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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

**Lii Brooke**  
Middle Meadows  
Chalfont St. Giles

**Tessa**  
**Harvard Taylor**  
Callow Hill  
Virginia Water

**Viktor &  
Tamar Kovner**  
College Glen  
Maidenhead

**Alon & Anna Moss**  
Scholars Walk  
Chalfont St. Peter

**Barry Raphael &  
Alison Maclean**  
Clewborough Drive  
Camberley

**Richard &  
Debra Stansfield**  
Highwood Avenue  
High Wycombe

### BEST WISHES ON THEIR NEW HOME

**Alma Norman**  
Pembroke Broadway  
Camberley

### GET WELL SOON

**Pat Elderton**

**Michael Leighton**

**Marta Seiler**

### Share Your News!

Good, bad, big or small – important things are happening to us all. Please share your news with the Rabbi, who will share it with the community or keep it in confidence.

Please contact  
Rabbi Romain at  
[rabromain@aol.com](mailto:rabromain@aol.com) or  
on 01628 671058.

## CONDOLENCES

The family of  
**Lucy Banks**

**Mark Harris,  
Sam & Leah**  
on the loss of  
Hilary

**David Norman**  
on the loss of  
his father

## TRAVEL WARNING

Those who come to the Synagogue via Cookham Bridge should note that the bridge is closed from now until March 2024.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Alan Brompton**  
on the birth of  
his fourth grandchild

**Sulia Celebi**  
on becoming a  
Public Health  
Consultant

**Chris &  
Denise Cribbin**  
on the birth of  
their fourth  
grandchild

**Michael Glover &  
Hannah Abrams**  
on the birth of  
Dylan

**Tristan &  
Corinne Music**  
on the birth of  
Aurora

**Steve &  
Sharon Parnell**  
on the birth of  
their second  
grandchild, Ava

## THANK YOU FOR HOSTING KIDDUSH

*If you would like to host kiddush, please get in touch with  
Pauline Keyne at [pauline.keyne@maidshul.org](mailto:pauline.keyne@maidshul.org)*

**Andy & Agnes Fixler**  
for Eszter's Batmitzvah

**Aaron & Keren Kader**

**Shel & Sara Musiker**

**Barbara Grossman**

**Linda Murphy**

**The Italy Trip Group**

## SAD NEWS LIST

We always announce in *Hadashot* when a member has passed away, but if you wish to be notified by email at the actual time of death, this is possible.

Please email the Synagogue office and ask to be put on the "Sad News" list. The Letter to the Editor on page 12 highlights the importance of receiving these notices. [admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org)

Q:

A non-Jewish friend of mine used to babysit for a very orthodox family as a teenager. She remembers going over once and their cutlery was stuck in the ground outside the house – have you any idea what this was about?

A:

It relates to the idea (based on a rabbinic interpretation of a biblical verse) of not mixing foods that have milk and meat products in them e.g., having beef with mashed potatoes using milk.

The same ban was extended to using the same cutlery for milk and meat foods, and instead, one has to have two separate sets. However, if you accidentally use a

meat fork for a milk product, then the fork has to be made kosher through a special process.

If it is a metal fork (or other implement), it is left in the ground for three days, then thoroughly cleaned and then considered kosher, and can be used again.

Reform Judaism leaves the idea of separating milk and meat foods (and cutlery) as a matter of personal choice. However, if you do keep those rules and accidentally

mix up the cutlery, I would advise that giving them a thorough cleaning is sufficient.

In your friend's case, as there were so many items, it seems that an accident of some sort happened, such as someone spilling a jug of milk over several pieces of meat cutlery.

Alternatively, perhaps they had simply saved up individual items from periodic errors and then cleaned them all in one go.

## ASK THE RABBI

If you wish to ask a question, please send it to Rabbi Romain at [rabromain@aol.com](mailto:rabromain@aol.com)



Q:

I have acquired a campervan. Does it need a mezuzah on it?

A:

It all depends on how long you are using it and whether it constitutes your home.

The official definition is that a building does not need a mezuzah unless you spend 30 days or more in it.

So, for instance, a

sukkah or hotel room does not need it, nor would your van for a three-week holiday.

