by Vivien and David Harris) prepared by the Guild.

After an excellent lunch provided by the Rabbi and Rebbetzen Miriam, Phil was allowed a little free time from commitments until he joined Marilyn, who provided supper for him and a small group of our members. They had a relaxed but wide-ranging discussion on UK and world Jewry and the present situation in Israel.

On Sunday, after a Bagel Breakfast for the leaders from across the community, a "Conversation with Phil Rosenberg" was held attended by 80+ people, where Phil



The cross-party group of local councillors, including Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole leader Millie Earl



The meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick, Dorset Police Chief Inspector Darren Harris, and local CST Chair Andrew Kaye.

provided information on the Board, his proposals for the next few years, and how these would be achieved. Questions were then opened to the floor until the meeting finally closed at 12.45 p.m

Phil Rosenberg was a ray of sunshine in the present bleak situation. A dynamic leader, at 38 years old, – the youngest President of the Board of Deputies throughout its 264 year history. We are all hopeful of great achievements under Phil's leadership.

The weekend was not only a moment in time for BCHC and its members, but has also enhanced its reputation as a dynamic community in the UK and one of the best centres of Jewish Life in the regions. Also the welcome it gave to the other local Jewish communities can only help to improve relationships and understanding across community as a whole.

Thank you to the many people who helped to ensure that this exciting weekend was the success that it proved to be.

MARILYN KEEN

Deputy for Bournemouth Community
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BOURNEMOUTH SEPHARDI ASSOCIATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND



What a wonderful weekend we had in July celebrating our 25th Anniversary. The Bournemouth Sephardi Association (BSA) at BHC invited guests from all over the UK to attend an amazing weekend of prayers and great food, beginning on Friday night with a traditional Sephardi dinner, through to a Sunday morning Shakshukah breakfast. We thank Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis for baking our Challah Rolls for the weekend.

BSA were honoured to have Dayan Daniel Kada of Holland Park Synagogue, London, and his lovely family joining us for the weekend.

Apart from leading us throughout the services supported by Aviran Reuven, we also enjoyed some inspiring Divre Torah from Dayan Kada throughout the weekend as well as leading us through some beautiful Sephardi Tunes between courses on Friday night.

We thank Rabbi Lewis for his contributions to our services and his inspiring words and to Chazan Naftali Peer who added some Ashkenazi and Israeli flavours to enhance our services.

We have to mention our Kiddush-Lunch after Shabbat Morning Services as it was a wonderful selection to cater for all, even if we say so ourselves.

It would not have happened though without the hard work of Michele Perry, Lorraine Stein, Lucy & Ran Avisar, Mandy Glazer, Michele Boyle, Diana Tammam, Ilana Goldberger, Bettina Gould and many more from the BHC's Guild. We are genuinely very grateful to you all.

It was wonderful to see our Bournemouth Jewish Community coming together on Sunday morning (BHC, Chabad & BSA) to celebrate such an important occasion followed by a Yummy Shakshuka breakfast.

The BSA would like to thank Mahir Ozdamar, past



and present Executives and Chairmen, past and present Trustees, and of course ALL the BHC's members for their ongoing support over the years, making us feel very much at home, allowing us to continue and practice our customs and traditions. It would have never happened without you!!!

Wishing you all Shana Tovah U'metuka and a meaningful Fast and I look forward to seeing you at our services and events over the Hagim.

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BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW GUILD

Since Pesach, the Guild continue to serve the community with their industrious team work. Under the highly efficient leadership of Marion Reichwald, the Guild ensure kiddushim, festival celebrations, events, both celebratory and commemorative, and community support, happen seamlessly at BCHC.

Newest members of the Guild, Lucy Avissar and Mandy Glazer organised a Yom Ha'atzmaut event, which was sensitively planned as both a celebration of Eretz Yisrael and a reflection on the tragic events of October 7th. With the Thelma Cowan Hall festooned with blue and white balloons and flags, a lavish Israeli buffet, with handmade falafel by Ran Avissar, and Israeli music, was enjoyed by over 80 people.

Around 25 people enjoyed a Tikkun Leil Shavuot dairy meal, cooked by "Michelin" chefs Marion and Peter Reichwald, which was generously sponsored.

The Guild were delighted to host a coffee morning for local dignitaries at BCHC in August during the visit of Phil Rosenberg, President of the Board of Deputies.

Thanks to a regular team of Friday and Shabbat morning volunteers, weekly kiddushim are enjoyed by the whole community. Several themed and sponsored kiddushim have taken place over the past few months to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays.

We hosted a kiddush to honour the outgoing Board in May and one to welcome the new Board in June. Two stone setting teas were held in the Thelma Cowan Hall. We are so pleased to welcome Flora Bould back on kiddush wine duty following her recent ill health and are grateful for the shomering help and guidance of Rabbi Alan and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis. All of these kiddushim and teas take an enormous amount of time in planning, purchasing, pre-cooking and on the day



Celebrating Yom Haatzmaut

preparation, none of which would be possible without a dedicated team of volunteers who so generously give up their time. Please consider helping the Guild on a Friday morning or on the kiddush rota, we're a fun and friendly bunch - whatever time you can offer will be very gratefully received.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush call the Shul Office or speak to Marion Reichwald. The 2024 cost of sponsoring a Kiddush is from £125 to £325.

