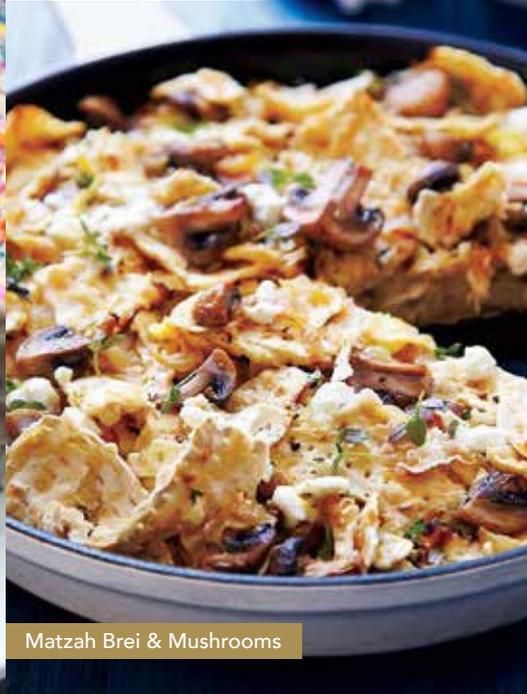


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Editors' Message

Welcome to Geshher Lite!

We are delighted to offer some fascinating articles as well as reports of Hale Shule's own extensive activities since Rosh Hashanah. Emerging from the restrictions of the pandemic, we have moved from "Zoom to Room" to many face to face events and hope you enjoy reading about them.

Mark Savinson, President, introduces the new Shule management team, who are hard at work on our behalf. Check out all the fabulous photos from Chanukah and Purim celebrations.

Against the backdrop of fun activities, you can read of many varied and interesting weekly and one off educational events.

Children and young people are always at the heart of our community. Look out for the vast array of pictures and articles showcasing their interaction with Tova and Evan Levine. No photos this time but you will see there is lots going on for our children at

Shule on Shabbat mornings too. And don't miss a fascinating account of a trip to Poland by three teenage members who presented these to the congregation at Shule a few months ago.

On a more sombre note, we are always sad to lose beloved Shule members and as always, we send Geshher condolences to all those who have lost loved ones. In this edition of Geshher, Anne, Melissa and Natalie have so very kindly shared with us very personal and beautiful thoughts about dear Harvey Rosenfield z"l for which we thank them.

Julia Harris also shares personal details and an account of the start of her cousin's escape from war torn Ukraine. We hope to be able to offer a happier follow up at Rosh Hashanah.

In the meantime, as the war in Ukraine continues, Rabbi Binstock sends us a powerful message for Pesach. This Pesach sees many families getting together for a Seder for the first time

in 3 years. We hope it is a peaceful time for the whole community and the world.

**Wishing us all Happy Pesach.
The Geshher Team.**

PS We are accepting content for our bumper (as opposed to Pesach 'Lite') Rosh Hashanah Geshher magazine any time from now and want to hear from you about anything that might interest the community. Please send to gesher@haleshule.com and we shall respond. You won't be the first though – thanks to Gary Scolah who wins that accolade!

**Geshher Editing Team
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MARCH - APRIL / ADAR II - NISSAN

Wednesday 16 March	Fast of Esther
Thursday 17 March	Purim
Friday 15 April	Erev Pesach
Shabbat 16 April	Pesach 1
Sunday 17 April	Pesach 2
Friday 22 April	Pesach 7
Shabbat 23 April	Pesach 8
Thursday 28 April	Yom HaShoah
Friday 6 May	Yom Ha'atzmaut

JUNE / SIVAN

Sunday 5 June	Shavuot 1
Monday 6 June	Shavuot 2

JULY / TAMMUZ

Sunday 17 July	Fast of Tammuz
Sunday 7 August	Tisha B'Av

Yom Tov Dates For Your Diary

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER / ELLUL - TISHRI

Sunday 25 September	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Monday 26 September	Rosh Hashanah 1
Tuesday 27 September	Rosh Hashanah 2
Wednesday 28 September	Fast of Gedaliah
Tuesday 4 October	Kol Nidrei
Wednesday 5 October	Yom Kippur
Monday 10 October	Succot 1
Wednesday 11 October	Succot 2
Monday 17 October	Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday 18 October	Simchat Torah

DECEMBER - JAN / KISLEV - TEVET

Monday 19 December	Chanukah 1
Monday 26 December	Chanukah 8
Tuesday 3 Jan	Fast of Tevet

Chayim Arukim

- Joe Dwek on the loss of his wife
- Michael Green on the loss of his wife
- Laurence Ward on the loss of his mother
- Gillian Raynes on the loss of her husband
- David Raynes on the loss of his father
- Barbara Rosen on the loss of her husband
- The family of Barbara Orlans on the loss of Barbara
- The family of Sheila Green on the loss of Sheila
- Nigel Spier on the loss of his mother
- Anne Rosenfield on the loss of her husband
- Joshua Rubin on the loss of his father
- The family of Lady Beryl Steinberg on the loss of Lady Beryl
- Jonny Patoff on the loss of his stepfather
- Jeff Caplan on the loss of his sister

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Fridge Matzah Cake Recipe

Author Tiffany Bendayan



FOR THE CHOCOLATE CREAM

- 1 cup butter or margarine (2 sticks) melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 6 oz semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 tsp rum extract (optional)

FOR ASSEMBLY

- 1 tsp milk
- 1 tsp prepared coffee
- 1 1/2 boxes Matzahs
- 2 cups Kosher wine or grape juice placed in a shallow dish

Instructions

To make the chocolate cream: using a standing mixer, combine the butter, sugar, and eggs. Mix until creamy. In a small saucepan melt the chocolate with the milk, coffee and rum extract. Combine chocolate with the butter mixture until combined.

To Assemble the Cake: use a cookie sheet fitted with a baking rack to catch the drippings. Dip a matzah in the wine and place on the cookie sheet. Spread a little of the chocolate cream. Continue with remaining matzahs. Top with the rest of the chocolate cream covering the sides.

Place in the fridge overnight or for a few hours until cake is set and enjoy!

Shabbat Pram & Buggy Pushing Service

S.P.S. has been set up in order to preserve the sanctity of Shabbat whilst, at the same time, facilitating young mothers to go to Shule and elsewhere to share Shabbat with family and friends.

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From The Rabbi's Study

Pesach Message 5782

"This is the bread of our affliction... all who are hungry come in and eat."

This famous line in the Haggadah has been the springboard for many discussions throughout the centuries, but I think we can understand it in its most simple sense this year.

If I would have written this message a few weeks ago, I might have wanted to explore the language of past, present and future expressed in this paragraph. I might have questioned why it is in Aramaic. I might have deliberated whether the "lachma anya" should be understood as "bread of affliction" or "bread of answering questions". I might have asked "why are we inviting people on Seder night? Shouldn't we have thought of inviting people beforehand?"

Those were my questions a few weeks ago, before the unimaginable and immoral invasion of Russian forces into Ukraine. Writing now, however, two weeks into this war (and I hope and pray that by the time you read this there will be peace) with hundreds dead and millions displaced, the simple reading of the verse becomes bizarrely relevant and meaningful.

We begin our Seder with the words "all who are hungry come in and eat" because there have troubled times throughout our history where something as simple as celebrating Pesach was beyond the reach of many. Those fortunate enough to be able to make a Seder would invite as many others as possible to join them. The invitation isn't symbolic, it is real.

I never could have imagined that in our lifetime we would witness a Pesach with hundreds of thousands of Jews fleeing a warzone, not knowing if they will have a place to live, not knowing if they will have a piece of matzah for Pesach. This is the bread of our affliction.

We have to make sure the invitation is real and not symbolic. We are so fortunate here in Hale with the fantastic opportunities for Jewish life we have here. We are truly blessed to have a dynamic community with something for everyone, and normally I would want to focus primarily about the exciting growth and rejuvenation we are witnessing here in Hale.

But before we can celebrate Pesach this year, we need to make sure that we have done what we can to help those most in need, to reach out and say "all who are hungry come in and eat".

May we be blessed to see a speedy end to this war, and may Pesach be a time of restoration and redemption, and a true celebration of freedom.

Leanne, Motti, Didi, Atara and Yaffa join me in wishing you and your families a Chag Kasher V'Sameach – a very Happy Pesach!

Rabbi Yisroel Binstock

Matzah Brei with Mushrooms

From myrecipes.com

Prep: 20 mins
Cook: 22 mins
Serves 4



- 6 plain matzahs
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 8oz white button mushrooms, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 6 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup crumbled soft goat cheese or feta, optional

Break matzahs into pieces and place in a colander. Moisten under cold running water for 15 to 30 seconds. Transfer matzahs to a large mixing bowl.

In a large nonstick skillet, melt 1/2 tbsp butter with 1/2 tbsp oil over medium-high heat. Add onion; season with salt. Cook, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add mushrooms. Season with salt, then cook, stirring, until mushrooms soften, 3 to 4 minutes longer. Stir in thyme.

Scrape mushroom mixture into bowl with matzah. Stir in eggs and cheese, if desired. Season with salt and pepper.

Wipe skillet clean. Melt remaining butter with oil over medium heat. Pour matzah mixture into skillet and spread in an even layer. Cook until golden brown on the underside, 10 to 12 minutes, occasionally loosening it from bottom of pan with a thin spatula.

Place an oven rack 6 inches from grill. Preheat to high. Slide skillet under grill; cook until top of matzah brei is golden, 1 to 2 minutes, watching carefully to prevent burning. Slice into wedges and serve immediately.

Here is the story of why I am writing this message.

As a Director I had become aware that a number of "younger" members of the community wanted to be more actively involved in Shule life and build an environment that will endure, their children see Shule as somewhere nice to come, not just the big building in front of the Nursery.

After some arm twisting, I was persuaded to be the face of the next generation of Shule leadership and help in the transition from old to new.

Now change is hard and many people were concerned that the young wouldn't know what to do, they wouldn't do it the way it had been done before - they would focus on the younger generation. But isn't that the point of change, as Einstein is alleged to have said? "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing in the same way expecting a different result."