However, if you were to have a lengthy consecutive stay in it (e.g., a three-month European tour) or use it as a permanent home, then it should have a mezuzah.

It should be put on the entrance that

you use for the living quarters, rather than a driving door. The normal blessing should be said (which can be found on pages 436 to 437 of the *Daily and Sabbath Prayer Book*), while a mezuzah itself can be obtained from the Synagogue's Kosher Shop or online.

# YITRO

By Shel Musiker

The Torah portion for 3 February 2024 is Yitro. He was a Midianite priest and father-in-law to Moses. He is credited with teaching Moses time management when handling a large and rowdy group of Jews. His efforts were so important to the overall mission that this portion includes The Ten Commandments, which will be our Torah portion reading.

So, what can I say that you don't already know? After all, we all learned The Ten Commandments in childhood, and we've all seen the film; we are all experts on the subject.

Let's start with the first commandment (Exod. 20:2), "*I am The Lord your G-d who brought you out of*

*the land of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*"

OK, do you see it? Look again! What exactly is the commandment here? The Ramban states that the commandment is to know and believe that The Eternal exists and He is your G-d. Compared to the 'other nine' such as *Don't murder*, *Remember Shabbat*, or *You shall have no other gods but Me*, at best, this verse implies a commandment, but I ask, is this a commandment?

What are we to make of the name Ten Commandments? Should we change it to the nine commandments, or is it better to keep it as it is, and it'll be our little secret? We could adopt the He-

**Parashah Yitro** – Exodus 18:1–20:23. This parashah tells of Jethro’s organizational counsel to Moses and God’s revelation of the Ten Commandments to the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

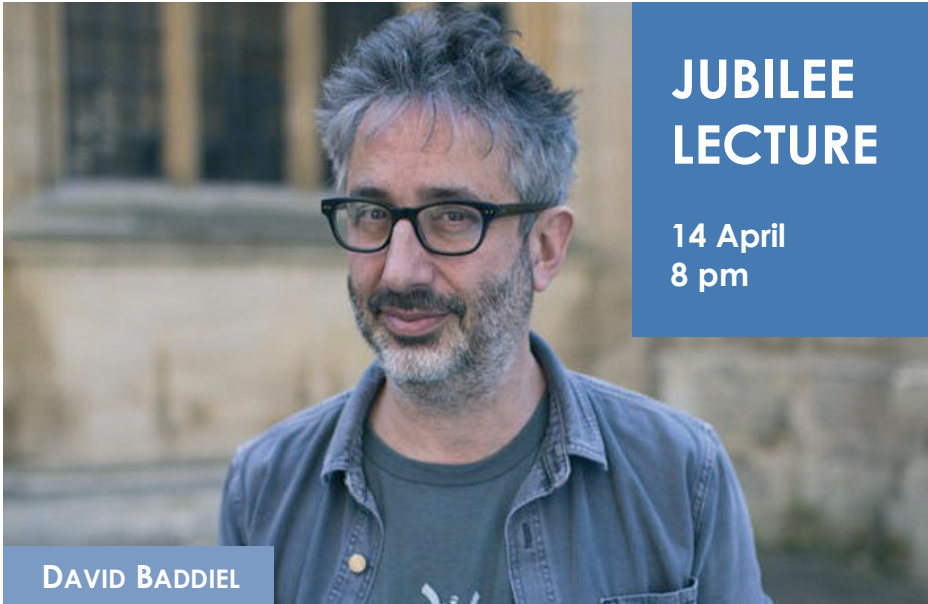
brew name, which translates as ‘The Ten Utterances.’

Perhaps the event at which The Ten Commandments were established included a more meaningful sign of G-d’s existence than the written word.

We turn to (Exod. 19:16–19) “On the third day as morning dawned, there was thunder and lightning and a dense cloud upon the mountain and a very loud horn blast. All the people in the camp trembled. Mount Sinai was all in smoke, for The Lord came down upon it in fire. The smoke rose like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The blare of the horn grew louder and louder.”

At Sinai, all the people witnessed the most extraordinary event as described above, culminating with (Exod. 20:1), “G-d spoke all these words saying ...”.