An important area of the Guild's work is 'Chessed', helping the bereaved, lonely, and those in need. Our Guild member Loraine Berlyn serves on the Board as Chessed co-ordinator and supports the Guild as a vital link with the BJSS. Lorraine recently introduced the Coffee & Chat Thursday morning meet ups which started at the end of June, and have already seen numbers into the double figures.

Lucy and Mandy are very much enjoying being members of the Guild committee and very much hope their enthusiasm, practical help and suggestions and ideas will help the Guild to continue to flourish.

MANDY GLAZER

★ ★ MAZAL TOV! ★ ★

Mazaltov to Jonathan Tammam, son of Simon and Diana Tammam, who has been appointed Professor of Nutrition and Health at Oxford Brookes University.

Jonathan joined Oxford Brookes in 2019 as both Academic Lead and Director of the Centre for Nutrition and Health.

His research focuses on the nutritional needs of prisoners and adolescents, exploring the effect of

supplementary nutrition on behaviour. He also researches malnutrition in the clinical population and has an interest in the gender disparity within the Nutrition and Dietetic profession.

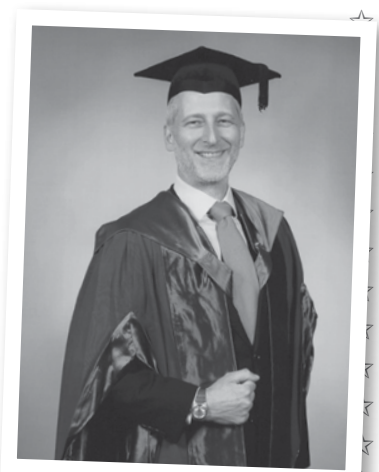
Jonathan's work on prisoner diet and health has contributed to senior level collaboration within and impacted the policies and practices of, the Ministry of Justice and His Majesty's

Prison and Probation Service.

A respected leader, Jonathan mentors junior colleagues and supervises undergraduates and postgraduates students at all levels.

He holds Fellowships with the Higher Education Academy and Institute of Food, Brain and Behaviour.

He is Co-Director of the Centre for Healthy Living Research.



Taken after the ceremony of his appointment

FROM THE DARKNESS

Following a moving service to commemorate Yom Hashoah, during which candles were lit to remember the six million, who were murdered in the Shoah, we moved to the Thelma Cowan Hall, previously the Menorah Suite, where we were given an inspiring talk by Anita Peleg.

For most of us listening to her it was a revelation to learn that it was her mother, the late Naomi Blake, who had sculpted the Menorah, which was hung on the wall of the hall in 1975. Anita has been documenting where her mother's sculptures are located, and she was invited to visit the shul to view the sculpture. We were fortunate that she also agreed to give a talk on Yom HaShoah about the incredible life of her mother.

Her late mother, Naomi Blake, was born Zissi Dum in March 1924, the youngest of ten siblings in a very orthodox Jewish family, in the town of Mukacevo, Czechoslovakia. In 1938 the state was taken over by Hungary, but their situation dramatically worsened when, in 1944, the Nazis invaded. She and thirty two her of family were deported to Auschwitz, where twenty four of them were murdered.

On arrival she and her sister Malchi, were separated from the rest of the family, never to see them again. They were sent to Brahnau Concentration Camp to work in a munitions factory, where they secretly learnt how to sabotage the bombs they made, a skill which they could not have envisaged learning in the past.

They were moved to several different camps but during one of the "Death Marches" she and Malchi, despite having shots fired at them, escaped from the Nazis. Liberation by the Russians was about to arrive in April 1945 but the sisters somehow made their way back to Czechoslovakia.

Amazingly but sadly the sisters were reunited with their few surviving family members in Murkaveco. However Naomi decided to leave to fulfil her dream of helping to build a Jewish homeland. She was able to get to Italy where she boarded a ship which was illegally taking Jews to Palestine. It was intercepted and the passengers were taken to Atlit prison near Haifa.

They were released following the UN decision to partition Palestine and Naomi joined the Palmach, which was set up to defend the new state's borders.

A women's division of the IDF was created after the Declaration of Independence, which she enlisted and was promoted to the rank of sub lieutenant.

Unfortunately she was hit in the neck with shrapnel, which meant she was hospitalised for several weeks in the Hadassah Hospital. To help pass the time Naomi was given some olive wood and tools, which began her passion for sculpture.



Anita Peleg viewing her mother's sculpture at the Shul

In 1952 she met and married a German refugee, Asher Blake. They lived in Milan and Rome then moved to London, had two children and settled in Muswell Hill. He encouraged her talent and love of sculpture and she enrolled in the Hornsey School of Art where she trained between 1955-1960.