So, here I am, President for the many - not the few! Trying to balance my way between the needs of everyone, encouraging our next generation to take the Kehilla, along with the Rabbi & Rebbetzin, to new successes. Will it be the same as before? I hope not. Not that before was bad, but the world has moved on and we have to recognise that.

We have the next generation such as Jonathan Craft as VP, Diana Leinhardt as Treasurer, Charlotte Cohen and Marc Ferster doing great things around the Nursery and Children's Services, and of course, there are others, all of whom are contributing to the future success of the Shule, but forgive me for not mentioning everyone by name.

We also have experienced heads such as Julia Harris as Treasurer and Suzanne Cobb as Ladies' Representative.

Are we succeeding? Well, you are the judge of that! Yes, we have started to rebuild the relationship between the children and Shule and we should be very proud that we have weekly children's services. We have had some amazing events that have packed out the Pearl Suite, and by the time you read this we will have had an amazing Purim Party. We have started a coffee shop with fresh coffee to encourage people to just meet and talk. (Ed. See article "Coffee In The Shule".)

There is obviously still work to do. We still have to chase for a minyan during the week and Shule attendance on Shabbat is unfortunately still low. Yes, we have to work harder at ensuring that there are activities for all ages, not just the young. But let me tell you, these are all things we are working on.

So, as I look beyond Pesach, and as we hopefully come out of the terrible situations the world has thrown at us, I am optimistic that we are starting a new chapter in the Hale

Kehilla - one that will provide both religious and non-religious support, and activities for all.

The only barrier we have to overcome now is ourselves. As a 'glass half-full' person, I look for the positive in everything, and I would ask the whole Kehilla to do the same. If you want to bend my ear (and you are free to do so), come to me with solutions, not problems. Together we can address anything. A Kehilla is a powerful thing. It is a force of people all pulling together - something of which we should be truly proud.

Clare and I wish you a Chag Pesach Sameach.

Mark Savinson

Matzah Pizza

From www.proportionalplate.com - Author Candice

Prep Time 5 mins - Cook Time 5 mins - Servings 4



4 matzah
1 cup pizza sauce
12 oz. mozzarella
2 oz. fresh basil

Place your matzah on a baking sheet (or two)

Spread cup of sauce on each of your matzah

Grate 3oz of mozzarella over each of your matzah

With the oven rack just below the grill, grill on high until the cheese melts - 5 minutes. Keep your eyes on it so the matzah doesn't burn.

Remove from oven, top with fresh basil, and let cool slightly before eating!

Notes

If you're trying to avoid soggy matzah roast it on a wire cooling rack instead of on a baking sheet.

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The Chief Rabbi's Pesach Message 5782

For the past two years, our Pesach experiences have been uniquely challenging while we contended with the unprecedented restrictions of the Coronavirus pandemic. Baruch Hashem, at long last, we can now look forward with fresh optimism to Pesach 2022.

The fundamental dimensions of the Pesach Seder are encapsulated perfectly in the famous words: "Kol dichfin yeitei veyeichol; kol ditzrich yeitei veyifsach" – "All who are hungry, let them come and eat; All who are in need, let them come and join us in observing Pesach."

This invitation makes clear that where possible, our Seder should be celebrated with others. Yet, it also describes the two essential aspects of the Seder experience – the physical, represented by the invitation to eat, and the spiritual, represented by the invitation to observe Pesach. Neither component is sufficient without the other. The Seder is both a feast for our physical senses and a feast for the soul.

The four questions of Ma Nishtana, relating to matza, maror, dipping and leaning, highlight not only *what* we do at the seder but also *how* we do them. These two dimensions of both our physical and spiritual Seder experiences, convey to us a profound lesson about both Seder night and Jewish life in general.

Our Sedarim of 2020 and 2021 were unprecedented. The *what* was the same as it has been for centuries, as we proceeded from cover to cover of our Haggadot. But the *how* had one major difference, due to the severely restricted numbers around our tables. Now that, Baruch Hashem, we will hopefully be able to have Sedarim of pre-Covid proportions, within the timeless *what* of Seder night, let us not revert entirely to our previous *how*. Instead, let's enrich our Seder experience by introducing fresh and creative ways to excite and inspire children and adults alike.

Indeed, we must apply this principle to Jewish life more broadly. The Pandemic has caused an upheaval in our communal life that most of us have never previously experienced and that comes with an opportunity to reimagine it in new ways. This is the rationale behind Project Welcome, which will provide strategic support and dedicated funding to communities around the country as they think anew and take bold steps to reinvigorate our congregants. In this context, I have no doubt that ShabbatUK, which will this year take place on 13th/14th May, will provide an exciting platform for extraordinary community engagement, which will be appreciated all the more following successive periods of lockdown.

Fascinatingly, the Hebrew word for crisis is *mashber*. The original Biblical meaning of this word is 'the opening of the womb', the moment of greatest human potential, because out of crises we must always seek the opportunities for renewal and regeneration. Let us ensure that this Pesach marks the beginning of a new era of Jewish community excellence.

Valerie and I extend our warm wishes to you and your families for a Chag kasher vesameach.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis



New Treasurer - Diana Leinhardt

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as your current Treasurer and newish member of the Management Team.

My name is Diana Leinhardt and I have been a member of Hale Shule my entire life. My son, Nate, has been through our wonderful nursery and my parents, Louise and Peter, along with my Grandma Gilda are also members of the Hale Shule community. Many of you will know them, whether it be from walking with my Mum or listening to exceptional Dad jokes from my Dad!

My involvement with Hale Shule has moved on from the days of being Head Girl at Cheder, to now making sure what comes in, is somehow more than what goes out, which leads me nicely to talking about Shule fees.

As we near the end of our financial year, some of you may be getting a little reminder from me to complete any outstanding payments due. We have all been impacted one way or another over the last couple of years due to the pandemic and this has filtered through financially for some of our members. Whilst overall fees pledged have risen marginally this year due to new members, associated costs have increased dramatically leaving us with extra funds to find. There have been more hardship cases this year and whilst no one wants to talk about not being able to pay fees it is a true reality for some within our community. I, personally, would like to thank all those who have the ability and generosity to pay extra voluntary levies in order to help us make up the shortfall.

There are currently discussions going on between the Management Team and the Directors regarding the monies that were received from the sale of High Elm Road and ways in which we can best use these funds as an additional revenue stream.



Our last investment report from CCLA, for the quarter to December 2021, showed an increase of 6.53% in the last quarter and 17.38% over the last 12 months. Given the uncertainty over both economic progress and the extent of further interest rate increases, heightened volatility is to be expected yet we have received positive results and gained more confidence in our current investment choices.

The Nursery continues to grow in both numbers and activities and experiences available to the children. Incredible new playground equipment has been installed thanks to monies pledged from the Legacy Fund and specific parental contributions. Costs have increased due to having to find ad hoc cover for staff with Covid. However we have recently taken on an extra staff member which will hopefully make budgeting slightly easier. The role of fee collecting remains firmly at the door of Maurice Gould, who does an incredible job year on year for which we owe him a debt of, thankfully, gratitude only.

The Management Team continue to aim to provide you with all you could want from a Shule community but this is at a cost. Our recent Chanukah events which were a huge success could not have gone ahead without generous donations and by the time you read this our extraordinary Purim party will hopefully still be in the forefront of your minds as being a fabulous community celebration. The budget does not make allowances for any social events, which are an integral part of our Shule life, so if you receive a call from a well known Shule member please give to us so that we can give back to you.

Nate and I, together with all the Leinhardts, wish you all a very happy Pesach.

Many thanks
Diana Leinhardt

- Michal and Shlomie Abenson on the birth of a baby girl
- Jeanette and Ronnie Abrahams on the birth of a grandson
- Liz and Malcolm Alexander on the birth of a grandson
- Mark and Gabrielle Adlestone and Elaine and Gerald Adlestone on the occasion of the marriage of Chloe to Greg Ilsen
- Elaine and Gerald Adlestone on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary
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- Ruth Benson on the birth of two granddaughters
- Leanne and Rabbi Binstock on the occasion of the marriage of Leanne's sister, Kayla Sklaar, to Yili Zaganof
- Sonya and Roger Bower on the birth of a grandson
- Vera Bower on the birth of a great-grandson
- Linda and Philip Braunstein on the birth of a granddaughter
- Georgina and Jamie Esterkin on the birth of a son
- Ginette and Nigel Esterkin on the birth of a grandson
- Anna and Arron Ferster on the birth of a daughter
- Shelley and Stuart Ferster on the birth of a granddaughter
- Deanna and Marc Ferster on the birth of a daughter
- Nicola and Simon Fine on the birth of a grandson
- Zoe and David Gabbie on the birth of a son
- Gail and Roy Gabbie on the birth of a grandson
- Marsha and Colin Gee on the birth of a grandson
- Marianne and Jonathan Hamburger on the occasion of Theo's marriage to Rebecca Freedman
- Caroline and Nicholas Herz on the birth of a granddaughter
- Wendy and Jeremy Herz on the birth of a grandson
- Hilary and Terry Krell on the birth of a granddaughter
- Robyn and Joshua Lee on the birth of a daughter
- Tracey and Jeremy Lee and Sonia Lee on the occasion of Samantha's engagement to Joshua Goodman
- Tracey and Jeremy Lee on their 30th Wedding Anniversary
- Nikki and Stephen Lee on the birth of a granddaughter
- Victor Levenson on the occasion of Hasia's wedding to Jordon Foux
- Rita Leigh on the birth of a great-grandson

- Stephen Lentin and Ella Lentin on Jonathan's marriage to Lauren Harris
- Stephen Lentin on the birth of a grandson, a son to Nicola and Marc
- Ella Lentin on the birth of a great-grandson
- Audrey and Bill Lister on the birth of a grandson
- Muriel Mond on the birth of a great-grandson
- Tali and Zack Mocton on the birth of a son
- Jenny and Laurence Orchant on the birth of a grandson
- Helyn Orchant on the birth of a great-grandson
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- Linda and Barry Price on the birth of a granddaughter
- Bev and Neil Rosenthal on the occasion of their grandson Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah
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- Beverley and Neil Rosenthal on the birth of a granddaughter
- Luise and Lionel Ross on the birth of Lionel's great-grandson
- Gillian and Ivor Rowe the occasion of Toby's marriage to Millie Braslavsky
- Laura and Jacob Sallon on the birth of a son
- Susan and David Sallon on the birth of a grandson
- Ruth and Raymond Taube on the birth of a granddaughter and grandson
- Jamie Wagman on his engagement to Rebecca Frazer
- Nadine and Antony Wagman on the engagement of their son Jamie to Rebecca Frazer and the engagement of their daughter Holly to Guy Woyda