**Please join us for the Torah Breakfast at 9:15 am on 3 February 2024.**  
**Coffee and tea are available.**  
**No RSVP is necessary.**



# JUBILEE LECTURE

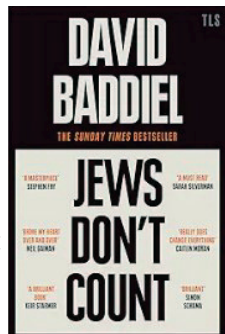
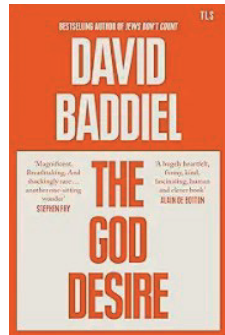
14 April  
8 pm

DAVID BADDIEL

If you want to enjoy a hard-hitting, humorous, thought-provoking evening then you cannot get better than David Baddiel – comedian and also author of *Jews Don't Count* and *The God Desire*. Our members are in luck! Baddiel will be delivering the annual Jubilee Lecture.

It will take place on Sunday 14 April at 8 pm and it costs £7.50 per person. You can pay by BACS by sending it to Account Name: Maidenhead Synagogue, Sort Code: 40-31-05, Account Number: 8176 5620. It is vital you put in the reference section: 'BADD/your surname' AND email us at [admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org) to let us know you have sent it. Your name will go on the guestlist; a ticket will not be sent to you. We expect a large turnout, so be sure to book your place soon.

*Please note that if the event is oversubscribed, priority will be given to members and in order of payment being received.*





## OBITUARY – HILARY HARRIS

My phenomenal and inspirational wife, Hilary Harris, passed away on 19 December.

I know – we don't quite believe that either, but I am sorry to say it is true.

Hilary was a teacher at Cheder, starting with teaching class Hay and becoming a mainstay of Ulpan/Kaytana. When she became the Head Teacher, she still taught but changed to teaching the GCSE Judaism class. And most recently, she masterminded an all-encompassing plan to continue the tuition process through Covid.

As her cancer progressed, she stepped back from many responsibilities, but her love of education, and Jewish education in particular, meant that resigning from her employment with the synagogue was one of the last steps back that she took.

There are countless people reading this whose lives she will have touched, either because she taught you or she taught your children. She took such delight in doing that, in reinforcing the Judaism of the children of so many, in giving those children knowledge of their religion to be able to un-



derstand it and to make informed choices as they grew to adulthood, which many of them have now done. ...

Should you wish to mark her passing in some tangible way, Hilary requested that donations be made to <https://sarcoma.org.uk/>, and if people prefer a small local charity, then <https://sbh.org.uk/> is appropriate – they were very helpful to her, and it would be good if you were helpful to them.

The final word has to be about Hilary – “A woman of worth who can find? For her price is far above rubies.”

Mark Harris

### Editor's Note:

This has been edited for space. The full obituary can be found on the website at: <http://tinyurl.com/hilary-harris>

# HONOUR NICHOLAS WINTON

## BY DOING YOUR BIT TO HELP

### THOSE IN NEED

#### Rabbi Jonathan Romain

If anyone did not already know why Sir Nicholas Winton's name is mentioned with awe, then they soon will do when they see the publicity surrounding the film about him, *One Life*, which is being released this week.

The title is misleading as it refers, not to his life, but to the rabbinic saying "The person who saves one life is as if he had saved an entire world."

It became well-known after 1994 when it featured in the film *Schindler's List*. The words were engraved on a gold ring that Jews, saved from extermination camps by Oskar Schindler, gave him as a token of appreciation.

This connection between the two men is not accidental, for

Winton is often described as 'the British Schindler' for spirited 669 children, largely Jewish, out of Prague just before World War II broke out, bringing them to safety in Britain. It is estimated that their descendants number around 4,000 individual worlds today.

But was he in the same league as Schindler? In some ways, the answer may be 'no'. Schindler saved many more from certain death, as did the Swedish businessman, Raoul Wallenberg, the British Intelligence Officer, Frank Foley, and the Portuguese and Japanese diplomats, Aristides de Sousa Mendes and Chiune Sugihara.