Her considerable list of exhibitions began in 1962, with recognition of her talents when in 1979 she became an Associate of the Royal Society of British Sculptors and received a Fellowship from them in 1993. Not only did her works reflect her experiences in the Holocaust but she visualised with her works she could unite different faiths.

Despite everything which had happened to her she remained positive in the strength of the human spirit. Many of her vast number of works are on display all over the UK including at Bristol, Norwich and Portsmouth Cathedrals, Great Ormond Street Hospital and in Tel Aviv, as well as at the Hebrew University

Anita Peleg has written "Glimmer of Hope: the story of Naomi Blake" and is now Chair of the Trustees of Generation 2 Generation, an organisation dedicated to teaching about the Holocaust.

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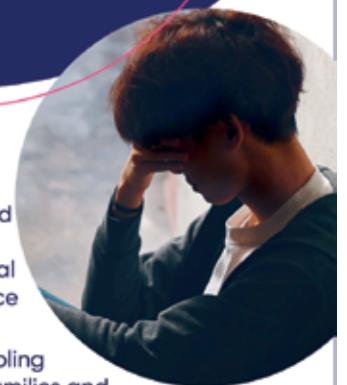
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Bournemouth Jewish Support Services – Onwards and Upwards

★★★ **Our Status.** We have great news to share. Bournemouth Jewish Support Services (BJSS) has satisfied all of the requirements of HMRC and the Charity Commission and is now a registered Charity. ★★
★★★ The process was diligently led by Team Leader, Janet Gee, supported by our newly appointed Trustees, ★★
★★★ Josie Lipsith, Deborah Tendler and Larry Kaye, and guided by Reed Smith Solicitors who kindly offered ★★
★★★ their time and input pro bono. Our **Charity Registration Number is 1209413.**
★★★ We are also pleased to confirm that we are now registered with HMRC to receive **Gift Aid.**

New Leaflet. We have also launched a new, double-sided A5 leaflet describing BJSS's services. It's a comprehensive list, and we are happy that we are now able to provide a wider and more complex range of confidential services:

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- ➔ **Assistance with shopping for clients**
- ➔ **Providing or funding transport to events and appointments**
- ➔ **Assisting clients to attend communal groups and events**

Copies of the leaflet will be available in the synagogues and will be distributed more widely so that we can reach more members of the community.

Do get in contact if you, a family member, friend or neighbour needs our support.

We also have good opportunities for **new volunteers** and would love you to join us, so do get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Monday 27th January 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

2025 also marks the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide.

The Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Memorial Day committee will be marking both these anniversaries at our event on Sunday 26th January.

The event will be in the theatre at The Lighthouse Poole, from 2.00pm -4.30pm. After an act of commemoration, we will be hearing from a Muslim survivor of the Bosnian genocide who now lives in Bournemouth.

Our main speaker will be the daughter of a Holocaust survivor whose father, Yehuda Bacon is a Holocaust survivor. He was born in Czechoslovakia and in 1942 his family were deported to Terezin. In 1943 he was deported to Auschwitz. He was eventually liberated from Gunskirchen.

As soon as he was released he drew small sketches of the Gas Chambers and Crematoria which were used as testimony in Eichmann's trial in 1961

The tickets for this event are free and will be available on the Lighthouse's website. There will be a retiring collection.

We are also holding a small event in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre in Bournemouth at 10.00 at January 27th. After which we will be walking to the Holocaust Memorial Day Memorial near the Cenotaph for a short act of commemoration.

LYNDA FORD – HORNE

BOURNEMOUTH GOLDA EMUNAH

The horrific events in Israel of 7 October 2023 still leave their aftermath, with over 100 hostages still being held in Gaza, reservists still being called up to defend Israel, and hopes of a ceasefire seemingly elusive. This situation is being compounded by attacks from Lebanon and beyond, and unrest on the West Bank. The lives of all Israelis have been affected; everybody is living under the constant stress of ongoing war and uncertainty. The need for counselling and therapy support has risen exponentially across all sections of Israeli society.

Emunah is renowned for its successful history of supporting disadvantaged children and their families; unprecedented requests for its services are now being made to address this wider need. Emunah is rising to the challenge, employing and training many more counsellors, who are all working under great stress themselves to try and ensure that everybody's needs are met.

For our part the Bournemouth Golda Committee arranged for the film 'Golda' to be shown in the Thelma Cowan Hall in April. This film had been issued on general

release in cinemas but promptly withdrawn following the events of 7 October. It gave a fascinating insight into the political decisions that were made around the time of the Yom Kippur War, and the sacrifices and soul searching that Golda Meir experienced. One could not help but speculate on discussions that might be taking place behind the scenes amongst current politicians in Israel.

The film event was well supported by both our members and by many of our non Jewish friends in the wider community who wanted to demonstrate their ongoing support for Israel. Rochelle Selby, Chair of Trustees, travelled down from London to address us about the work of British Emunah. Short films of interviews with some of the counsellors working for Emunah in Israel were shown; they each gave very moving and harrowing accounts of how their lives have been affected by the events of the past year.

Those who attended were deeply affected by what they saw and heard. We were delighted that this event raised over £1,000 for Emunah.