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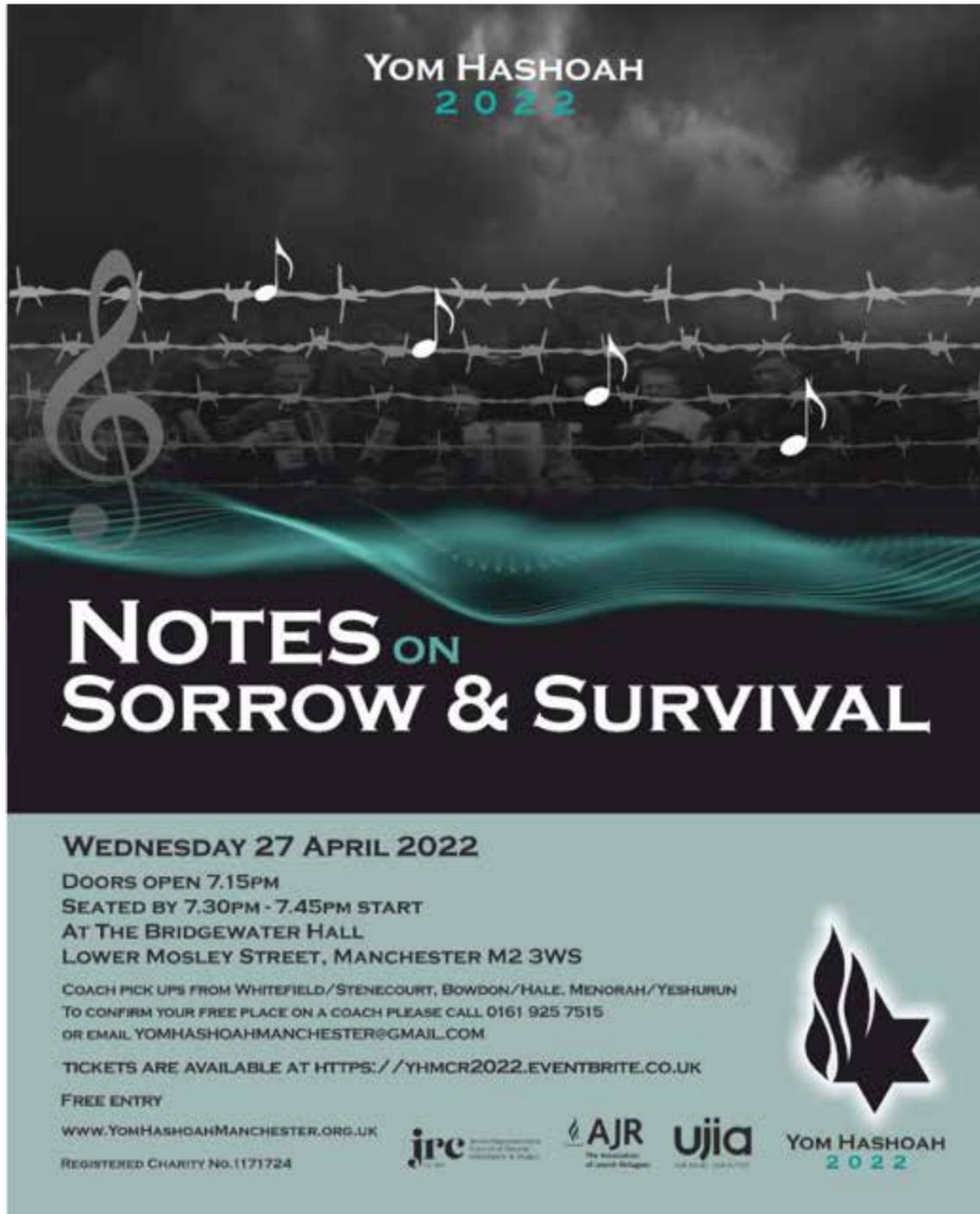
Yom Hashoah

For the first time in three years, we are delighted to return to a 'live' event to commemorate Yom Hashoah.

This will take place at the prestigious Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. The evening will take as its theme music composed and performed during the Holocaust and the

stories of those caught in the horrors. This will be interspersed with testimony to memorialise the six million slaughtered during the Shoah and to honour our precious survivors.

Shelley Ferster



**YOM HASHOAH
2022**

**NOTES ON
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Coffee in the Shule

It all started with the coffee machine. It had been sitting upstairs in a box for over a year. I had been planning on selling it, but then a tiny seed of an idea formed in my mind.

Wouldn't it be great if we could use it in Shule, for a little coffee shop. The thing was, the idea had stayed in its inception form. I bumped into Sonia Lee at Shule, over Yom Tov.

Sonia said that she thought it would be a great idea to start some sort of social activity in the Pearl Suite. It was such a coincidence because I had only been thinking before I went to sleep the previous night about the coffee shop idea. It was truly bizarre, and the timing seemed beshert.

So, this was how the coffee shop in Hale was born.

We found Michelle Green, Candice Dwek, Sharon Hart and Carol Latter willing to join us. We started having collaborations – definitely not meetings! Vivienne Newgrosh also came on board. With an incredibly small budget of £100, we organised the first café. The idea was to have literally a café, with a beans to cup machine, so a 'real' cup of coffee - not from instant - different teas, home-made (on the Shule premises), biscuits, gluten-free brownies, and protein balls. We decided also to make available the daily papers, magazines and a large selection of books for people to borrow. The idea is that people bring their old books, and take a new one to borrow.

The evening before the first café we were all feeling quite nervous that no one would turn up. Candice and I had spent the whole of one afternoon baking, and getting our heads around how to light the oven. Sharon came to make the protein balls - an amalgamation of nuts and dried fruit.

We all came into the Shule the previous day to set everything up. I had foraged in my garden for winter flowers and foliage to decorate the tables - not an easy task in December.



Unbelievably I had flowers in my garden which I could cut and use. The day the first café opened, the tables looked really inviting. We made sure that the hall was nice and warm, with gentle background music to enhance the atmosphere. Although people were not queueing out the door to get in, we had enough people for a first time. It was a pretty miserable day and very cold, but everyone who came on that first occasion told us that they enjoyed it. The Pearl Suite is a fantastic communal space, and we want to make this into a communal hub. There is enough space for everybody to be spaced apart if they so wish to. A good cup of coffee, a pretty excellent biscuit, and the joy of seeing people chatting to each other, after two hibernating years, is wonderful to see.

We are hoping that our venture will grow. This is an informal space, for all ages - although we do hope to have some activities up and running. These will be to one end of the hall for those that wish to participate - so no pressure!! We are here for those who wish to come and just sit and read a paper or a book. We are not looking to be raising money, just a laid-back, enjoyable group to add to what is already available at Hale Shule.

We look forward to welcoming everyone.
Clare Savinson and the Coffee Ladies



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In Memory of Harvey Rosenfield, by Anne and 'His Girls'

Shabbat 20th Shevat 5782 / 22nd January 2022. A day etched in the hearts of our family. The day when Harvey Rosenfield peacefully passed away. The lovely Hale community was a huge part of his life, and he was a part of the fabric of the life of Hale Shule for nearly 40 years.

Our family moved from Glasgow to Hale on a snowy Thursday afternoon in 1984 when our girls, Melissa and Natalie, were only five and two. We were immediately invited out for Friday night dinner and went to Hale Shule for the first time that Shabbat morning. Harvey always remembered the warm welcome we received from everybody. Reverend Tamm was leading the service and made us feel very welcome. At the time, Hale was a small but growing community where children were encouraged to come to shule regardless of the amount of noise they might make.



As Harvey had previously davened in other shules, he soon took up a regular place on the bimah as chazan. Harvey often led the Mussaf service on a Shabbat morning and it became a tradition for him to lead Mincha on Yom Kippur. Many people have told us how special it was for them to hear his voice.

He was Gabbai for many years, Vice President, and then President at a time when the shule was growing and developing. He was also on many of the shule's committees, which (almost always!) brought him so much joy, as he always took everything in his stride. If somebody wanted something doing at shule they often asked Harvey. In more recent years before the pandemic, Harvey and I hosted tours of the shule for local schoolchildren and interfaith groups. He really enjoyed engaging with everyone and answering all their questions. He also loved learning and attended a large number of adult education courses, particularly one to one.

Harvey was on the rabbi selection committee when along came Rabbi Portnoy. To this day we remain very close. So many wonderful memories: playing cricket on Shabbat afternoons, sharing simchas and Harvey teaching the boys his favourite tunes and sharing their mutual love of Manchester United.

Harvey was always eager to speak to people and to listen to their news and views. During the shiva, a close friend said that there were many different Harveys, because he was able to connect with so many different people and in so many different ways. He had a rare gift of achieving those different connections whilst always retaining the same beliefs and principles and never changing who he was.

It is this ability to connect with people which really shines through the huge number of kind letters, cards, emails and phone calls that we have received from so many people, all saying how much he touched their lives in ways that we had not even realised.



We all quickly became involved in shule life and met with other families who were also a part of this growth, having a great deal of fun along the way. There was a strong sense that this small collection of families was building something lasting, which soon became not only the centre of our spiritual lives but our social lives as well. We all had the best time. We still feel as close today as we did then with the wonderful lifelong friends we have made.



Most people in the community will have seen Harvey in a shule context, whether following the service or leading it. He was very proud of the recent "Reserved for Harvey Rosenfield" sign that was put on his seat so he could be next to the open door to minimise the risk of Covid. The Harvey we saw most was of course the family man. He was a wonderful husband always doing wonderful things. An absolutely devoted father to Melissa and Natalie, father-in-law to Richard and Geoff, and grandfather to Josie, Emily, Sophie and Sam. Family life was always full of fun, full of Jewish values, and full of singing (the songs being zemirot and Elvis Presley in equal measure). Harvey was also a dedicated and successful professional. He was a financial advisor and developed a stable of clients who knew they could rely upon his expertise.