In addition, unlike these men, all acting in war-time Europe, Winton was never in personal

danger, for after an initial visit to Prague, he then conducted operations from London.

But heroism can be backroom as well as frontline, while Winton surely ranks higher than most people who looked on, sighed and failed to act.

He often claimed that he did nothing special and just what any other person could have done. But the reality is that they did not do so, whereas he did. His light may not be the very brightest in the firmament, but it certainly shines out.

The same modest practicality that made Winton uncomfortable with the adulation he received, would also have caused him some dismay at the showing of this film.

Having got to know him well in his later years, I can hear his voice ring out: *Don't concentrate on what I did back then, think of what you can do now. Look around at who needs help today and do something about it.*

There is a danger that celebrat-



Sir Nicholas Winton

Photo: David Levene/The Guardian

ing the heroism of the past can be a way of averting our gaze from the present. The former should inspire the latter, not sap our attention from it.

If we want to honour Winton best, then we will not go home from the cinema but off to a food-bank, refugee shelter or other charitable endeavour and help the many worlds crying out for help in our time.

**Editor's Note:** This is a reprint of the article that first appeared in *The Times* on 8 January 2024.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Mark Harris**

**My lovely wife, Hilary Harris, lost her battle against cancer in December 2023.**

**I was obviously immensely saddened by that, but I have also been saddened by the shul members who have contacted me to say that they wished they had known the sad news in time to attend the *levoyeh* or the shiva.**

The shul has a list of people who have opted in for “Sad News” emails to be notified almost immediately when someone passes away. I believe we have 921 families who are members. Fifty-three people have opted to be on that email list.

I am one of those 53 and have been since the option was there. I am so pleased to say that I don’t get many emails, and I simply delete most of the emails I do get, as I don’t know the departed or their family. But every now and again, the email prompts me to email a mourner or, go to a shiva, or more.

My first plea is to you, reading this. Are you one of the 53? If so, well done you. If not, then why not email the admin team at the shul and ask to be added to the list? It’s not hard to delete an email, but it is hard to miss a *levoyeh* or a shiva to which you otherwise might have gone – there are no second chances.

My second plea is for the policy to be flipped on its head – make members opt out if they want to rather than gently encouraging them to opt in. I know that Hilary felt that way too. But don’t make the change for me or for her. Make it for the people who are sad that they did not have the opportunity to pay their respects.

That may be you someday. Mark Harris

## MY JOURNEY

# Annette Spencer-Smith

## TO MAIDENHEAD

This month, we meet Annette Spencer-Smith, an office manager originally from South Africa.

I was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and then we moved to Vienna because of my Dad's work. He was a consultant, but he was also involved in setting up a Reform community in Vienna. It was a total contrast to South Africa, where 90-percent of the people I knew were non-Jewish.

My background has always been Reform. Even when my grandparents left Germany to move to South Africa, they were part of the Reform synagogue in Port Elizabeth, on the Eastern Cape.

In 1996, I came to the UK to study at Leeds University. After I got engaged to Mark, who is now my husband, he decided to convert to Judaism.

We were living in London at the time, and when we were looking to move out of the city, we heard that Jonathan was very supportive of interfaith marriages.

We knew we wanted to be in a decent-sized Reform community, so we actually made the choice to live in Maidenhead based on the synagogue being in this area. We've been members for 20 years now.

I think if we don't support interfaith marriages, we will be a shrinking community,



and we'll end up as an aging community. So many people have abandoned the religion because of a lack of support. Almost all my friends at synagogue are in interfaith marriages – some have converted, some have not.

Thanks to Jonathan, this community is accepting and encouraging for all family members who wish to be involved in Jewish life.

**We'd love to hear your story. Please get in touch to take part:**  
[katharineehamer@gmail.com](mailto:katharineehamer@gmail.com)

# HANUKKAH PARTY AT LOCAL UNI

**Ze'ev Portner**

The first-ever Hanukkah Party was held at Buckinghamshire New University on Thursday, the 14 December, the last night of Hanukkah. Over the one and a half hours, 60-70 people attended, including members of Maidenhead synagogue based in High Wycombe.