ANNE OZDAMAR

'If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your poor brother. Rather, be open-handed and freely lend him whatever he needs'. (Deut. 15:7-8)

It is frighteningly easy to be swept up by consumerism. Especially in today's world.

One of the dangers of this lifestyle is that it can very easily segway into self-centredness. Before we realise it, we have shut ourselves off from the world. We continue to care about others, but in a perverse way: only to the extent that they give validation to ourselves. I have seen myself be carried away by the temptations of this consumerist life.

Sometimes, I watch myself from afar. I notice that I've looked in the mirror one too many times than necessary, I notice that I've spent too much money on clothes, or too much time worrying about what others will think of me. All the while, I spend frightening little time actually caring for the needs of others.

Having occasionally descended into the pit of materialism, I have always admired people who have managed to rise well above it. These people give charitably - with no expectation of recognition, or reward. These people stay close to the Torah's timeless wisdom, and have successfully incorporated it into their lives. My grandma has been an inspiration to me in this regard: quietly giving her money, or time, to charities. One of the charities that she has always supported is Emunah.

I had the privilege of becoming a volunteer for Emunah earlier this summer. I was warmly welcomed into the team, and have appreciated the chance to play a small role in

supporting their meaningful work.

For the readers who are more unfamiliar with Emunah (meaning 'faith' in Hebrew), the organisation was created in 1933 with the aim of providing practical help to children escaping Nazi persecution.

Since October 7th, British Emunah has continued supporting numerous counselling and trauma centres, high schools, and residential centres in Israel amid an influx in demand.

Emunah is reliant on local communities, like our one in Bournemouth, to keep supporting those in need in Israel.

I know from experience how grateful the team is for any help: whether it be with your time, money, or unwanted items (for Emunah's popular eBay shop!).

As the late Rabbi Sacks said in typically wise fashion, 'we own what we are willing to share'.

He was right.

Everything we have will, of course, perish. Our legacy and meaningful work, though, has the ability to transcend time. That's the power of tzedakah.

EZRA WOODMAN
(Grandson of Pearl Dale)

Thank you to the Bournemouth Golda Group for always supporting us. To support Emunah please visit our website: www.emunah.org.uk or call the office on 020 8203 6066

WITH LOVE FROM JERUSALEM

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support for Israel and in the past tragic months in particular.

Everything is appreciated from small donations to lending your voice to protests.

Keep it up, please.

The war is taking its toll on day to day life. Today one soldier died from wounds sustained in battle and the body of another soldier presumed lost, has been found killed on 7th October.

Thousands of Israelis have been made homeless as a result of the daily barrage of rockets from Hezbollah in the north and Hamas in the south. The port of Eilat has closed as a result of the Houthi's action.

On a more cheerful note, life goes on as near to normal as possible. We live in an area called The German Colony which was built in the 1880's by German Templar families. Our flat is within a complex called The Italian Colony. It is supposed to resemble a Florentine village! We have lots of friends in the complex, mainly from the UK.

Every Friday night we have a minyan in the courtyard. It is so nice to sit on the balcony and hear the familiar Anglo tunes, as the sun sets, and we welcome Shabbat.

We are a short flat walk to the shops and restaurants in Emek Refaim. I stress flat as Jerusalem is built on lots of hills and on Shabbat one notices just how many as we 'schlap' to dinner, lunch or tea to friends who seem quite close by car, during the week.

As a newcomer there was one lesson to learn fast. There is no need to make a shopping list. Fruit and vegetables are very seasonal and literally vary from week to week. Likewise, many grocery items have a quick turnover and what does not sell fast, is replaced, fast. Israelis are very particular shoppers, sell by dates are scrutinised carefully.

My first Pesach was a little challenging as very careful scrutiny of labels is needed to ensure no kitniot are

present in the food basket. A magnifying glass proved useful if not a bit eccentric

The next lesson, to be quickly learned, is the wardrobe. The winter in Jerusalem is short, can be wet, or very wet. Snow is rare, so a padded anorak and boots, make a short appearance. Spring is short too, and for the ladies marks the transition from tights to no tights. Summer, particularly this year, is hot or very hot. Open toed sandals are worn from approximately May to October. Men and women. A pedicure is a must. Autumn is also short; rain makes its first appearance bringing with it the dreaded dust.

The aforementioned dust is a common source of irritation. Being on the edge of a desert with multiple building projects nearby, dust is an unloved friend, making a daily appearance on floors and surfaces. Not helped by the air conditioning which by necessity blows daily, collecting dust in its journey.

We have joined a nearby shul. The founding fathers were French people from the Alsace/Lorraine region of France. There are a large number of English speakers from the UK, USA, Canada and Australia. It is a very friendly community.

Unlike many Israeli shuls the ladies wear hats. I had to go out and buy a few new hats, after all, have to keep up with the local fashion trends. Likewise, quite formal dresses for Shabbat are the norm, but during the week especially with the heat the trend is very casual cottons.