Harvey was the most positive person and such an inspiration. He used to say that he had the bones of a 40 year-old, no heart problems, good blood pressure and he was as fit as a fiddle. As he would say, "I just have Parkinson's". He had it for over twenty years, but he never let it define him. He said it was a challenge from Hashem and Hashem would never give him anything he couldn't cope with. He treated the rigid regime of medication, diet and exercise like an Olympic athlete and in his later years would speed off on his walker at an athletic pace.

His faith in Hashem also drove his integrity, his dignity, and the lengths he went to in order to do the right thing and be seen to be doing the right thing. The world saw kind and often straightforward gestures, but we knew the deep faith and thought behind them. Whenever Harvey was in hospital, his discharge was delayed by the time it took to give chocolate and thanks to anybody involved in his care. He felt that we were all ambassadors for what it is to be Jewish and that everything we do would reflect on the community and our relationship with Hashem.

On the way to the levaya, Rabbi Binstock stood outside the shule and recited Psalm 24, which includes the words "Who may ascend the mountain of Hashem, and who may stand

in the place of His sanctity? One with clean hands and pure heart." Harvey lived his life not only with clean hands and a pure heart, but also with an infectious love of life. It has been a great comfort to our whole family to hear so many stories from the community which reinforce this.

The community has grown since we arrived here all those years ago but has lost none of its warmth. Harvey developed a real fondness and respect for Rabbi Binstock, who has been such an amazing support to us all. We thank the community for the comfort you have given us since Harvey's passing, and also for the joy and fulfilment you gave him and which you continue to give to us.

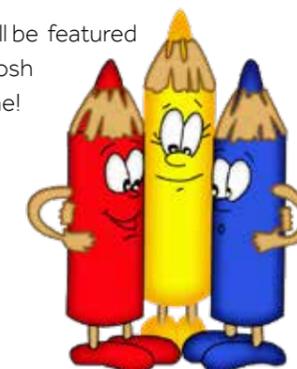
Competition Time

We are looking for one of our younger readers to design the next Geshher front cover.

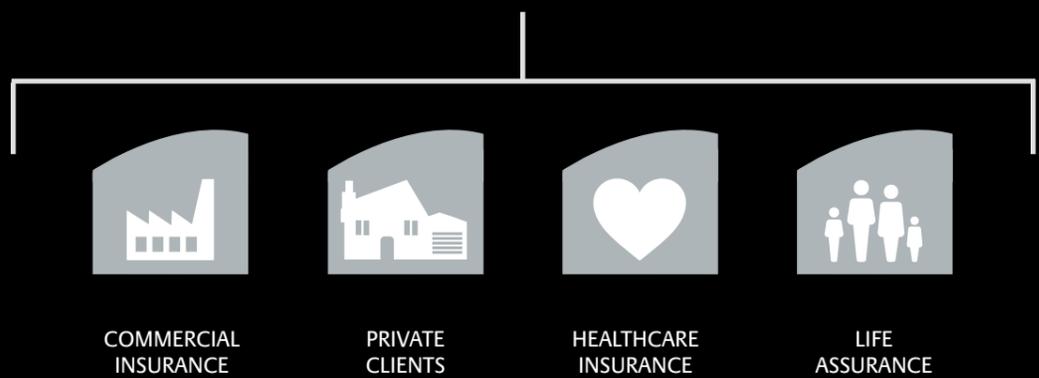
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Chevra Kadisha

Since we last reported, there have been further extensive renovations going on at the Ohel at Dunham. Repairs and upgrades have been part of the internal work and outside there is a brand new hand washing station.

Since the Pandemic started, we have conducted all services outdoors with Zoom and FaceTime playing a major part in ensuring that loved ones could attend virtually. All legal limitations are now removed but our awareness of the perils of large groups and gathering in small spaces, is still very much a concern. So we are extremely grateful that a new sound system was generously donated by one of our members, ensuring that everyone can hear all of the proceedings without having to crowd too closely to each other.

Our annual Chevra Kadisha Fast takes place on the yahrzeit and birth date of Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses). This year it was on 8th Feb, corresponding to Adar 7. As a group, we visit the cemetery at Dunham and daven Mincha in the Ohel, after which we break the fast together in the Pearl Suite. This year was the first time that we've all been able to meet in person for this important event since 2019.

We use the opportunity to update all of the Chevra Kadisha with details of any changes that may have been implemented or planned and these normally concern matters relating to secular administrative procedures.

When someone passes away there is a great deal of legal and clerical work that goes on before we are able to proceed with a Levayah. Hospitals and local GPs are aware that faith burials must happen quickly. Recently, an extra layer of compliance has been introduced to the registration process, in the form of a Lead Medical Examiner, so we were delighted to welcome our newly appointed regional incumbent, Jenny Collins, to our dinner.



Along with two of her colleagues from the Manchester University Foundation Trust, Jenny provided us with interesting updates on all matters relating to new laws in this area. If any of you want to know more about this rather complex admin process, please do get in touch and we'll happily explain.

It almost goes without saying that we are always happy to welcome enquiries from any of you who want to know more about what we do and who want to get involved with the Chevra Kadisha. Sadly, this important Mitzvah will always exist and your Chevra Kadisha can only be effective with the support of the community. Please contact us for more details.

Wishing you all a Happy & Kosher Pesach
 Linda & Barry Price 07860 462007

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Time for a Change

An EGM of the Ladies' Guild took place in December 2021 and heralded both the end of an era and the beginning of a new dawn!

Originally established in 1976, at the conception of the Shule, to fundraise and host and run events, it was felt that, with other sub committees now arranging events, the original brief of the Ladies' Guild was no longer relevant or necessary and a new direction was needed. To this end, The Ladies' Guild, as we once knew it, was dissolved and is now formally closed.

The success of the Ladies' Guild through the years is evident from the significant amount of funds it has raised for the Shule and for the wide range of fundraisers and trips that have taken place. Highlights include fashion shows, Paris trips, The Ready Steady Cook evening and a hugely successful lunch with Amélie Jakobovits.

That being said, it is an exciting time in the evolution of the team as it has reinvented itself as a Catering Committee responsible for hospitality within the Shule, particularly kiddushim, working closely with the Management Committee. To this end, the new body is aptly named The Hale Hospitality Committee.

This new committee will still run the very successful New Year's Greetings entries allowing members to send good wishes to the wider Jewish community via an advert in the Jewish Telegraph, in Geshher magazine and on social media platforms. Funds from this initiative will still go towards improvements to the Shule kitchen which will, in turn, allow us to continue providing our community with wonderful hospitality at events.

From a personal perspective, being cajoled to a LG meeting several years ago proved to be a serendipitous decision. Being part of a strong, dynamic and opinionated group of women of all ages has been a privilege and joy. It has been so rewarding to contribute, in a very small part, to the community whether that has been in developing the Hale Cookbook, organising Friday night dinners, baking for the Simchat Torah lunch or even shopping for the Shule kitchen. It is for these reasons, and the lovely friends that I have made, that I am still extremely happy to remain involved with the new Hale Hospitality Committee, and would encourage others, men and women, to get involved. Meetings are few and far between and there is no necessity to commit regularly. It's more a case of many hands making light work!

Thanks must go to Jennifer Zucker, our last Chairperson, who has worked tirelessly, and who is now taking a well-earned rest, and to Ginni Steinberg, who will continue to look after the finances.

Thank you to all the past Ladies' Guild Chairs and participants, for your support, as we move forward as a community and continue to make Hale Shule a very special place. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Sylvia Dobkin

Matzah Granola

From www.rachelkor.com



3 cups whole wheat matzah farfel	½ cup honey
1½ cups halved almonds	1¼ teaspoon kosher salt
1½ cups halved pecans	4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ cup halved cashews	½ cup black raisins
7 tablespoons margarine	½ cup dried cranberries
½ cup dark brown sugar	

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, mix together matzah, almonds, pecans and cashews. Spread matzah mixture into a single layer on prepared baking sheet. Bake until toasted, about 15 minutes, tossing every 5 minutes.

In a medium saucepan, place margarine, brown sugar, honey, salt, and cinnamon. Heat on medium-low heat. Stir until margarine is melted.

Toss together the toasted matzah mixture and the margarine mixture in a large bowl. Return to the baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes longer, stirring frequently. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Once the granola has cooled, break it into small pieces and add the dried fruit. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 2 weeks.

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South Manchester Platinum Celebration - 2nd June 2022

From the JRC there was a hint of an idea that the Jewish community should put on social events to show its support for the Platinum Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

North Manchester, covering a much greater number of organisations, had plans in the pipeline but as is often the case, they were not always easily accessible to us. In reaching out to South Manchester, I think I was 'volunteered' as I am on the JRC Executive! Not being one to shy away from a challenge, the thought of working together as a South Manchester united community was too good an opportunity to miss.

I have been overwhelmed by the response from the Rabbonim and Synagogues of South Manchester who, without hesitation, have shown their support and willingness to come together to put on this event. The planning group has representation from all the Synagogues - both Hale Shule and Sha'are Hayim, Bowdon, Yeshurun, Sale and Menorah.

Many thanks to those who have taken on major roles - in particular, Joy Stewart and Toni Hyams - assuming responsibility for the lion's share of catering arrangements and also to those who may not have the time due to work and family commitments, but have still offered valuable support where and when needed.

The format is a "street party" event with food, entertainment, stalls etc - something for everyone and all ages - so please put the date in your diary and nearer the time, further details will be advertised.

In the meantime, should there be any questions, suggestions, contacts, offers of help, etc., please feel free to contact me.

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Poland - Introduced by Louise Leinhardt

I was sitting in shule, daydreaming, one Shabbat in October, when some young people were introduced to present an overview of their experiences following a recent school trip to Poland and specifically, the concentration camps.

I perked up as I sat listening to these three youngsters - Mimi Marshall, Poppy Goodall and Solly Sallon, children of our own community - talk with such maturity about the horrors of the Holocaust and their commitment to Judaism. I felt immensely satisfied that our future is in good hands and I hope their accounts impress you as much as they did me.