There was great singing led by the wonderful R&B singer Kelly Erez, dancing, great company, a wonderful atmosphere, and above all, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain of Maidenhead Synagogue explained the significance of Hanukkah to all those who attended. A member of the Chris-

tian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths, including Imam Haseeb Jahangir, head of the multi-faith chaplaincy at Buckinghamshire New University, each lit a candle for peace in the Middle East and other parts of the world. Joe Jacobson, Captain of Wycombe Wanderers, sent a message of support.

He wrote: "I want to place on record my support and appreciation for the university providing the opportunity for members of

the local Jewish community and the university community to come together to celebrate this very special occasion".

As one of the very few Jewish footballers in the professional game, I applaud every effort to better represent the Jewish faith across the sport and society as a whole, and recent events have certainly demonstrated the need for our community to help and show solidarity with each other.



# ART THERAPY SUPPORT GROUP

## Dealing with the Stress of the War in Israel

The 7 October events, the ongoing war and the rising antisemitism have affected many of us. We absorbed horrific stories, images and the pain of family members and friends. At the same time we are containing our own personal worries and stress.

As young children we begin making marks on paper very naturally, and often process our emotions, hidden fantasies or fears this way. As adults we become disconnect-

ed from this natural way of expression. Art therapy invites us to return to creativity and use it therapeutically. Art-making brings a sense of well-being, and connects us to our creativity and inner strength. The group setting can offer a nurturing space to share, listen and be heard.

**You absolutely do not need to be creative or have any art-making experience to use art therapy. There is no 'right' or 'wrong' way of expressing yourself and whatever you create will be welcomed.**

**Art therapy offers a way to express and release some of the 'burdens' we carry. By using simple art materials and imagination, we can process what we are going through and express what words cannot always describe.**

To learn more, we invite you to a free talk and 'taster' on Sunday 4 February 10:30–11:30 am. The group is for adults over the age of 18. You don't need to book; just come to Maidenhead Synagogue for 10:30 am.

Tamar Kovner is an art therapist, happy to answer any questions. Contact details: [tamark.arttherapy@gmail.com](mailto:tamark.arttherapy@gmail.com) or 07919 868687 or read more on [www.berkshirearttherapy.com](http://www.berkshirearttherapy.com)

# LOCAL NETWORKS

## Lauren Gill

One of the best attributes of Maidenhead Synagogue is our extensive local network system. Everyone is welcome and it's easy to join! All you have to do is email me (see below) and I'll get you in touch with your local coordinator. If you have any questions, contact either me at [lauren.gill@maidshul.org](mailto:lauren.gill@maidshul.org)



or Rabbi Romain at [rabromain@aol.com](mailto:rabromain@aol.com)

Network	Coordinator
Ascot & Camberley	Lauren Gill
Aylesbury & High Wycombe	Andy Becker
Basingstoke, Bracknell & Wokingham	Manuela Krensler
Beaconsfield & Gerrards Cross (& Amersham)	Myriam Silverman Lynne Gilbert
Bourne End & Marlow	Mike Prager
Henley	Helen Godson
Maidenhead	Lesley Alfred
Oxford	Till Gins
Reading	Helen Godson
Windsor, Burnham & Slough	Sybil Diskin, Stephanie Fountain & Russell Janes

*"I would like to say a huge thank you to the current coordinators for their enthusiasm for continuing to organise and host activities; they are truly our unsung heroes!"*

**Lauren Gill, Council Member for Local Networks**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### STUDENTS FEEL IT

When students in the community got together at Rabbi Romain's annual student gathering, one of the topics of conversation was the atmosphere they felt as Jews on campus – not openly antisemitic, but with something unspoken that definitely made them feel uncomfortable.

The group also discussed the news that they deliberately avoided lest they lead to unpleasant remarks. Amongst other topics covered were how to handle those who are transitioning. AI was also discussed, with most of the students saying it was in use already, and that they saw more advantages than problems.

### YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Reform Synagogue Youth is organising a number of different summer camps in England in July/August for individual year groups from School Years 5 to 10. Those from Maidenhead who went on them last year had a fantastic time.