There is a kiddush after shul every Shabbat. There is cholent and pickled herring in one corner and sweet cakes and chocolates in another, all washed down by generous amounts of whisky. The Rabbi is very popular and liked by everyone.

To end may you all be blessed with a happy and healthy New Year, together with an easy Fast. May all our prayers for Israel be heard.

ANNA WISEMAN

PERSONAL

BLOOM – Rosamunde thanks BCHC, friends and members of the community for their good wishes received on the occasion of her "Special Birthday". Wishing you all Shana Tova.

HARRIS – Paul, Mark and Melissa would like to thank Rabbi Lewis, everyone in the Shul Office and all our family and friends in Bournemouth following the passing of our dear mother, Valerie. All your messages of sympathy and kindness meant a lot to us all and very much appreciated.

KEEN – Marilyn would like to thank family and friends for their support and kindness while recuperating from her recent wrist breakage. I feel lucky to live in such a compassionate community.

OZDAMAR – Anne and Mahir Ozdamar would like to thank all their friends for the many cards, gifts, charity donations and good wishes received on the occasion of their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.



NEW YEAR GREETINGS

BAKER – Beverley and Steve wish everyone in the community a Happy, Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

BARZILAY – Diana and Richard wish their family, friends and all the community a Happy and Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

BERLYN – Loraine and family, wish Rabbi Alan and Miriam Lewis, family, friends, and the entire Jewish Community a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

BOURNEMOUTH HEBREW GUILD wish, Rabbi Alan and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis, all our kiddushim helpers and the entire community a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful, and safe New Year.

BOURNEMOUTH SEPHARDI ASSOCIATION wish the BHC and the whole of the Jewish Community Shana Tova Umetukah. A year of good health, peace, joy and a meaningful fast. We look forward to welcoming you at our Sephardi Services and Communal lunches.

BRADLEY – Celia and Brian wish a Happy and Healthy New Year and Well over the Fast to Rabbi Lewis, Rebbetzen Miriam, The Executive and Board, family, friends and all members of BHC.

BRYSH – Isa sends greetings to Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis, to the Chair, Board, and members of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation and to all her friends for good Health and Happiness in the coming year. Leshanah Tovah Tikatevu.

CITRON – Tova and Lewis wish good health, Mazal and Brochot and safety to our dear friends, their families and for all our soldiers, our people and Eretz Yisrael.

COHEN – Ken wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

COSKY – Megan and Lewis send best wishes to all their family and friends for a Happy and Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

DEXTER – Marilyn and Bernie wish all family and friends a Shanah Tova and Peace in Israel.

DWORKIN – Carole wishes to send New Year Greetings to family, friends and the whole Congregation.

FELD – Susan and Geoffrey wish all their dear family and friends a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

FRANSES – Beverley and Jeff wish their family and friends a Happy New Year and well over the Fast.

GOLDBERG – Judy and Stanley wish our family and friends Health and Happiness for the coming year.

GOLDBERGER – Ilana and Michael together with all their family wish the community a Happy and Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

GOULD – Bettina and Keith wish the entire community, family and friends, 'Chag Sameach' and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Sweet New Year and well over the Fast.

HARTH – Syd and Hillary wish their family and friends a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year and an easy Fast.

JACKSON – Josephine and Gerald wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis and all the community Shana Tova, a Peaceful, Happy and Healthy 5785. Am Yisrael Chai.

JACKSON – Juliette and Ronald wish our family and friends a Healthy and Safe New Year.

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/WHELAN – Marilyn, Alexandra, Olivia, David and Sophia wish Rabbi Alan and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis, family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

KEYNE – Jan and Simon wish their family, friends and all the community a Happy, Healthy year and well over the Fast.

KOSHER AT BHC – Bournemouth Hebrew Community Shop wish the Rabbi, Rebbetzen and the whole community a Happy and Healthy New Year. "Fresh Food. Fair Prices Why Pay More."

LASSMAN – Brian and Judy wish their family and friends and the entire community a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

LEVEY – Adrian and June Noah wish family, friends, and the entire community a Happy New Year and well over the Fast.

LEWIS – Rabbi Alan and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis wish the Community a Happy and Healthy New Year, and hope 5785 will bring peace to all Israel.



LINZ – Lynne and David wish their Bournemouth family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.

LURIE – Barbara and Simon wish the entire community 'Chag Sameach' and a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

LURIE – Jean wishes family and friends a Happy, Peaceful New Year.

MENTON – Judith, Jonathan, Jessica and Joshua wish family, friends and all the community a Happy and Healthy New Year.

MILESTONE – Sandra and Alan wish their dear children and family together with all our friends old and new a happy and healthy New Year.

MILLER – Cyndy and Tony wish all their family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.

MORRIS – Ruthie and Graham wish the Rav, Rabbanit and all the Community a k'tivah v'chatimah tovah and thank all those who have kept the daily minyanim, the shul shop and all the other essential services running throughout the year.

MYERS – Hilary Hoping this year will bring lasting peace in Israel. With every good wish for the coming year to Rabbi Lewis and Rebbetzen Miriam, and also to my family and friends.