Before sharing them with you and in an attempt to learn more about each of these young people, I asked Mimi and Solly some questions. Unfortunately Poppy was unwell at the time of preparing this article and unable to contribute her responses. I wish her well.



Mimi - front row in the blue trousers!



Solly - middle of back row

SOLLY

Q. How old are you?

A. 17 years old.

Q. What is your ambition for the future?

A. To go to Yeshiva in Israel.

Q. Name one thing the Poland trip taught you.

A. Given the number of people who perished, I'm incredibly lucky to be alive and to be free to be Jewish.

Q. Who inspires you the most?

A. Aish Rabbi, Zvi Gefen

Q. Sum yourself up in 3 words.

A. Receptive, flexible and logical.

It has been a few weeks since the Poland trip, but the emotion and feeling behind it remain strong within me now and no doubt long into the future. I will treasure this moment because it gives grounding and purpose to my understanding of why my life as a Jew is so meaningful.

For the duration of our time in Poland I found it uneasy to express how I felt. Being caught up in the moment, the sheer horror and magnitude of it all, was simply too much to take in.

Upon reflection, what we experienced:-

Personally, my breakthrough moments occurred near the end of the trip, in the main camps of Auschwitz1 and Birkenau; the weather was perfectly sunny, but as soon as we entered down the train tracks, the very method of bringing so many to their death, there was overwhelming gloom and complete solemnness - this really happened.

The eerie silences were louder than any shout. When someone did speak, it was with stories that were told about close people in our group's immediate family and there were surges of tears.

To see what we saw, to learn that a place can be built with an architecture of the sole purpose to efficiently exterminate as many Jews as possible, is beyond belief. Yet now all we have is faith. Faith that humanity could never act that way again.

We lit candles overlooking the gas chambers. We remembered the 6,000,000 Jews who tragically perished. We stood where they stood, something I will always remember.

When we were leaving it was clear we had made a special bond. In some ways more pivotal and momentous than any other section of the trip, was our collective ruach that carried us home.

I went to Poland in hope of receiving an understanding; I left with a higher emotional consciousness and awareness, which went far further than any simple explanation or WW2 movie could ever give me.

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MIMI

Q. How old are you?

A. 18 years old.

Q. What is your ambition for the future?

A. To be a dentist or an orthodontist.

Q. Name one thing the Poland Trip taught you.

A. That there's no point arguing over little things with people that you love because we should appreciate our friends and family as you never know what's round the corner.

Q. Who inspires you the most?

A. Dr Rhona Eskander who is a dentist but, like me, also loves acting/musical theatre.

Q. Sum yourself up in 3 words.

A. Funny, ambitious and kind.

I never knew just how many Jewish people lived in Poland. 4 million to be exact. For there to be economic prosperity for both the Poles and the Jews, many people spoke both Yiddish and Polish. There were villages where Jews made up 97% of the population. You didn't work in the Jewish bakery, you just worked in the bakery. You didn't go to the Jewish school; you went to the school. Jewish people had been living in Poland for 1000 years that's 1000 years of Shabbases, of Bar Mitzvahs and other simchas. Nearly all of these people were wiped out. But it wasn't just the Jews of Poland who were persecuted and killed. Jews from Germany, Austria, France, Greece and many more were, too. How was this possible? Why did nobody do something about it? Surely this could have been prevented. I went to Poland to understand more but came back understanding less.

Our first day in Poland was spent in Lancut, a town where the population was 40% Jewish. We saw the beautiful synagogue and stood in the main town which, 75 years ago, would have been filled with Jewish life. We spoke about the football team, the political party, the children's dance school. These people had normal lives just like us, had family values just like ours. They could have been us. The Jewish population of Lancut, along with many other towns and villages, ended up at the death camp called Belzec. No words can describe the feeling of walking into a place where around 500,000 people walked in and never came out. Most people have never heard of Belzec. This is because only 2 people made it out alive. We lit candles where the gas chamber would have been and embraced one another for support. Walking out felt like a miracle.

The next day we walked around Majdanek which was a concentration camp along the main road into the city of Lubin. Non-Jews drove past this concentration camp filled with 100,000 Jews every day to get to work and wouldn't have batted an eyelid. Majdanek looks like a movie set. Even with original buildings being in front of your eyes, the suffering is still unimaginable. Part of the torture inflicted upon Jews was standing in the field trapped within barbed wire, hungry and starving, whilst looking across the road and seeing other people enjoying their normal lives.

We learnt about individual stories of people who survived Majdanek with one woman, Halina Birnbaum, who was separated from her mother as soon as she arrived there. I was inspired by her story and realised the importance of family.

Whilst it is important to learn about the concentration and death camps, it is equally important to learn about what happened before. The Nazis found every way to torture the Jewish people, from splitting up families, destroying Jewish cemeteries and shules to making villages of people walk to their mass grave.

On our last day in Poland, we walked around Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz 2. The place is so vast that it is hard to articulate. Acres and acres of huts and fields which would have been full of Jews. 1.2 million to be exact. We saw piles and piles of shoes and hair and suitcases which would have been taken back to Germany had the Russians not liberated the camp. We saw a book of names of people who perished which filled a room. One was my great great Aunt Getrude Wolff. At the end of the day, before leaving, we sang the Hatikva surrounded by Israeli flags. It was so powerful and moving to be standing together in a large group defying the Nazis' goal. I will never forget the experience and I am grateful to have been on the trip. Am Israel Chai.

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Poland (continued)

POPPY

Before coming to Poland, trying to think of the Holocaust and the horrors the Jews faced was unimaginable and hard to put into perspective. Physically coming and visiting Poland with my friends has been a 'once in a lifetime' experience - from visiting and standing in places like Auschwitz, Majdanek, Belzec, Zblyitowska Góra children's grave, Schindler's factory, ghettos and so many more.

Stories of the ways our ancestors were tortured, were hard to see and impossible to grasp. Seeing things first hand, questions like, 'how could so many people fit in there?' and 'how could they survive like this?' were repeatedly asked throughout my group. Sadly, there are no answers.



Poppy - second from the left

Walking out of Auschwitz, as a Jewish group, singing **עם ישראל חי** was a highlight of my trip. Being able to have the privilege to walk out of a place that was literal hell to our ancestors and where 6 million Jews suffered just because of their religion was ineffable.

As a Jew and going on a trip like this, I feel it's my responsibility to keep this memory alive and continue to share my experience. Hearing stories of survivors, emphasises the importance of learning and hearing first hand knowledge from living survivors.

It was a truly memorable and humbling trip and a place that managed to leave me with feelings of shock, pride and deep emotion towards the horrors faced by the Jewish nation.

Chocolate Toffee Matzah Crack

From Once Upon A Chef - Adapted from Marcy Goldman of Better Baking
Total time 1 hour - Servings 35 x 2" squares

4-5 lightly salted matzahs
1 cup unsalted butter
1 cup dark brown sugar
1 (12-ounce) bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 heaping cup chopped pecans (toasted if desired, for max flavour)



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with heavy duty foil, making sure the foil goes up and over the edges, and top with a sheet of parchment paper.
Cover the baking sheet with the matzahs, cutting and piecing them together as necessary to fill the entire pan.
Combine butter and brown sugar in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a whisk, until the mixture comes to a boil. (If it looks like it's separating, just keep stirring; it will come together.) Once the mixture comes to a boil, continue cooking and stirring for another 3 minutes until foamy and thickened. (Be extra careful - this will be very hot!). Immediately pour over the matzahs and, using a spatula, spread into an even layer.
Put the pan into the oven and bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the topping is crackled and bubbling all over.
Remove the pan from the oven and place on wire cooling rack on the counter. Immediately scatter the chocolate chips evenly over top. Wait 3 to 5 minutes for the chips to soften, then use a spatula to spread the chocolate into an even layer. Sprinkle with the pecans and sea salt. Refrigerate about 45 minutes. Don't leave it in the fridge too much longer, otherwise it will be hard to cut. Lift the foil overhang to transfer the matzah crack onto a large cutting board. Using a large sharp knife, cut into 2-inch squares.
Store in an airtight container in the fridge and serve cold.

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Message Within a Story

A man living in Jerusalem was saying kaddish for his mother.

At 3am, after a really hard day at work, he collapses into bed, exhausted. As soon as he turns out the light, he bolts upright. "Oh no! I missed saying kaddish this evening!"

Where is he going to find a minyan at this hour?

No problem, he thought. As anyone who lives in Jerusalem can tell you, day or night, you can always find a minyan at the Shteibelach - a building filled with a bunch of small synagogues in the Zichron Moshe neighbourhood. People gather in one of the rooms and as soon as a minyan is made up, they start praying.

You can show up at pretty much any time of day and find a service about to begin. But apparently not at 3 am! When the man gets to the Shteibelach, it is empty.

He takes out his mobile phone and dials a taxi company.

"Hello! Can you please send six taxis to the Shteibelach in Zichron Moshe?"

"Adoni (my dear sir)! It's three o'clock in the morning! You think I have six taxis? What do you think I am, a magician? ...I only have five."

"Okay. So send five!"

He dials another number with the same request. "Atah meshuggah! You're crazy! I only have four!"

And so on until, within twenty minutes, there is a line of nine taxicabs parked neatly outside the Shteibelach.

"Why do you need nine taxis?" says one of the drivers. "There's no wedding here, no Bar Mitzvah, nothing."

The man replies, "I want you all to turn your meters on and come inside with me. We are going to pray together. I will pay each of you just as if you're giving me a lift."

These taxi drivers were not observant Jews. Some of them had not been inside a synagogue since their Bar Mitzvah. Although fluent in Hebrew, they didn't know how to daven. No problem, the kaddish man shows them exactly what to do, and at 3:30am in Jerusalem he is able to say kaddish for his mother.

Afterwards, they all go outside to the taxis; the meters in the cars are pushing upwards of 100 shekels each. The man pulls out his wallet and starts to count out the approximately 900 shekels it is going to cost him. It is more than two hundred pounds.



"How much do I owe you?" he asks the first taxi driver in the line.

"Adoni, what do you take me for? Do you honestly believe I would take money from you?! You just gave me such an opportunity to help my fellow Jew say kaddish."