Places tend to fill up very quickly, so see the RSY website:

<https://rsy-netzer.org.uk/our-events/shemesh/>



### CALL FOR KIDDUSH HALL EXHIBITORS

Do you have artwork you would like to share with the community? We are seeking members to exhibit their artwork in the Kiddush Hall in 2024. If you are interested, please get in touch with Barbara Grossman on 07855 801937 or email her at [projects@maidshul.org](mailto:projects@maidshul.org)

## FEBRUARY EVENTS DIARY

### MONDAYS

#### ADULT EDUCATION

7:30 pm – Hebrew

8:30 pm – Examining the Books of the Bible

### WEDNESDAYS

#### WEDNESDAY SOCIAL

From 11:30 am

This mid-week social is for our Senior Members. Come along each week and enjoy a three-course lunch, games, gentle exercises, or relax and have a chat over a cup of tea with friends. And, if you have something to celebrate, this is a special invitation for you – we love to celebrate all birthdays and other things, too!

For further information, please contact Agnes Fixler at [admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org) or on 01628 673012.



Happy Birthday Ike!

### THURSDAYS

#### GANON NURSERY

10 am — 2½ to 5 years old

#### MOTHERS & BUMPS/BABIES/TODDLERS

From 10 am

Feel free to come regularly or periodically. Bring along any special toys, snacks or other essentials. For any further details, contact Julia at [juliashumway@gmail.com](mailto:juliashumway@gmail.com)

## **TORAH BREAKFAST**

**Saturday 3 February at 9:15 am**

Discussion Group

Join us before the Shabbat service on 3 February for an in-depth discussion of the portion Yitro - Exodus 18:1-20:23. Coffee and tea are available. No RSVP is necessary. See page 6 for details.



## **SHABBAT SERVICE – LED BY COUNCIL**

**Saturday 3 February at 10:30 am**

Saturday Service



After Torah Breakfast, enjoy the Saturday service led by the Council Members. You will be able to chat with them after, during Kiddush.

## **READING WIZO**

**Saturday 3 February at 7:30 pm**

Quiz Night



This quiz will be held in a home near Sonning and Woodley, and supper is provided. We begin eating at 6:30 pm and then go straight into the quiz at 7:30 pm. We are asking for a donation between £15 to £20 to reflect the situation at present. It is for all genders!

If you would like to join us, then please contact Janet on 07787 558155.

## **ART THERAPY SUPPORT GROUP**

**Sunday 4 February at 10:30 am**

Grenfell Lodge – Free Session



Are you struggling to dealing with the stress of the war in Israel? Join us for a creative way to cope. Page 15 for full details.

## **AN EVENING OF 'LETTERATURE'** **Sunday 4 February at 7:30 pm**

Curated by Nahum and Poulos

Do you love receiving handwritten letters and postcards? When did you last write or receive a letter on an actual piece of paper, slipped into an unsuspecting envelope and dropped expectantly into the postbox on the corner? Better still when did you last, with raised pulse rate, open a handwritten envelope bearing news and views, welcome or devastating?



True, we all write most days, often many times a day, but only electronically ... and will those thoughts and words have the same impact and longevity as that dog-eared letter, read and read again, pored over perhaps with a loved one, then stowed away for posterity?

On 4 February we will read aloud some epistolary efforts that are significant, amusing, informative, and moving and we invite you, dear reader, to come and judge their impact for yourself. In the meantime, if you have a gem lying in a box at home that you would be prepared to share, please send a copy by email to [gillian@gilliannahum.com](mailto:gillian@gilliannahum.com)

Light refreshments will be served. The cost is free, but donations are welcome on the night.

## **ISRAELI DANCING** **Thursday 8 and 22 February at 7 pm** Dance and Fun!



Whether you are experienced or a complete novice, come and join in the fun! For more information, please contact **Varda Parash** on 07970 869591 or email [varda.parash@btinternet.com](mailto:varda.parash@btinternet.com)

## **TOGETHER WE ARE ALL STRONGER SHABBAT** **Saturday 17 February at 10:30 am**

Meet new people, catch up with friends, participate in a rousing discussion and enjoy Kiddush.