OZDAMAR – Mahir and Anne together with Karen, Dan, Harry and Georgie, and Liza, Gavin, Jacob and Elana, wish their friends and the Community a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

PINNER – Zara and Simon wish the Rabbi, Rebbetzen, Office Team, Trustees, Executive, Board, Volunteers, Friends, Neighbours and the whole community a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Safe New Year.

PINS – Janet wishes Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis, Reverend Barry and Angela Sklan, family and friends and all members of the community a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

REICHWALD – Marion and Peter wish all our wonderful friends in Bournemouth a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

REIN – Corinne together with her family wish Rabbi Alan & Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis, the Executive and the community a Happy and Healthy New Year and peace to all Israel.

ROBERTS – Di and Ellard wish all family, friends, and all the community a Happy New Year and well over the Fast. May we all celebrate peace in Israel ASAP.

ROSE – Tony and Coreen wish all their Bournemouth family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.

ROSENFELD – Rabbi Lionel and Natalie wish the whole community a Happy and Healthy 5785, and for a New Year bringing peace and comfort to Israel.

RUBENSTEIN – Louisa wishes Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis, her beloved family and dear friends a Happy and Healthy New Year. May we live to see peace in Israel this year.

STROM – Elfrida and Leonard wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis together with all members of the community and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.

TAYLOR – Leon and Rhona wish all their family and friends a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

WALKER – Gilian, together with Bernie Cohen wish Rabbi Alan and Rebbetzen Miriam Lewis and our many dear friends, a Sweet, Peaceful and Healthy New Year and well over the Fast.

WEBB – Katarina and family wish Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis, Reverend Barry and Angela Sklan and all members of the community a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

WEINTROUB – Irene and Ivor with all their family wish their relatives, friends and all the Congregation a very Happy New Year and a Peaceful Fast.

WHITE – Marilyn and Stephen wish their dear children, grandchildren, family and friends a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful New Year.

WOLFERS – Edward and Paula wish family and friends Happy New Year.

WOOLF – Helen wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

WOOLFSTEIN – Hazel and Cyril wish their dear family, friends and Rabbi and Rebbetzen Lewis a Happy and Healthy New Year.

OUR KOL NIDRE APPEAL 5785 – 2024

Please support this year's Kol Nidre appeal generously. The charities need your support more than ever before in order to continue their life saving work.

ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL BACK THE BEACH APPEAL



University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity has launched a £1.5million fundraising appeal to take the Royal Bournemouth Hospital into the future.

The BEACH Appeal is the charity's biggest ever fundraising appeal to provide additional items for the new six-storey building at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital to help transform healthcare across Dorset.

The new building is the size of 115 tennis courts and known as the 'BEACH' for Birth, Emergency And Critical Care and Children's Health.

This building will provide new purpose-built maternity and children's units, an improved major emergency department and one of the biggest critical care units in the country.

The BEACH Appeal follows the work started in 2021 to reconfigure the services at University Hospitals Dorset to improve the way care is provided for the hundreds of thousands of patients that are cared for each year.

As a result, Poole Hospital will be focused on planned care with the investment of the new theatres we fitted last year

and our construction teams have been flat-out building the BEACH Building at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, ready for spring 2025.

By supporting the BEACH Appeal, you will be helping to make long-lasting differences to the experience of every patient, staff member and hospital visitor who comes through those doors. We can together ensure our BEACH building is one-of-a-kind and meets the needs of everybody.

One of many fundraising items includes an additional state-of-the-art CT scanner to enable double the number of patients to be scanned, diagnosed and treated within critical timeframes.

The BEACH Appeal really is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us all to be a part of something special by helping to transform care together for everybody across Dorset.

By supporting this appeal, we are ensuring that we all benefit from the improved health services offered by our local hospitals.

CAMP SIMCHA



Camp Simcha makes a difference by bringing hope, joy and support to families devastated by serious childhood illness. Our mission is to ensure that no such child or their family anywhere in the UK has to cope without our help.

Camp Simcha provides 23 practical, emotional and therapeutic support services to the whole family, offering a bespoke package of care to more than 1,500 family members across the country and reaching another 12,000 children through our hospital outreach programme.

Practical

In the middle of a medical crisis, the last thing a family can think about is making sure there's a hot meal on the table, but that's often one thing they really need. Our Family Liaison Officers (FLO) know what they need to get them through dark days, often before they themselves do. Whether it is a lift to hospital when parents are juggling multiple appointments with the needs of their other children, or overnight respite for a much-needed break, we are always there to lighten the heavy load.

Therapeutic

Each member of the family may struggle with different emotions when a child has a serious illness and often they need a safe space to process these feelings. Whether it's

through counselling, talking to their FLO or via our range of therapeutic art activities, Camp Simcha can help each family member to find a way to deal with the difficult emotions they are feeling.

Events & Outings

Bringing fun and laughter to seriously ill children and their siblings makes a huge difference and can give them strength to face the daily challenges ahead. We believe the power of positive experiences, such as parties, retreats and outings, can have a hugely therapeutic impact for children dealing with difficult treatments and siblings struggling with worry and unsettled family life. Our aim is to ensure that for the children we support, today's treat should be more important than tomorrow's treatment.