He moves down the line to the second driver who gives him the same answer. "Do you know how long it is since I prayed?"

And the third and the fourth, all the way down the line to the ninth....

Not one takes a shekel.

And so they embrace and drive off to a new morning in the holy city of Jerusalem!

Dear Friends, we are a large and growing community but struggle almost daily to make up a minyan, to support those who need a minyan. It could be you.

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As well as customers, Bridget will provide tailored support for their family members and carers, and advise Belong colleagues on best practice in dementia care. She assumes the role after eight years as Practice Development Facilitator (PDF) at Belong Atherton, where she was responsible for identifying opportunities for improvement and development to drive standards of care at the village. She also developed a unique insight into life for people living with dementia and how best to support them.



Pictured: Bridget Lawler, Admiral Nurse

before working in various roles in hospitals and the community and managing a youth health centre providing health and family planning information and support. In 1991, she began teaching student nurses before completing a diploma in nursing education and primary healthcare in 1993 and going on to graduate from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University with a degree in nursing sciences education and administration in 1996. She took on the role of Registered Manager at a nursing home in Eccles after emigrating to the UK 12 years ago before

becoming PDF at Belong Atherton four years later.

Working collaboratively with other professionals, Admiral Nurses seek to improve the quality of life for people affected by dementia, helping them to live positively with the condition and develop skills to improve communication and maintain relationships. Dementia UK, a charity that works in partnership with NHS providers and commissioners, social care authorities and voluntary sector organisations, is responsible for upholding the standards of Admiral Nurses nationwide, and supports the work of Admiral Nurses at Belong villages.

Commenting on her appointment as Admiral Nurse, Bridget said: "Over the years I have gained so much knowledge about dementia that I truly feel I can make a difference to people's lives. I have learnt that often people will not remember what you said or did, but they will remember how you made them feel. That is to say that the human element of the role is just as important as the clinical aspect. This is the essence of my involvement with people living with dementia, their family and support network."

Originally from Zambia, Bridget moved to South Africa when she was eight years old and qualified as a registered nurse and midwife

Belong has also taken the title for Best Care Provision at this year's HealthInvestor Seniors Housing Awards.

The national award is recognition of Belong's innovative approach to care, including its pioneering village model and adoption of technology to improve outcomes for apartment tenants, as well as its response to the coronavirus pandemic and commitment to sustainable growth.

Pictured: Chief Executive, Tracey Stakes (centre) and Communications Manager, Maha Hamer, accept the award on behalf of Belong.



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Ukraine Anguish

Editors' Note:

On 8th March corresponding with Day 14 of the war waged against Ukraine by Russia and just as we were submitting our Geshher content to our design and printing company, Julia Harris posted the following moving message to the 'Hale and District Noticeboard' WhatsApp Group.

We join Julia in her prayers.

Donations can be made to World Jewish Relief at <https://www.worldjewishrelief.org/ways-to-donate/donate-now/one-off>

"Thank you so much for your concern about my cousin - the messages I have received have been much appreciated.

I just wanted to share with you that my cousin, Svetlana, has agreed and decided to leave Odessa and with the amazing help of World Jewish Relief and their partners over there, she will be collected first thing tomorrow by them and taken to safety, either to Romania or to Moldova - depending on which will be the safest route.

From there we think she will go to family in Paris and then please G-d we'd love her to come to the UK, if we can get her a visa.

Please pray for her safe travels.

Julia x"



Happier days - Far left Jonathan Lewis, in the very middle Julia's mum, Madeleine Cope Thompson, second from the right Svetlana and far right Julia.

Editors:

We contacted Julia early on 9 March - this is the update:

10.00am - Sveta has just messaged to thank me for the prayers Rabbi Binstock prepared for us to say for her.

She was collected at 7.00am and is now on a bus on her way to Moldova.

From Moldova she will travel to Romania and from there to Paris, where the machatunim of my cousin will look after her. My cousin, Jonathan Lewis, plans to go over there and together they will go to the British Embassy to source a visa for Sveta to come to the UK.

Svetlana (Sveta) Besner is my third cousin; her grandmother, Dora and my great grandfather, Lev Goldser, were sister and brother. Over the past few days, it has really hit home to me how fortunate I am. If my great grandfather hadn't left Odessa to settle in the UK, Sveta's fate could have been mine.

Sveta is a lovely, kind, warm hearted person who I have met on several occasions over the past few years, both in Odessa and London. When she found out about her English family, through WJR, she made an effort to learn English so she would be able to communicate with us.

The terrible news from Ukraine has affected us all and I know that so many of us have been doing what we can to help by

donating money or goods. However for me, it is very personal. Having a cousin, my own flesh and blood, trapped in a war zone through no fault of her own has added another dimension to my feelings about the war.

Sveta is so proud to be a Ukrainian and like all her country men and women, she didn't ask for a war with Russia and she has become one of its casualties.

Taking the decision to leave her flat, her city, her country for an uncertain future at 67 years old, when she isn't in good health, shows amazing courage and bravery.

I am so proud to call Sveta my cousin and I hope and pray that this amazing

Aishet Chayil is able to reach the UK safely and be re-united with her British family, who will look after her as my great grandfather, Lev Goldser, would have wanted.

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Welcoming Ukrainian Refugees to Hale

Dear Friends,

We have been approached by many people within our community who are keen to help refugees coming from the Ukraine and we want to ensure that, as a community, we can do as much as possible to assist with the process and to make those arriving feel as welcome as possible.

There are two ways in which we, as a community, can assist. The first is to apply take in families or individuals coming to the area. This is clearly a big commitment, and not for everyone, but if anyone is willing and able to do this it is a big mitzvah. The applications need to be made via the home office on the following link:

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

In addition to this World Jewish Relief have a link to give further assistance and also to try to keep families and friends known to each other together to maintain those links and make them feel as comfortable as possible within the new communities they find themselves in.

<https://www.worldjewishrelief.org/news/1291-homes-for-ukraine-how-you-can-help>

As well as this, we have created a WhatsApp group so that those looking to do this can maintain contact with each other and offer support both through the application process and thereafter when people arrive in the area. The group is being co-ordinated by Daniel Harris, who has been in regular contact with WJR. You can join the WhatsApp group by clicking this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LvOgzp3tWIKJzGyY5lgn6k>

The second way in which we can help is by offering other support in both material terms [clothing and other essential items that refugees will have left behind] as well as more general community support to help them settle. This will include matters such as administration, employment opportunities, schooling etc. or just meeting up with them and making them feel welcome.

Of course, everyone is able to help in this regards on their own, but we really feel that although the application process is designed for individuals, if we can do this together as a community then we can support each other better, and more importantly be of greater support to any refugees who may come to the area.

We continue to daven that terrible war will be resolved as soon as possible and peace will be restored speedily.

Kind regards,

Rabbi Yisroel Binstock
Mark Savinson

The Southside Singers Are Back - LIVE!

Wanting to have a singing group essentially for non-singers, Mally Blank and I founded Southside Singers in September 2016.

So many people are convinced they can't sing but create the right conditions and the majority of us can sing! It's fun, supports our health and well-being and is totally addictive!

A huge 'thank you' to Julia Harris for over-seeing the singers via Zoom over Lockdown. We know it was a vital connection for many of you!

Happily, we have now reconvened in person, kindly hosted by group members and we would love you to join us. Come along and see what it's all about 🍷🍷

Gillian Cohen



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Purim

We certainly know how to celebrate here in Hale.

After a couple of years of restrictions preventing us from traditional Purim celebrations, we were treated to a fantastic 'full on' and 'going all out' programme of events this year.

Megillah readings, kiddush, breakfast, hamentashen making, preparing and delivering mishloach manot, fancy dress, more

fancy dress, a party at nursery, a party for mums and children, a Haman Strongman competition a kids' megillah quiz and all culminating in an amazing Masquerade Ball Party. Something for everyone!!

Thanks to all who made it happen.

Here is the evidence.....



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Press Release from Chanukah Lighting at Hale Shule on Thursday 2nd December 2021, with the Metro Mayor for Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, who was able to attend our Chanukah Lighting Event.

The event was staged and arranged by the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester (JRC), Board of Deputies of British Jews (BOD), Jewish Leadership Council (JLC) and Hale Synagogue.

We were honoured to have Andy Burnham address the Community and light the Menorah in Shule. Mr Burnham spoke really warmly about his ongoing relationship working with the various Manchester Jewish organisations.



The evening was compered by Mark Adlestone OBE DL – Chair – Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester & Region and a member of Hale Shule, who introduced the speakers.

When he announced Andy Burnham, Mark Adlestone spoke of the warm relationship between the Metro Mayor and the Greater Manchester Jewish Community and stressed how much we appreciate all his efforts to help and support the Jewish Community.



"It was an honour to welcome Andy to Hale Shule where he addressed the community prior to lighting the Menorah. It was fantastic that he took time out of his extremely busy schedule to celebrate Chanukah with so many members of the Jewish Community in South Manchester. The JRC has always enjoyed a close working relationship with Andy and his team at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. On behalf of the whole Jewish community, this event allowed me personally and the JRC to express our gratitude for his long-standing support." Mark Adlestone OBE DL.

We were thrilled to have Marie Van de Zyl, President of The Board of Deputies of British Jews and Sara Radivan, Regional Manager of The Board of Deputies of British Jews, in attendance and pleased that Marie Van de Zyl was able to make a short address. (continued right)



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Hale Shule was delighted to welcome Marc Levy, Chief Executive of The Jewish Representative Council & North West Regional Manager for the Jewish Leadership Council, as well as other Jewish Communal Leaders including Russell Conn from the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester & Region.

Rabbi Yisroel Binstock led the lighting of the Menorah in Shule, following a brief explanation about the Festival of Chanukah and its relevance today. There then followed an enchanting medley of Chanukah songs performed by the North Cheshire Jewish Primary School choir under the direction and tuition of Amanda Becker and Rabbi Katz and accompanied by Rabbi Binstock on guitar.

After the Chanukah lighting event, we adjourned to the Pearl Suite and dined on delicious shawarma, houmous, latkes, salad, doughnuts and mulled wine – all beautifully prepared and catered by the Hale Shule Ladies Catering Committee.