Join us for this month's "Together We Are All Stronger Shabbat". This month's topic will be sent in the weekly email nearer the date.

## **WEDNESDAY SOCIAL SPECIAL** **Wednesday 21 February at 2 pm** Musical Entertainment

Enjoy a fun and relaxing afternoon of musical entertainment with Hannah Lebrecht on Wednesday 21 February at 2pm.

Hannah is a confident singer who is full of life and joy. She sparks up a good audience rapport whenever she performs. Hannah sings a broad range of styles, including songs from the musicals, ballads, upbeat numbers and sing-a-long songs from the 50s to the 80s.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## BACKGAMMON

**Wednesday 21 February at 2 pm**

Grenfell Lodge – Elvira’s Room



Whether you’re a complete beginner, novice or experienced player come along and either learn how to play this fascinating board game or play in a mini tournament with other players at your level. **Anyone interested, please email Irving Lomon at [irving.lomon@gmail.com](mailto:irving.lomon@gmail.com)**

## EVENING FOR HUNGARIANS

**Saturday 24 February at 6 pm**



We have discovered that there are quite a few members born in Hungary or who speak Hungarian. We are having a special evening for you on Saturday 24 February at 6 pm at the Synagogue to get together, have traditional foods and share anecdotes and experiences.

If this applies to you, please do email me as soon as possible, so you can have further details [agnes.fixler@maidshul.org](mailto:agnes.fixler@maidshul.org)

**Time Given**

by

Philip Dandridge

Give time to the elderly time for them is so precious  
And every moment given is really so mentally delicious  
To talk of years gone by and the nicest of memories too  
To recall the ones you loved who meant so much to you  
A simple caring thought about which we do not shout  
That’s what our love for one another is really all about

**FILM NIGHT****Sunday 25 February at 7:30 pm***Sarah's Key*

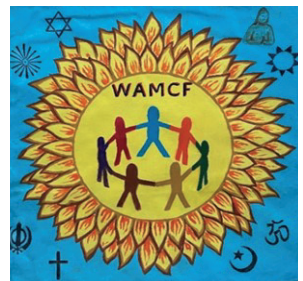
Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten-year-old girl, is taken along with her parents by the French police as they go door-to-door, arresting Jewish families in the middle of the night. Desperate to protect her younger brother, Sarah locks him in a bedroom cupboard – their secret hiding place – and promises to come back for him as soon as they are released. Sixty-seven years later, Sarah's story intertwines with that of Julia Jarmond (Scott Thomas), an American journalist investigating the roundup. In her research, Julia stumbles on to a trail of secrets linking her to Sarah and questions about her family's future.



The film will be followed by a short discussion and some refreshments. There is a voluntary donation of £5 per person to cover film costs, refreshments, etc. For further information, please contact Brian Kriefman at [bkriefman@aol.com](mailto:bkriefman@aol.com)

## WOMEN'S INTERFAITH GROUP (WAMCF)

There is no meeting in February but if you wish to get the details of the 2024 meetings for your diary, please call Barbara Grossman on 07855 801937 or email her at [projects@maidshul.org](mailto:projects@maidshul.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE FORUM

**Sunday 3 March at 10:15 am**

Discussion Group



The Forum is a lively discussion group at Grenfell Lodge focusing on a Jewish topic and is led by **John Dunston**. There will be a 30-minute break during the discussion at 11:15 am. If you have any questions, please email John at [johnhdunston@gmail.com](mailto:johnhdunston@gmail.com)

### FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

**Friday 15 March at 6:30 pm**

Communal Meal



Why celebrate Shabbat on your own when you can be with other members of the community - great company awaits you!

Please bring a starter, main course or dessert to share after letting Sue Kayne know that you're joining us. Call her on 07788 882929 or email [susankayne3@gmail.com](mailto:susankayne3@gmail.com)

## Do you know someone Jewish in your area?

**The Rabbi would like to know!**

Perhaps they are new to the area, in a mixed faith marriage or firmly claim to be lapsed. They will receive a copy of *Hadashot* and a letter of introduction from Rabbi Romain. He will not reveal his source; you will remain anonymous.