Groups

When parents are facing the unimaginable, often only other parents going through something similar can understand how that feels. Our support groups for parents of children with diabetes, was established to provide this kind shared understanding, support and advice. We also run groups for siblings to give them a space to share their feelings including after school club and art groups.



LEKET



Leket Israel is the nation's largest food rescue network, dedicated to combating food waste and hunger for over 20 years. Each week, we rescue surplus food from over 800 farms and hundreds of suppliers and distribute it to 330,000 recipients through our network of 296 nonprofit partners.

We bridge the gap between food surplus and scarcity, making a significant impact on vulnerable populations across Israel.

Since the onset of the war, Leket has launched a range of emergency relief programmes to support Israelis living under siege in the north and south, as well as the large evacuee population and the farming community.

These initiatives are providing essential food supplies to those most affected by the conflict, addressing a staggering 25% increase in need compared to before the war.

We would like to request your support and contribution from this year's Kol Nidrei Appeal at Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation by supporting our **Ashdod Meal Rescue Route** a crucial initiative providing essential nourishment to the residents of Ashdod, especially those who are housebound and in need. Since 7th October, the community has endured relentless rocket attacks, and the need for support has never been greater.

Your pledge will have a tremendous impact and with your generous contributions, we can ensure that these vulnerable

individuals receive the sustenance they need to withstand this ongoing conflict.

Our objectives include:

1. Meal Rescue: We aim to collect surplus cooked meals from various sources such as the IDF, corporate cafeterias, and hotels, and distribute them. Our target is to deliver an average of 375 rescued meals per day to individuals in need in Ashdod.

2. Combat Hunger: We want to fight hunger by providing nourishing meals to those who are in desperate need. This effort will also help minimise food waste.

3. Reduce Food Waste: By rescuing surplus food that would otherwise be wasted, we aim to promote sustainability while feeding needy families and individuals.

4. Community Support: Through the Ashdod Meal Rescue Route, we aim to provide essential support to the residents of Ashdod during this war.

The total cost of implementing this project for a year is £70,000. This amount will cover vital expenses such as driver and transport costs, and rescue operations.

You can make a significant difference; Every contribution can significantly improve the lives of the people enduring hardship in Ashdod, offering much-needed nourishment and hope.



BOURNEMOUTH JEWISH SUPPORT SERVICES (BJSS)



Bournemouth Jewish Support Services (BJSS) is a charity well known to us all. It offers confidential support and advice to members of the Jewish Community across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and the wider districts, who are in need of caring support.

All of BJSS services are provided by trained volunteers and include:

- Visiting people at home, in hospital and in care homes,
- Befriending people who are lonely or isolated,
- Supporting shopping needs (particularly Kosher food),
- Escorting people to attend activities and appointments,
- Helping with correspondence,
- Providing guidance regarding Housing issues,
- Assisting with Benefit applications and claims, such as Attendance Allowance and Blue Badge applications,
- Assisting people to claim the State Benefits to which they are entitled,
- Supporting those with disabilities to attend places of worship,
- Providing access to activities such as community lunch clubs,

arts and crafts, Israeli dancing, table tennis, bridge and computer training,

- Obtaining and providing grants for eligible individuals,

The generosity of BCHC members will enable BJSS to continue to provide a wide range of welfare and support services to those in need in our community, for which we thank you.

Janet Gee and the BJSS Admin team

To donate by Bank Transfer to the BCHC Kol Nidre Appeal 2024/5785

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'BAZEEN' (Large dumpling with lamb and leek stew)

Forwarded by SIMON TAMMAM

A lunch dish prepared for the first days of Rosh Hashanah, Succoth and Shavuot, by the Jews of Libya and Tunisia.

Ingredients for the dumpling:

■ 2 litres of water ■ ½ kg soft flour ■ ¼ glass rapeseed oil
■ 1 teaspoon salt

Preparation:

1. In a large soup pot, put the water, salt and oil and bring to the boil.
2. Add slowly the flour to the boiling water without mixing
3. With the help of a long wooden spoon make a hole in the middle of the flour and leave spoon in place for the duration of cooking, and arrange for the water to cover all the flour, add boiling water if needed.
4. Cook for 45 minutes without mixing.
5. Strain the water in another dish and keep aside.
6. Mix the flour rapidly until a soft dough is formed, add a bit of the preserved water if needed.
7. The dough has to be soft but not sticky or watery.
8. Form 6 dumpling balls and put in deep plates.

Ingredients for the stew:

■ 6 pieces of shoulder of lamb ■ ½ glass rapeseed oil

■ 3 onions finely chopped ■ 2 large leeks coarsely chopped ■ 4 medium potatoes peeled and cut in 4
■ 1 tablespoon hot chilli paprika ■ 1 tablespoon sweet paprika ■ 2 tablespoons tomato paste ■ Salt, to taste.