"It was a wonderful opportunity to shine a light on how Jewish communities are thriving here in South Manchester. Both adults and children alike enjoyed the chance share in this occasion with Andy Burnham." Mark Savinson, President, Hale & District Hebrew Congregation.

Chanukah 2021

Gillie, Oriana, Esme and I arrived at the Chanukah party extravaganza with a belly full of expectation and left with a belly full of doughnuts.

Oriana (5) later told us she preferred the doughnuts to the expectation. We had a lot of fun dunking doughnuts, sprinkling doughnuts, smelling doughnuts and, above all, eating doughnuts (and latkes).

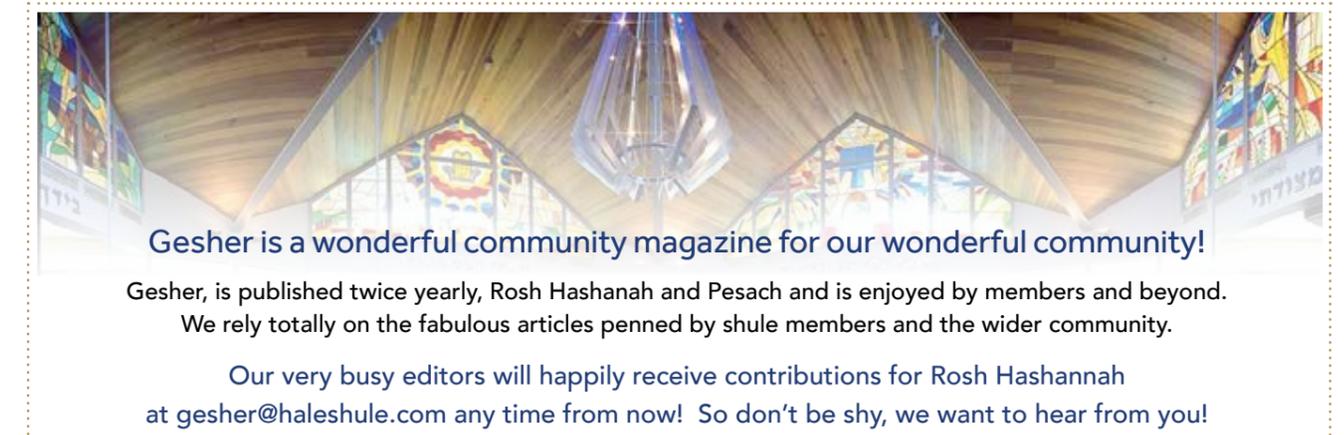
Esme (2) ate her age in doughnuts and some of mummy's too.

Once the doughnut eating was complete, we thoroughly enjoyed the games, the raffle, the face-painting and riding on the Magen David Adom motorbike. Thankfully for Gillie and me, Esme didn't ride off on it (although she did make convincing motorbike noises).



It was great catching up with all the lovely people we'd met in September and once the fun was had, the serious business of the candle lighting and the singing began, closely followed by the nearly-more-serious business of the raffle results. Alas, we went home empty handed, but not empty hearted, nor empty bellied.

Jamie Singer



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Charities

Raphi Bloom, Director of Fundraising, Marketing and Communications at The Fed, shares a recent experience which gave him greater insight into the work of colleagues in the charity's CAST team.

"Recently a new patient was admitted to D2A, The Fed's Discharge to Assess department at Heathlands Village. NHS funded, D2A accepts people of any religious background from local hospitals who are classed as medically fit for discharge but need care and nursing while undergoing a 'social care assessment'. These are carried out by The Fed's Community Advice and Support team (CAST) to ensure the right support is put in place to enable patients to safely return home.

"Marjorie was a Jewish patient in her early 70's. She was very poorly – with a diagnosis of terminal cancer. Lucy, one of our social workers, was appointed to conduct her assessment which revealed that Marjorie and her older sister Elaine, with whom she usually lived, were surviving in terrible conditions.

"Without wanting to suggest any blame, there was clear evidence of self-neglect. Their financial circumstances were dire; the house they shared was damp and dilapidated; the kitchen units falling apart; appliances perished; sink leaking; no food in the cupboards and no one – no family, no friends to look out for them.

"Marjorie's declining health over recent years, had resulted in her becoming incapable of managing her own needs, running the home, and caring for Elaine who has learning difficulties because of which she is registered as disabled. For her own part, Elaine had been doing her utmost to keep things going but was thwarted by her own limitations.

"I paid a home visit with Lucy and was deeply affected to see how miserable the sisters' circumstances were – the state of their home; their social isolation...

"And as well as this, I was overwhelmed as I witnessed an example of the immense patience and professionalism of my 'front-line colleagues'. Lucy spent an hour and a half gently advising the sisters, particularly Elaine, about seeing that Marjorie's nutritional needs were being met, but most of the visit was taken up regarding what, at first glance, might seem frivolous: how and where to install a TV in the downstairs room where a bedridden Marjorie spends her days and nights.

"It was hard going. Elaine's learning difficulties, her heightened anxiety and certain obsessive lines of thinking threw up many obstacles to what should have been a simple discussion and agreement. Lucy was kind and unflappable, patiently repeating the same explanations again and again to ensure that Elaine completely understood. As a mere observer, however, my frustration mounted, and I was left drained by the conversation.

"Lucy's supreme efforts mean that Marjorie's life has been immeasurably improved. The new TV has opened up her life. Her day is no longer spent just looking out of the window while listening to the radio.

"So many of their basic needs - ones we all take for granted - have been addressed: emergency food provision was arranged for the weekend that Marjorie left D2A and within days a number of amazing donors answered our call to finance the purchase of a new appliances - an oven, fridge freezer, washing machine – and cover the cost of repairing the leaking kitchen sink; checking over the electrics and the roof tiles, and unblocking gutters to address the awful damp and mould affecting the property.

"Lucy helped the sisters access welfare benefits which they had no idea they were entitled to or how to apply for. Their weekly income has now substantially increased. She referred them to our Volunteer Services team who arranged shopping and befriending support, so Marjorie enjoys regular human contact.

"There is still substantial work to be done to the house, but Lucy will help the sisters obtain grants to pay for more crucial repairs.

"Marjorie and Elaine were alone in the world until they turned to The Fed. As the community's safety net, we changed all that."

To protect confidentiality the names of the clients, together with other identifying characteristics including the name of their social worker, have been changed.



Every year UJIA brings a Shaliach/Shlichah to engage with the Manchester community, in partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel. Sara Baruch works with all ages and in a wide range of settings across Manchester and we have had much pleasure in meeting and learning from her. Sara writes to tell us of two events.

Sigd Kiddush

We celebrated Chag Hasigd, the Ethiopian Jewish holiday of Sigd, in Hale Shule on 13th November 2021.



We spent time in the Children's Service learning a bit about the characteristics of the Beta Israel community and how they celebrate Sigd through a memory card game and a competition between two groups.

At Kiddush we served authentic Ethiopian food prepared, of course, before Shabbat. We enjoyed Dabo, a traditional bread, customarily eaten on Shabbat and holidays, together with a number of tasty and popular dishes - lentils, potatoes and green leaves and finished off with Buna, Ethiopian coffee.

It was a lovely opportunity for me to share with you details about the food eaten and traditions practised in the Beta Israel community. One of the great characteristics of this holiday is the unity of the community and the preservation of the Jewish traditions.

The event was successful! It was exciting to see so many people at the event despite the difficulties that the Covid epidemic brought on us.

Falafel HaNitzachon

Victory Falafel or Operation Dugo is a new tradition, celebrated every year on 18th January, when we join the private custom of eating the falafel of Holocaust survivor, David "Dugo" Leitner.

Dugo was born in Hungary in 1930, and on Passover 1944, he and his family transferred to the Nirjhaza Ghetto, in his hometown.

The family was soon sent to a camp in Auschwitz. Dugo was cut off from his family but managed to survive in the camp.

On 18th January 1945, at only 14 years old, Dugo marched with 60,000 prisoners on the death march from Auschwitz, when anyone who stopped was shot to death.

When his eyes almost closed and he was about to give up, he remembered his mother, Golda, who had told him as a child that in the land of Israel there were round 'bikelach' rolls growing on the trees. The thought of that bun gave him hope and strength to continue the march.

The march ended in the Mauthausen camp. After it, Dugo transferred to the Gontskirchen camp from where he was liberated.

Dugo made Aliya to Israel and was one of the founders of Moshav Nir Galim in south-central Israel, adjacent to the city of Ashdod.

On one of his trips around Jerusalem he arrived in Mahane Yehuda market where he saw falafel balls frying in oil. When he looked at them, he remembered the 'bikelach'. Since then, every year on 18th January, he eats as much falafel as he can, until he cannot eat anymore.

Operation Dugo is a tradition of revenge for the Holocaust, the proof that Dugo was still alive and well and would never be hungry again. This year we celebrated the tradition at the Sha'are Hayim Shule together with youth from Hale Shule. The children learned to make tahini, an Israeli salad, learned the story of David's life and ate falafel of course!

For more information on what Sara is doing with UJIA in Manchester please email shaliach.manchester@ujia.org



CST wishes our whole community a safe and enjoyable Pesach



For two years, we have been unable to celebrate Pesach as we all wanted to. We have been unable to sit around the seder table with family and friends, every household carrying out its own version of this very special festival. We have had to be innovative in overcoming the challenges that COVID-19 has posed to the notion and practice of community.

This year, with life gradually returning to something more familiar to what we knew before the virus' outbreak, CST also has to get back on track: but throughout the pandemic and for all of the changes in our lives, CST has kept working for the good of our community, ensuring that British Jews can live Jewish lives with the confidence that security brings. As long as there are people who hate Jews – as long as antisemitism, terrorism and extremism remain unfortunate parts of our reality – this work cannot stop.

Events over the past year have shown how crucial it is that CST sticks to its mission, supported by the partnership of our Jewish communities. Reactions to the war between Israel and Hamas in May 2021 had a far-reaching and profound impact on the Jewish community, driving a record annual total of antisemitic incidents reported to CST. In January of 2022, a British terrorist, motivated by his hatred of Jews, travelled across the Atlantic to a shul in a small town in Texas, where he took

congregants and a rabbi hostage. It provided a stark reminder of an uncomfortable truth: if it can happen there, it can happen anywhere.