## **JAZZ EVENING**

**Saturday 16 March at 7:30 pm**

Fundraiser for Marie Curie

Join us for a jazz extravaganza evening. Sheena Caprice and Ken Fitt will be performing some of the great jazz numbers. Attendees will be treated to Sarah Vaughan's music and hear some of the contributions to the jazz genre made by the great Jewish composers. The evening promises to be equally entertaining and informative.

The £15 per person ticket includes light refreshments and soft drinks. Wine will be available in exchange for a donation.

For catering purposes, it's essential to book, so please BACS your payment by sending it to Account Name: Maidenhead Synagogue, Sort Code: 40-31-05, Account Number: 8176 5620

It is vital you put in the reference section: 'JAZZ/your surname' AND email us at [admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org) to let us know you have sent it. **Your name will go on the guestlist; a ticket will not be sent to you.**

All profits for the evening will go to Marie Curie.



## **TIDDLERS' SERVICE**

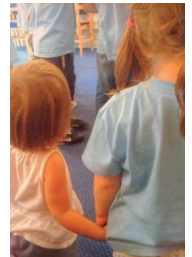
**Friday 22 March at 4:30 pm**

3 to 7 year olds

**March's theme is Purim!**

The Tiddlers' Service is specially for children in the 3 to 7 age group. Siblings and parents are welcome to join!

Please contact Sheila Veniar at [sheilaveniar@gmail.com](mailto:sheilaveniar@gmail.com) for more information.





# Safe Skateboarding at Maidenhead Synagogue

**Falls happen. It's part of the sport. So:**

- ✿ No lone use. Be supervised or with someone.
- ✿ Wear a helmet & pads. Don't wear open-toed footwear.
- ✿ Be considerate of others, especially the young.
- ✿ Control your board. No 'shooting'. No double-riding.
- ✿ Avoid overcrowding. Don't hang-out on the ramp.
- ✿ Don't 'snake'. Wait your turn before going.
- ✿ Be aware of your surroundings. Look both ways.
- ✿ Don't wear headphones or use a phone.
- ✿ Avoid wet or leafy surfaces.
- ✿ Crouch as you fall to reduce your fall factor.
- ✿ Relax if falling rather than going stiff.
- ✿ Avoid breaking a fall with arms and hands.
- ✿ Bystanders keep back 3 metres.
- ✿ Car drivers. Do not park parallel with skate ramp.
- ✿ Report all accidents.

**Check the  
YouTube Link**



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- Articles for publication in *Hadashot* should normally be between **150 and 200 words in length.**
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**REFORM JUDAISM**

# FEBRUARY 2024 DIARY

Friday	2nd	7:30 pm	Family Service
Saturday	3rd	9:15 am	Torah Breakfast
		10:30 am	Shabbat Service taken by Council
Sunday	4th	10:30 am	Art Therapy Support Group
		7:30 pm	Letters Evening
Thursday	8th	7 pm	Israeli Folk Dancing
Friday	9th	8:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday	10th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday	11th		Religion School half-term no classes
Friday	16th	8:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday	17th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – Shabbat Together
Sunday	18th		Religion School half-term no classes
Wednesday	21st	2 pm	Backgammon Session
			Wednesday Social Special
Thursday	22nd	7 pm	Israeli Folk Dancing
Friday	23rd	8:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday	24th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
		6 pm	Evening for Hungarians
Sunday	25th	7:30 pm	Film Evening
Mondays		7:30 pm	Hebrew – Adult Education
		8:30 pm	Bible – Adult Education
Wednesdays		11:30 am	Wednesday Social
Thursdays		10 am	Mothers & Bumps/Babies/Toddlers
(no session on 15 Feb)			Ganon: 2 ½–5 years old

All services at Grenfell Lodge are now in-person and livestreamed.  
 Visit [www.maidshul.org](http://www.maidshul.org) – the link is in the upper-right corner of the homepage.

To access Zoom Kiddush  
 for both Erev Shabbat and Shabbat mornings immediately after each service  
**Meeting ID: 963 7834 1361 & Password: 891244**