Preparation:

1. Fry the onions in the oil until golden in colour then add the salt.
2. Add the meat and fry for a few minutes turning a few times then add the tomato paste and both the paprikas.
3. Cover with water and bring to the boil then add the leeks.
4. Bring to the boil and simmer for one and half hours.
5. Add the potatoes and cook on a low heat for another one and half hours or until the stew has the consistency of jam.

Once ready pour a few spoons of the hot stew on the dumpling and enjoy.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Members,

On Wednesday/ Thursday 30/31 October 2024, we are going to carry out a long overdue tidy up of the shul. This will involve clearing out of the boxes, both downstairs and upstairs.

To ensure that your personal effects, your prayer books, and in the case of men, your kippot, talleisim and tephillin, are not disturbed, please arrange them to be removed from your seats before Wednesday 30th October.

If you are unable to get to the shul to do this, please contact the shul office before 30th October with your request and a note will be put on your seat to ensure that the contents are not disturbed.

We plan that any prayer books, kippot, talleisim and tephillin that are collected during the course of this tidy up will initially be stored at the back of the shul; if you have been searching over the years for a lost tallit, machzor or siddur, please do take this opportunity to search for your lost item before the prayer books and all other items that are deemed surplus to requirements are moved for burial in the second half of November.

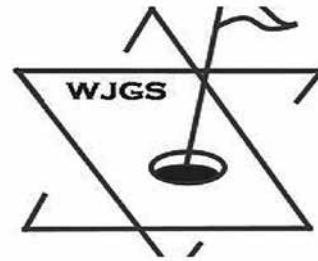
The Executive

Israeli Dancing

Since 2001, a dedicated group of dancers have been meeting every week to enjoy beautiful Israeli music, exercise and socialise.

There is no age limit, and no fun limit. It's only for an hour so why not come along on Tuesday nights at 8.00 in the Menorah Suite. See the Shul notices for any changes of time or venue.

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TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HOSPITALISED IS CONTACTED PLEASE PASS ON DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
PLEASE TELEPHONE: 01202 557433

ARE YOU DISPOSING OF ITEMS?

If items are donated to Bournemouth Leukaemia Fund, Unit 2, The Sovereign Centre, Boscombe, on request it can be ensured that proceeds of the sale of your items will be given to Macmillan Cancer Care Hospice at Christchurch Hospital

DIARY

September 2024

Shabbat 28th	Nitzavim/Vayelech
Sunday 29th	First Day Selichot
	Stone Settings
	The late Mrs Doreen Lee o"n – 12 Noon Kinson
	The late Mr Alan Solomons z"l – 1.30pm Throop

October 2024

Wednesday 2nd	Erev Rosh Hashanah Light candles 18.24
Thursday 3rd	First Day Rosh Hashanah Sephardi Service Light Candles for 2nd Day after 19.31
Friday 4th	Second Day Rosh Hashanah Sephardi Service Shabbat candles 18.19
Shabbat 5th	Shabbat Shuva Ha'azinu
Sunday 6th	Fast of Gedaliah begins 06.03 ends 19.15 Stone Setting Throop The late Mai Halpern o"n – 2pm
Monday 7th	Cross communal event to commemorate the events from last year. Further information will be circulated.
Tuesday 8th	Meet N Munch
Friday 11th	Erev Yom Kippur Candles and Fast begins 18.04 Kol Nidre Service – 18.30 Sephardi Service
Shabbat 12th	Yom Kippur Fast ends 19.11 Sephardi Service
Wednesday 16th	Erev Sukkot candles 17.54
Thursday 17th	Sukkot First Day Sephardi Service
Friday 18th	Shabbat Candle Lighting 17.50
Shabbat 19th	Shabbat Chol Hamoed
Wednesday 23rd	Hoshanah Rabba Erev Yom Tov Candles 17.40
Thursday 24th	Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Simchat Torah candles 18.48
Friday 25th	Simchat Torah

Shabbat 26th	Shabbat Bereshit Mevarachim Hachodesh Celebratory Kiddush Lunch for our Honourees
Sunday 27th	Clocks Go Back
Tuesday 29th	Meet N Munch

November 2024

Friday 1st	Rosh Chodesh MarCheshvan (1st day)
Shabbat 2nd	Rosh Chodesh MarCheshvan (2nd Day) Noah Kiddush Sponsored By Dexters for Bernie's 80th Birthday
Shabbat 9th	Lech Lecha
Tuesday 12th	Meet N Munch
Shabbat 16th	Vayera
Shabbat 23rd	Chaya Sarah
Sunday 24th	Mitzvah Day
Tuesday 26th	Meet N Munch
Shabbat 30th	Mevarachim Hachodesh Toldot

December 2024

Sunday 1st	Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Monday 2nd	Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Wednesday 4th	CCJ Meeting – 7.30 pm
Shabbat 7th	Vayetzie
Tuesday 10th	Meet N Munch
Shabbat 14th	Vayishlach
Shabbat 21st	Vayeshev
Wednesday 25th	Bank Holiday First Night Chanukah
Thursday 26th	First Day Chanukah
Shabbat 28th	Shabbat Chanukah Mevarachim HaChodesh Miketz

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