We strive every day to make sure that it does not happen here. Protecting the wide and wonderful spectrum of Jewish life in the UK, encouraging it to flourish, is at the core of our mission. We rely on your support and cooperation in this endeavour. There are different ways that you can help us.

You can contribute by becoming a volunteer and training in technical and physical aspects of modern-day security, ensuring that your synagogue and fellow congregants are as well-protected as possible.

You can report antisemitism to us when you see it. Every report helps us to better do our jobs, to better understand the landscape of anti-Jewish hate, and to better represent our community to police and government.

You can donate to us. We are a charity and depend upon the generosity of our community. Every penny goes towards building a better Jewish – and British – future together.

CST wishes you all a Chag Pesach Sameach.

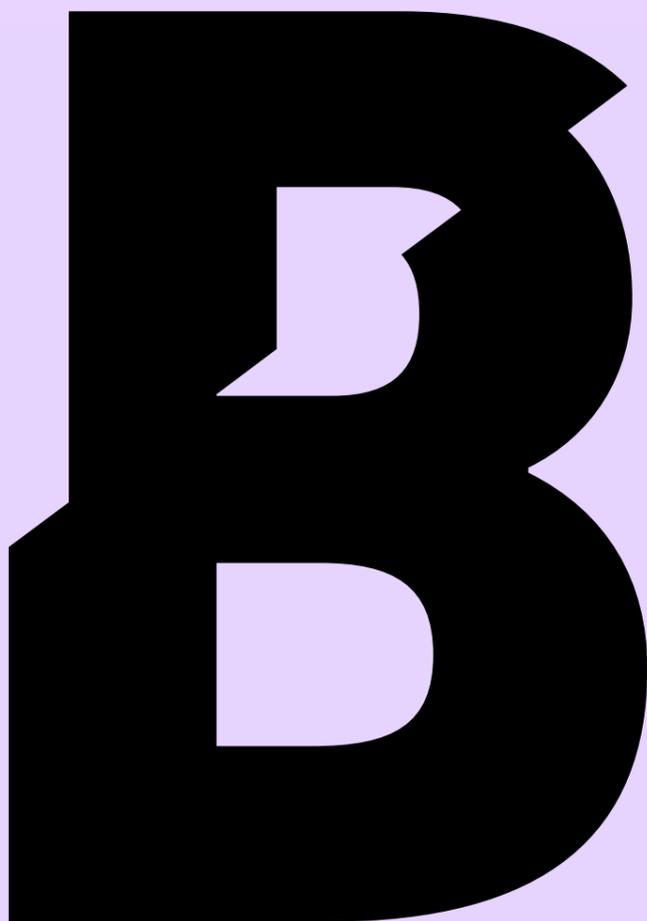


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Hamentashen Making

Hamentashen here, Hamentashen there, Hamentashen everywhere! 🥰

★ THANK YOU to our creative and giving teens who made so many gorgeous Mishloach Manot boxes to give out to members in the community!

★ THANK YOU to all the ladies who came to help bake Hamentashen. It was such fun with you all and so delicious too! Thank you Tova Levine for teaching us your Grandma Shera's special recipe. May her memory be a blessing!

Leanne



Grandma Shera Abrams' Special Hamentashen

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| 3 eggs | (1) Mix all ingredients together. |
| 1 1/4 cup white sugar | (2) Refrigerate for an hour. |
| 1 cup veggie oil | (3) Very sticky dough, use flour on all surfaces while shaping. |
| 1/2 cup orange juice | (4) Roll out, cut circles with a glass. Fill with filling, pinch into three cornered hamentashen. |
| 1 tsp. vanilla extract | (5) Bake at 180 degrees C for 15-20 min. until golden brown. |
| 5 cups flour | |
| 3 tsp. baking powder | |
- Fillings - pre-bought pie fillings & jams

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Funfetti Matzah Cake

From www.kveller.com - Author Shannon Sarna

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| 4 pieces of matzah | 1 cups heavy cream (keep very chilled until ready to use) |
| Lots of coloured sprinkles | Pinch of salt |
| 1 cup white chocolate chips | For the frosting |
| For the filling | 2 cups powdered sugar |
| 6 oz cream cheese, softened at room temperature | 1/3-1/2 cup milk |
| 1 tsp vanilla | 1 tsp lemon juice |
| 1/3 cup sugar | |



Place white chocolate in a glass bowl and heat in the microwave for 30 second intervals, stirring well in between, until smooth. Spread a few tbsp on 3 pieces of matzah. Set aside.

To make the filling, beat the cream cheese and sugar together using a hand mixer. Add vanilla and mix. Take chilled heavy cream and stream in to cream cheese mixture while beating on high. Beat until doubled in size but not too stiff.

Pipe or spread the filling on first layer of white chocolate covered matzah. Top with second piece of white chocolate covered matzah and add more filling. Repeat a third time and then top with plain matzah.

Place in fridge overnight.

Remove matzah cake from fridge and flip over (you will notice that the matzah has started curl a bit overnight).

To make the frosting, whisk together powdered sugar, lemon juice, and milk. If it looks too thick, add a touch more milk.

Pour frosting over the top of cake. Allow to sit another 1-2 hours. Top with sprinkles.

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**“It has been so good to be able to start getting back up to speed with learning and engaging in activities with all ages! Here is a snapshot from the last few months.”
Rabbi Evan and Rebbetzen Tova Levine.**

Insights into the Yom Kippur Machzor by Guest Speaker Benjy Meyers from Amiel Ohr Torah Stone. Members of the community joined Rabbi Benjy at our home to discuss and learn about different tunes and the way in which they affect our davening on Yom Kippur, the ones that match the mood and the ones that don't, gaining insights into the words and lyrics of some of the better known poems and prayers.



On Sukkot, we were delighted to host a great youth event called "Pizza in the Hut". The teens made their own personal homemade pizza and included toppings from around the world - avocado from South Africa, corn and tuna from Israel, black olives from USA, pineapple from the Caribbean Islands and more!



To bring us up to date..... as part of the preparation for the Shule Masquerade Purim Party, a group of teen girls and young mothers volunteered to help create our very own table centre pieces. The creativity was inspiring and everyone enjoyed getting ready for Purim and we're looking forward and feeling proud about displaying their hard work at the Purim Party.



In anticipation of the Shule Chanukah Party this year and this time at Shule, a group of girls volunteered to make Chanukah butter biscuits in the Shule with Michal Abenson. A thoroughly enjoyable event and we think those who came to the Chanukah party enjoyed the fruits of our efforts.



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At Babies and Bagels we have been having a lot of fun with entertainers such as Jaynie Jstar, Stretch and Grow, KidsLove2Party and Bob Tales. We have rolled our own Sushi, made our own Babka, Challah and teething necklaces and keychains. The babies are growing into toddlers over the course of the year and we have celebrated Tu B'shevat and look forward to celebrating the festivals of Purim and Pesach together.



“ I really enjoyed attending Babies and Bagels with my first baby and was looking forward to rejoining the group when I had my son in 2020. Unfortunately Covid-19 had other ideas!

Having a 'lockdown baby' was certainly an interesting experience, so I think everyone was especially eager to reform the group at the earliest opportunity. It made the group even more special with our shared bond and wanting our little ones to start socialising.

The group is really unique in a relaxed and informal social setting, providing a brilliant variation of classes and a delicious lunch for both the babies and mums. The large numbers it attracts each week are a testament to how much it is valued! Tova does an amazing job and I think I can say on behalf of everyone, "thank you so much for all your hard work - it really is appreciated!!"

Stephanie Cohen



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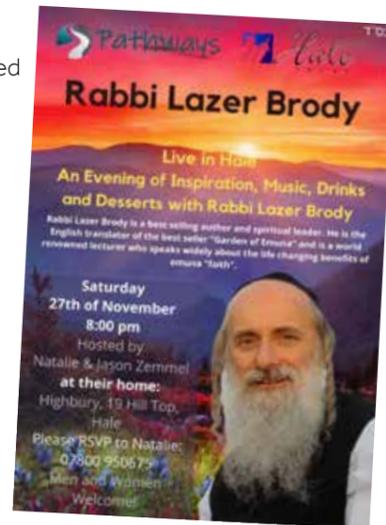
Strengthen the Bond

During the short winter days, we ran a programme on Saturday nights which brought our younger Shule members into the Beit Midrash for an hour of Torah learning and Pizza. The programme was presented by Shlomie Abenson, who prepared exciting and engaging materials for our youth.



Scholars in Residence

Rabbi Lazer Brody joined us for an engaging and uplifting evening at the home of Natalie and Jason Zimmel.



Chassidus Shiur

I have been teaching a weekly Chassidus shiur every Shabbat morning before Shacharit.

We have been exploring the thought of many different, classic, Chassidic thinkers in an open, dynamic and interactive way!



Rabbi Benyamin Zimmerman, a close mentor and friend of mine, joined us for a special evening. He walked us through the practical aspects of using technology on Shabbat, specifically focusing on using a Shabbat Lift. As modern Jews, it is incumbent upon us to be partners in the progress of the physical world, whilst also creating a special spiritual space. (photo below)



Shmooze & Booze

Our Thursday night Shmooze N' Booze has been gaining momentum. We have a wonderful group who join me for Tova's delicious baking, wonderful whisky and engaging Torah discussions. The last few months we have been discussing halachic responses to Israeli history.



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We've been getting creative and working hard with a couple of parents who have volunteered their ideas and time to create Children's Services at the Shule. Every week we put on Torah Tots for children aged 0-4 and then a Children's Service for children in Primary School and we've even put out our own publication of a new Torah Tots Siddur and Song Book!

The activities consist of games, fun activities, quizzes on the Parsha, sweets, etc. and every month we try to include a bigger Children's Service Themed Shabbat and so far we've had "Dor L'Dor - An Intergenerational Shabbat", Tu B'Shevat fruit creations, Purim Superhero Shabbat. Additionally, at the end of every month we will be having a Birthday Bash for all of the birthdays of said month where each child is invited up to the bimah to receive a birthday biscuit and badge, as well as a mini ice cream kiddush.



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